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

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The Transportation Factor

The Guardian has received from the Agricultural Supplies Committee, Ottawa, a circular stressing the importance of maintaining farm costs in line with prices of things farmers sell.

The price of millfeeds, as by-products of the flour milling industry, might be expected to be determined largely by the prevailing price of wheat, says the review.

One of these factors is the monthly production of the individual feeds, since production determines the supply available for the market at any given time.

The statements above quoted are important, but equally so is the question of railway prices on feed. A correspondent in today's Guardian points out that our farmers, with the best will in the world to aid the Empire's war effort by producing a maximum quantity of bacon, cannot do so at the present exorbitant feed prices.

Senate Vacancies

Prime Minister King is putting out a plea to his party supporters in the provinces to nominate younger men for Senate vacancies. One of the chief offences against the Senate is the appointment to it of men who are too far advanced in years, and the worse offender is the Liberal Party.

The Siros Report

The Siros Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations will reassemble at Ottawa to give final consideration to its report late in January, according to the Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Post.

Recommendations and findings of the Commission are bound to come up for discussion at the coming session of Parliament. However, any action on the major findings is somewhat problematical.

ment set up a debt commission on which the provinces are to be represented. The proposal is that the Commission should take over the debts of the provinces and refinance them as a Dominion obligation.

As regards itself, the Commission is said to have accepted the contention of most of the provinces that the Dominion should assume a larger share of relief costs.

In the taxation field, the provinces will be asked to surrender some powers, giving the Dominion the sole right to levy income and corporation taxes, and possibly succession duties.

There will of course be objections to some of these recommendations by several provincial governments. The Commission itself recognizes this and expectations are its report will contain certain alternative suggestions, although it considers the scheme outlined above to be the best solution.

The sitting of the Commission in this Province took place in Charlottetown in February, 1938, under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Rowell of Ontario, when briefs prepared by the Provincial Government and the Charlottetown Board of Trade were presented.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This week we begin active parliamentary politics once more.

Canada imported cheese in November to the value of \$93,924 compared with \$51,779 in October and \$45,575 in November, 1938.

Fanny Kemble, actress and poet died this date, 1893. Youth with swift feet walks onward in the way; The land of joy lies all before his eyes; Age, stumbling, lingers slowly day by day, Still looking back, for it behind him lies, Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin, But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.

Canada's production of creamery butter in December amounted to 11,779,030 pounds as compared with 15,459,515 in November and 11,247,322 in December, 1938.

A report of a Cornell University Commission that had studied the agricultural industry of Bermuda last summer has just been published. It deals exhaustively with all phases of the problems facing the industry.

Formerly it was possible for any Ontarian to obtain annual permits to cross the boundary line between Canada and the United States. Mr. Grayson C. Gardner, collector of customs, Niagara Falls, announces that on instructions from the Department of National Revenue restrictions on issuance of these annual permits are being put into effect.

The appointment of Colonel Lowther to the staff of the Canadian Commander-in-Chief is an illustration of the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared". In time of peace, the Colonel did not eat the bread of idleness, but pursued his military training and education, with the result that he held the equivalent of a professorship in a Military College, and that of a master of his profession.

When that gargantuan jackrabbit on Gordon Bartlett's farm, Orillia, Ont., previously referred to, started stealing hen's eggs, he didn't fool. He took to double-yolk ones. When Bartlett was in from his milk farm to do his weekly shopping he told another story of the rabbit that once chased the farmer and another time chased his big St. Bernard dog.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is not the habit of men who face an enemy to revile him. Nor does fighting have much appeal for those who are quickest with their wits.

The Finns are probably correct in the contention that, while the Russian army has expensive equipment, it does not know how to use it. The Russians are on the whole poor mechanics.

They have what it takes in the Town of Merritt. The answer is largely in one name, that of R. Clark. Town Treasurer. The community has just declared a general surplus of \$11,000 on the year's operations.

It may be true that many people in Germany don't believe in Hitler. The Catholics and Protestants he has persecuted; the old Social Democrats who as late as ten years ago were the pre-eminent party in Germany; the Communists he has put into concentration camps.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

FEED PRICES, ETC.

Sir:— Kindly allow space for a few remarks as one hog raiser sees it of increasing the production of bacon to help out the food situation. I have been speaking to several level-headed farmers. They do not seem enthusiastic on increasing their production, due to the fact that they have as many hogs at present as they can raise with the quantity of feed they have on hand.

January 12, 1940. Eldon.

glass bottles at a fair. Equally absurd is the idea of transporting troops by landing them from planes behind an enemy's lines.

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