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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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First Things First

The following editorial appeared in The Maple Leaf, published in Italy for the members of the Canadian armed forces:

Of late, there has been an impressive assortment of gentlemen kicking the term "postwar rehabilitation" around with great abandon. The ear drums tend to react very quickly to these high-sounding phrases that mean gravy for the soldier's potatoes after the war.

But let's have a care. Let's not get any idea about free meals for the rest of our lives. Let's not start figuring that the war's as good as won, we can ease up and dream about the fancy future that awaits.

We're going to hear plenty more about what's going to give in post-war time. The words will be interesting. But we'd do well to retain a certain something called perspective and better known as horse sense.

This war has got to be won and it's going to take a lot more slugging to do it.

Words appearing elsewhere on this page can't afford to be overlooked. They read like this: "Above all, let us not be premature in assuming that we will be wearing civilian clothes before 1944 is out, or even 1945. It may well be a long time before many a Canadian soldier walks down the main street of the old home town... Let us fight the war. Let us win the peace. Undue optimism would be as dangerous at this stage as unwarranted pessimism."

These words by the men who are actually doing the fighting for the post-war world can be taken to heart by all of us. Planning for the future is a good thing. But let us not become so wrapped in contemplation of the good things of victory that we forget the victory has still to be fought for and won.

An Election in New Brunswick

Premier McNair says a general election in New Brunswick will be held this year, "cannot reasonably be deferred." It could be deferred only by special legislation, as the present Legislature was elected on November 20, 1939, and thus is well into its fifth year.

The previous Legislature at dissolution had 39 Liberals and five Conservatives, with four vacancies. But when the voters had their say in November, 1939, there were only 27 Liberals elected with 19 Conservatives, and two vacancies in the House of 48. The Liberal group, while still in a clear majority, had been reduced from 39 to 27, and the Conservative group increased from 5 to 19.

N. S. Agricultural Training

In Nova Scotia they have what is known as an Inter-departmental Committee on Agricultural Education. This committee has just presented a report to the Nova Scotia Provincial Government which is of interest to this province as well. It proposes to bring agriculture right into the schools. In the elementary schools not much technical training, naturally, can be undertaken, but even in the lower grades, especially of schools in country districts, it is believed, a rural bias can most advantageously be given to all scientific studies, and a good deal can be done in a practical way, on a small scale at any rate, to interest all children in the subject.

In certain high schools, however, the committee proposes to offer to students definite "practical training in vocational agriculture, designed specifically to train them in the principles and practices of profitable farming." Such schools are to be located in agricultural areas where farming can profitably be followed, and the courses outlined are to cover farm management, marketing, field crops, animal husbandry, poultry, soils, horticulture and farm mechanics. Instruction on these matters is to occupy from one-third to one half of a pupil's time. The teachers of such courses are to receive adequate instruction themselves, and are to receive adequate salaries.

"This move," says the Halifax Chronicle, "is one of the most important to be promulgated by a responsible group in this Province for a long time. Agriculture, and the fisheries too, should be regarded as vocations at least as important as engineering. In them a great deal of the potential wealth of the Province still lies, and it is no more than sensible that preparation for the pursuit of these extractive occupations should be as adequate and complete as that for any other profession."

U. S. Prices Struggle

The struggle to hold down prices in the United States has lately entered a new phase, whose final issue is doubtful. The two great labor organizations, the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. are conducting independent assaults on the wage ceiling, but it is reported in Washington that, out of this uniform purpose, they may end their old feud and make peace.

Despite all the demands for higher wages and the upward pressures of an enormous money income in the pockets of the people, the United States price structure has been stabilized for some months now. After 53 months of war to January last, living costs were only up 26 per cent—considerably more than in Canada, but about a third of the increase recorded in the same period in the first World War. In the last 11 months cost of living has remained stationary.

The American people, through their government and Congress, must now decide whether the dykes built against inflation are to be blasted away either by special wage increases or the

lapse of the price control law at the end of June. One of the great economic decisions of the war must be made soon and its effects will be intimately felt in Canada, one way or the other, since we have to buy United States goods and pay United States prices for them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Sixth Victory Loan will be another opportunity to all and sundry to add to their savings and earn a worthwhile dividend.

The total area of Britain's airfields today is greater than the combined area of the counties of London and Middlesex. Flying from London to Liverpool, a distance of some 200 miles, one is never out of sight of an airfield.

In India the "Mosquito" fighter and reconnaissance bomber is being used over the Burmese rivers against the Japanese barges and other small craft and the result has been deadly. The mortality rate amongst these, already high, has been stepped up still further by this swift twin-engine monoplane.

Re-establishment of soldiers, sailors and airmen in civilian employment must be an important part of Canada's postwar policies, but until they return, it seems presumptuous for anyone to decide definitely what they may or may not do. A census of veterans of the last war would show that their occupations are as varied as those of the civilian population, and it is probable that veterans of the present war will show a similar variety of desires and aptitudes.

"The Royal Engineers Dream" is the nickname of a bridge, now being used in the fighting in Italy, which was invented by a British engineer. It can be put together in a few seconds, flung over a river or chasm, and can support the heaviest artillery and transport. Its sections are portable yet strong. Details are still secret, and the inventor anticipates its wide use in peacetime in construction work.

Public health, preventive medicine, assistance in providing resident doctors for needy communities that could not support one without such aid are all worthy objects of state activity, and their costs are proper charges on Dominion, provincial or municipal treasuries. Before the country is pushed into an immense scheme of health insurance for everybody, it might be well to decide where the line is to be drawn between legitimate state services and paternalism.

Extension of unemployment insurance to workers engaged in lumbering has been recommended by the Unemployment Commission and is under consideration by the advisory committee. No decision has yet been reached on the commission's proposal. Largest group not covered by the unemployment insurance plan is agricultural workers, but because of difficulties in collecting payments no consideration is at present being given to bringing farmers in.

Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, sister of the late Lord Baden-Powell, and Britain's oldest Girl Guide, at 85, wants to have a helicopter after the war. Wearing Girl Guide uniform at a party at the Overseas Club in London she said: "I used to dash all over the place in balloons. I have been up in aeroplanes, but not often. I think them very dangerous. The helicopter is a much safer machine." Boy Scouts gave Miss Baden-Powell a party at their headquarters in Buckingham Palace road. Miss Baden-Powell remained in London during the blitz. When she was bombed out of her home she went to live in a hotel.

After the Luftwaffe failed to crush London in the daylight Battle of Britain, it expected to smash the ground defences which consisted of the famous British three inch anti-aircraft guns. Instead, the Nazis came up against a secret British 3.7-inch anti-aircraft gun, firing a shell six pounds heavier and 12,000 feet further than the 88 millimeter German counterpart and with 2 1-2 times the accuracy of its predecessor—just one of the weapons which helped to defeat the German offensive in 1940.

Algernon Charles Swinburne, English poet, friend of Rossetti, Meredith, Watts-Dunton, and the pre-Raphaelites; wrote innumerable poems, as well as essays on "Contemporaries of Shakespeare", "Hugo", "Byron" and "Dickens". Has been described as a poetic dramatist of great power and beauty, as rhapsodist of emotional life; he is admittedly the greatest British master of metre: Where children are not, heaven is not... But this thing is God, To grow straight in the strength of thy spirit, And live out thy life as the light.

This is the sort of thing that CCFism feeds on. The mystery of where William Hale Thompson—"Big Bill" who served three terms as Chicago's mayor—got \$1,466,250 currency found in two safety deposit boxes after his death remains unsolved. And two more boxes await investigation later. Thompson's lawyer, James W. Breen, said he believed there was more money to be found, possibly \$1,000,000, and suggested that Thompson, before the 1929 crash, had converted his stock holdings into cash to put away against the hypothetical rainy day. Breen asserted Thompson then sold nearly \$2,000,000 worth of Middle West Utilities stock—the Insull firm—and stowed the money away.

"For twenty million dollars, 400 communities could be put on Canada's post-war aviation map—less than it now costs us to train 800 aircrew members for overseas service," says Mr. C. R. Patterson, president of the Aeronautical Institute of Canada. "Before victory is won we will have some 200,000 men in the R.C.A.F. and another 100,000 in the aircraft industry. Let us use these reservoirs of education for the benefit of our country by giving those who wish to stay in the aviation industry an opportunity to do so. The advent of more and safer planes for the private owner would open up new sources of employment. New industries would spring up and light industry would be distributed more evenly among the smaller communities."

Notes By The Way

Last Spring practically every farmer had time to plant 10,000 trees, one day's work could seed or plant. Even if we get a little drier this year, every one will have time to plant at least 500 or 1,000.—Farmer's Advocate.

When a person of prominence goes travelling these days the speed of his journeying attracts more than ordinary attention. For example, one day's news records that Paul Triguet, P.C. is received and decorated by King George, while the next day's local press reports his reception by Cardinal Villeneuve at Quebec.—Globe and Mail.

A new kind of goggles has been developed, fitted with a lens of a deep red color. David O. Woodbury notes in Collier's. They are being used by thousands in the armed forces to adapt the eyes for exacting night duty. After a few days of wearing the goggles for establishing night vision will be available everywhere for truck and pilots, seafarers and auto drivers, and will help cut down the night accident rate associated with darkness.

In Brooklyn it is found that auto thefts are increasing. The police are using a new device, a small car rather than a large one. That is on the same principle as a newspaper office.—Guelph Mercury.

History abundantly proves that encouragement of education is almost beneficial to the community. In the case of the late Viscount Bennett has long held an honorable pre-eminence in Canada. All specialists agree that Bennett has done much for Calgary. His search for the appreciation of a physical evidence of gratitude is borne out by the name of the illustrious name of the Bennett school known as the Bennett school. Viscount Bennett cares for the welfare of his subjects. His city nothing to express itself in some way.—Calgary Albertan.

March is that kind of a month that it can look you sunnily in the face and throw a lot of rain at you simultaneously; lure you with the mild scent of flowers and cut you in two at the same time with a rigid north wind; wait until the furnace is stoked and then increase much as ten whole degrees. But there, March was always that kind of a month, as mad as a grey March hare.—Victoria Colonist.

The Japs of Kwajalein left many messages behind their paraphernalia of the naval barracks are dotted with the personal records of these men, mattresses, kimonos, fancy fans, shony chopsticks, show that some, school and military friends show that others were sentimental. In the expression to be gained from the mass of the garrison was men. Small still and ugly-minded pipes are scattered in the recesses with scores of the vilest obscene pictures.

One of Pravda's correspondents, sabalia, writes that the Red Army in Besarabia, writes that the German Rumanian troops are fleeing in confusion that they hang on to anything, German and American. Four horsemen—Hamilton Spectator.

When plans were first being worked out for saturation bombing there was some fear that with the great number of bombers arriving over the target, the people of London would be a great deal more than a little nervous. In fact, there would be many losses due to the fact that the bombs would be turned out in a great many places. The chances of one bomber colliding with another has proved to be one in a thousand. This is a good deal better than the chances of a road being shot down by flak when the bombs are being dropped over a long time and the German anti-aircraft are able to pick out the bombers individually.—Montreal Star.

A soldier had been planning to cash in his war bond and make a trip back to civilization. He changed his mind because of a dream he had one night. It seemed he was in a foxhole, picking off Japs in large and satisfying quantities. Suddenly a sergeant tapped him on the shoulder and ordered him to rise. "What's the idea, sergeant?" the guy who lent us the rifle asked. "You've got to get up. It's a vassal sign and practical means of united action."—London Times.

In England the renewal of marriage vows for husbands and wives long separated by the war are being urged by the Archbishop of York, who urges further that experienced men and women become reconcilers to whom those torn by domestic problems may go for advice before assuming the irrevocable loss of their relationship. "When there has been unfaithfulness on one side or the other," the Archbishop quoted in the London Daily Mail, "the Christian must refuse to accept the position as hopeless; there must be readiness to forgive." We have not been at war long enough for this probability to become a reality. Our leaders would do well now to give a little thought. Careful consideration can prevent much misery.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Those detached individuals who give canvas shoes and straw hats to the "poor" Eskimos have apparently been at it again. A woman's institute reports receiving such books for its reading room as Dressmaking Made Easy. Home to

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlotetown Guardian. The editor reserves the right to edit and to omit any correspondence.

THE FOOD SITUATION

Mr.—This reader was duly impressed with that editorial note in a recent "Guardian" (March 17) carrying the warning of Col. John Lewellin (British Food Minister) that, so far as Britain is concerned, "When the armistice is signed, you will not be able to take down rationing as you take down blackout curtains." In meat, dairy products and fats, there will undoubtedly be a shortage for several years ahead.

The above accents my conviction, more strongly held today than in three decades ago, that every pound of food and fiber which can be grown or produced in the world will be called for in an emergency way, not only after "unconditional surrender" of the enemy but before that happy event.

Today there is no such animal as "food surplus", except on a strictly local scale, and to men who have little or no vision of the vital role which "food" will play in winning the peace.

Here is the latest word on weather conditions in our own West: Blustery March weather has been experienced during the past month with high winds and some snow. The soil over most of the West is exceptionally dry and moisture from snow or rain will be expected almost from the commencement of seeding. Conditions are not so favorable, but this spring may turn out to be a wet one.

I am, Sir, etc., DOWN ON THE FARM. Toronto, Ont. April 5th, 1944

AIR CADET SUPPORT

Sir—Please allow me to write to the people of Prince Edward Island in regard to the Air Cadet program which was launched in 1939. The Air Cadet League is a civilian organization with a Dominion Board of directors and a provincial committee in every province. There are over 29,000 Air Cadets in 370 squadrons from coast to coast, two of which are in Prince Edward Island.

The war aim of the Air Cadets is to train young boys and girls in the pre-learned material from its vast program of Aircrew. I myself, joining the R.C.A.F. I was very highly trained in my magnificent training, and I am now an Officer and the efforts they make on behalf of the Cadets themselves are being going to serve the R.C.A.F. When a member of Cadets joins any branch of the service they will or can always look back on the splendid and thorough training which they have received in the Air Cadet service, but before the Cadet can carry on they must have the loyal support of the people. The Cadets need widespread public opinion to increase their prestige, to strengthen their presence in the present and future progress of Aviation. We want financial support to expand still further.

Your readers' interest is wanted, let me exhort the people of Prince Edward Island to make this appeal the best campaigns ever launched in this Province, and in doing this the Cadets of today will be the Airmen of tomorrow.

I am, Sir, etc., L.A.C. GERALD P. MURTAGH, R.C.A.F. April 6, 1944

HOG MARKETING SITUATION

Sir—Hog marketing in the Province has recently developed into a problem of considerable magnitude for all parties concerned. While there is a demand for every hog that is being produced, or will be produced, in some time to come, yet the question is: How to get them processed as rapidly as they are being from the farm, and as rapidly as they can be absorbed by the trade. This situation is not peculiar to this Province, nor yet to the Maritime Provinces, but is a combination of circumstances that might have been anticipated, but unfortunately were not.

When we take into consideration the fact that the past years have been practically three times that of pre-war handling or processing of hogs, and that no expansion of capacity has been undertaken to take care of this increased production, we must conclude that the marketing was lacking somewhere. In the first place, the war situation

TO W. P. Calm was the sea to which your course you kept, Oh, how much calmer than all southern seas! Many your namesakes, whom the keen breeze wafted from mothers that of old have wept. All souls of children taken as they slept. Are you companions, partners of your ease, And the green souls of all these summer trees? Are you with you through the silent spaces swept? Your virgin body gave its gentle breast Untainted to the gods. Why should we grieve, But that we merit not your holy death? We shall not loiter long, your friends and I. Living you made it godlier to live, Dead you will make it easier to die. —George Santayana.

Care for the Baby, Cookery in the Old South. It's enough to shiver your timbers, mates. — Hamilton Spectator.

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developed a tremendous demand for pork and pork products. Farmers were appealed to, and urged to cater to an export demand three times as great as that which they had normally been supplying. An export price that promised a fair margin of profit to the producer was established. A generous subsidy was paid on some grains imported from Western Canada, and a fresh assistance policy applied thereto, was inaugurated so that Eastern farmers might participate in this effort on a basis somewhat in line with that of the Western patriots, and the whole scheme brought about results.

Farmers produced a volume of 202.5 avers beyond most sanguine expectation, and it is this vast production that has now developed into a "bottleneck" because the processing of Canada's packing plants cannot take care of the hogs now being offered. Enquiry at various plants elicits the information that it is not so much the lack of mechanical equip-

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