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

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Fisheries Industry Neglected

Last year the Dominion Parliament recognized the plight of the Maritime fisheries industry by voting \$800,000 to assist in rehabilitating the salt fish branch. It is surprising to note, on the authority of Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, that little more than half of this vote was expended and that this year the vote was reduced to \$400,000. The details of last year's expenditure, as given this week in the House of Commons by Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Province, Number of fishermen, Amount distributed. Rows include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Totals.

The payments, Mr. Michaud explained, were by way of compensation allowances or deficiency payments. What he left unexplained was why the full amount of \$800,000 voted by Parliament had not been expended.

The reduction of the vote to \$400,000 this year is one of several reductions made in the appropriations to assist our needy fishermen. An item of \$200,000 for advertising the fisheries industry was cut out altogether, notwithstanding that the need for publicity would appear to be more urgent than ever. The appropriation for fishery guardians was cut from \$301,082 last year to \$248,824 this year. The vote for air service (\$18,000 last year) was eliminated and the vote for building fishways and clearing rivers reduced from \$9,000 to \$2,000. In all, the appropriations for the Department were reduced by \$1,260,000 over last year's appropriations. This, it will be contended, was due to war exigencies; yet only \$3,780 of this amount is being saved on departmental administration. The votes that have been reduced or eliminated are votes that served a vital purpose, essential for the conservation of the industry. There has, on the other hand, been an actual increase in some items of bureaucratic expenditure.

The chaotic state of the industry under Liberal rule, after all the promises made to stabilize markets, etc., was thus summed up by Mr. Michaud himself, in explaining why a daily broadcast of market prices could not be given: "The fact is," said Mr. Michaud, "that in Canada we have not yet any fish market; we have no fish exchange; we have no fish pier—except in respect of halibut on the Pacific coast, and of course I am confining my observations to the east coast. The industry on that coast is still using cut-throat methods of operation. Prices are not determined by any board, exchange or market in any locality. Those prices are determined by what fishermen are willing to take from the people who want to buy their fish. . . . Until the industry is better organized, the Government believes that for the present it is in the best interests of the fishermen not to induce them to believe that certain sets of facts or certain conditions do exist, when in reality they do exist." (Hansard, Aug. 5).

Wouldn't that have made a fine Liberal campaign speech last March!

How long does the Government, now in power since 1935, propose to take in getting our fisheries industry "better organized", and who is responsible for this condition of affairs at a time when economic food production has become of vital importance to Canada and the Empire?

Down Hearted? Read This

There are always those among us going about wearing crease on their noses in lamentation for the fate of Britain. Never finally has the Mother Country been worsted in a fight, and she is not going to be in this one. Read what the American weekly "Time" says:

A Swedish sailor just returned from Germany gave eye-witness testimony of the weight and accuracy of British bombing which confirmed the impression that Britain, sending over never less than 50 planes every good flying night for a total of more than 1,000 raids since May 1, had damaged Germany as badly as Germany had damaged Britain—up to last week. Every day's delay thus gained, every obstacle placed before it, gave added time for Britain's preparation of home defense against invasion. For no Briton doubted that only by continuing and getting them could Germany conquer the British. And by last week the last great democracy of Europe was truly an "island fortress" ringed by air and naval power, manned by 1,500,000 British soldiers, two Canadian divisions, several battalions of Australians and New Zealanders, 30,000 Polish, French and Czech troops. Last week with the calling of 34-year-olds, 4,100,000 Britons were registered for Army service. Behind all these were 1,400 battalions of Local Defence Volunteers, whose name was last week changed to the Home Guard (thus robbing the L. D. of their slogan, "We'll give 'em Hell D. V.>"). The Home Guard are older men, trained at night and over week-ends, with a hard core of War I veterans. Their officers' chief concern was to make them overcome their scruples, be prepared to demolish British property when necessary to exterminate Germans. This week 200,000 of them were given the task of patrolling Britain's railroad lines at night.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This concludes another week of ideal weather for farmer and holiday maker alike.

Next week, the week of weeks for us and our friends, and well-wishers from away.

Mayor Houde will have a more amusing story than ever to make the King laugh next time he dines with His Majesty.

When one reads of teas and ice-cream socials one realizes that the farmers have at last a little time for relaxation and friendly intercourse.

H. R. H. the Duke of Windsor has become quite business-like since his appointment to administer the affairs of the Bahamas, and spent part of every afternoon on board the Excalibur practising typewriting. But as a Governor he will have a private secretary and stenographer to look after that for him.

Three Scottish Highlanders tramping 500 miles through France deceived their German captors into thinking they were Russians by answering all questions in Gaelic. That is but natural; doesn't the Gaelic for "How Are You?" sound like "Comarussianjew?"

Cardinal Newman died tomorrow's date 1890:

"From the age of fifteen dogma has been the fundamental principle of my religion. I know of no other religion; I cannot enter into the idea of any other sort of religion; religion as a mere sentiment, is to me a dream and a mockery."

The New Brunswick Fox Breeders' Association re-elected Dr. A. B. Teakles, Sussex, president at its recent annual meeting at Moncton. R. A. Snowball, Chatham, was re-elected vice-president and E. M. Taylor, Fredericton, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The association reviewed the operations of the last year and considered a 1940 program which includes tentative plans for a live fox show and a pet show unless war developments interfere; and details were left to a committee to deal with.

Although the Minister of Defence and Prime Minister intimated that no further troops would go hence to the homeland, they were speaking in the Pickwickian sense, the sense in which Prime Minister Churchill spoke, when he said there would be no more evacuation of children to here and the U.S.A. There are still dribbles or drafts of our brave boys going overseas, just as there are small contingents of little ones reaching our shores.

Charlottetown was the sunniest place in the Maritimes last month as the official meteorologists record. The respective cities and towns enjoyed during July the following hours of sunshine.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Hours of sunshine. Rows include Charlottetown, Nappan, Wolfville, Gagetown, Kentville, Annapolis, Fredericton, Saint John, and All the others.

"Demoralizing" competition of American-grown fruits and vegetables in the Ontario market is condemned in a report prepared for submission to federal authorities by Mr. G. F. Perkin of the Ontario Agriculture Department. The report recommends the immediate placing of the importation of all fruits and vegetables on a quota basis under the authority of the War Measures Act. It suggests that it is "absolutely necessary to enlarge the home market for surplus domestic production created as a result of import emargoes imposed by the United Kingdom and other Empire countries."

Laurence Binyon, soldier-poet, born this date, 1860.

"With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children, England mourns for her dead across the sea. Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit, Fallen in the cause of the free. . . . They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them."

Fifty young Maritimers and leaders are under canvas for 10 days at Camp Wegesegum, near Chipman, N. B., on Salmon River, sponsored by the Maritime Religious Educational Council. The staff includes Rev. W.C. Machum, Kentville, N. S., as dean of the camp; Rev. A. Gibson, Wolfville, N. S., who is giving the general courses; Ralph Young, Maritime boys' work secretary, who is giving a special course in boys' work; Miss Vivian Fowler, Saint John, giving leadership in children's work; Mrs. Ralph Merrill, Saint John, instructing in girls' work; Norman Clark, Berwick, leader in music; Robert Steel, Charlottetown, P. E. I. instructor in swimming. Mr. Machum is giving a course in young people's work and Miss Evelyn Eaton, Wolfville, N. S., is giving lectures at the camp fires on the missionary enterprise.

Nothing succeeds like success, however obtained according to Minister of Justice Lapointe, hence the credit due to Prime Minister Mackenzie King in attaining his majority as leader of the Liberal Party. Wish the Prime Minister had a little more of that spirit which dictates consideration for the other fellow, then he would not have turned down the Mother Country in her hour of need in 1936, and we would have been in a better state of preparedness now. Likewise had he followed Britain's example in forming a National Government, he probably would have avoided the Mayor Houde, as well as other incidents likely to cause trouble and dissatisfaction where harmony and unity are essential.

NOTES BY THE WAY

If rural preachers, and those in the urban places as well, want to know why church services are poorly attended on Sundays, they should read the country correspondence in the newspapers. In one budget alone, published in this paper recently, there were no less than ten references to Sunday visitors in and out of a certain place. People who leave their communities on Sunday to visit elsewhere cannot attend their local church, while visitors from urban places make Sunday the hardest day for many country women, and this is one of the reasons why they cannot attend church. — Whitty Gazette and Chronicle.

A commercial traveller who has been going into Guysboro Country for a number of years dropped in to this office recently to pay tribute to the contractor who laid down the pavement between Guysboro town and a point about five miles this side of Monastery. It has withstood the usual pavement winter hazards without showing a single ripple. He said that his superiority over the other pavement is due to the quantity of salt that was laid in the subgrade before the paving was put on, preventing heaving from frost. No salt was placed under the ordinary paving. The facts seem to speak for themselves. — New Glasgow News.

Tests for locomotive engineers who drive engines on a fixed track are exceedingly strenuous, but the driver of an automobile, who can meet with many more dangerous situations, who must possess more skill and reason for the safety of the public, need merely buy a license to drive. There is a call for tests for drivers. No one should be allowed to handle an automobile without examination. Boys and girls should not be trusted at the wheel and mentally should be reckoned with. Every driver should be duly efficient and fully licensed before operating a car. — Guelph Mercury.

Canada's air idol of the last war and its Air Marshal in this, William Avery Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Croix de Guerre, etc., made a lasting impression on the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Camp Borden, on the occasion of his inspection last week. The clear-headed, blue-eyed, short, stoutish man who brought down no fewer than 72 German planes in the last war, was calmly optimistic, but seriously grave, regarding the outcome of the present war. After recalling the dark days of twenty-five years ago, he declared that victory finally had been won. Significant indeed, were his quietly confident words: "We will win this war and win it in the air." — Barrie Examiner.

No large families? Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freeborn of the 15th concession of Smith township celebrated their wedding anniversary. Two of the children, a married daughter in Michigan, and a son working in the mines at Sudbury, were unable to be home for the occasion. The other children were present and along with them were 23 grandchildren. So there are 18 children and all of them living. Nor has there been any divorce among the children. With the exception of the two in Michigan and Sudbury, the others who have left home have married and settled in what might be called the "middle west." They are not far away. Nor have the parents moved. Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn are living in the farm home where they went when they were married and where all the children were born, so in a very real way it is "home" for them all. If all the children and grandchildren were present, they, together with mother, father, and wife, are now many times grandmother and grandfather, would make a family gathering of 43 persons. It is even so exacting a tax the capacity of even so exacting an institution as a farm home. — From the Peterborough Examiner.

The announcement in an Italian high-command communique last week that a photograph showed that Fascist planes had made a hit on the British airship carrier Ark Royal certainly gives point to the recent advice of "Punch" to Dr. Goebbels that he had better let Signor Gayda not sit at the Mediterranean any of the British warships that Dr. Goebbels already has sunk in the North Sea. For this Ark Royal is the same aircraft carrier that the Germans "saw" last September, a claim they repeated even after an American naval attaché had boarded her and found no damage. Now, however, the British Admiralty reveals the whole tale on which propaganda destroys entire navies. The Nazis in their zeal have reported sinking or damaging twenty capital ships in four months while they have only fifteen at the beginning of the war, while fifteen more cruisers than the total British strength in this class are reported to have been sent to the bottom damaged by a battery of microphones and printing presses. At that rate, Britain now ranks with the gunboat as a naval power. But there may be an explanation. Perhaps whenever a battleship is sunk, the treacherous Churchill gives her name to a smaller ship, thus keeping the same name afloat and at the same time building the exploits of the brave Nazi airmen and U-boat commanders. Possibly the British, obstinately refusing to scuttle, and merely get their ships home and refit them, even after they have been thoroughly bombed and torpedoed and, therefore, "sunk". However, we prefer to believe — and it is a tribute to the amazing speed-up of the British war effort — that the yards on the Tyne and the Mersey and the Clyde are launching warships as fast as Lord Haw Haw can ask, "Where is the Ark Royal?" — New York Herald Tribune.

Many clergy and others will rejoice when, at the end of this month, the ban on whistles falls. It might not be easy to discover who first imported into England and associated with marriage the throwing of confetti, which was part of the carnival license in Italy and elsewhere, but the habit has reached great proportions in spite of numerous protests. It is not likely that any of the substitutes will remain either, but it would be positively criminal to throw rice at a wedding nowadays, and presumably the artificial "rose leaves"

Our Unity
We are Canadians now—all racial fires
Must blend to meet in one absorbing flame.
We shall forgo our past—merge our desires—
And forge the strength we have in England's name.
This urgent hour denies all lesser things;
With Peace a fugitive on land and sea
And in the air the beat of deadly wings,
We fortify ourselves in unity.
This is OUR cause — no far-off battle line
Can hold us safe when Justice' self be slain.
The Lord within us shall define,
Our attributes of sacrifice and pain.
Though we give all, is it too much to give
The Empire may rule the world and England live?
—Lucy G. Clarkin, in Saturday Night.

Women of South Africa are fighting dog race tracks.
Girl Guides of Switzerland are active in aiding refugees.

which are sometimes substituted for confetti will disappear also. There will remain only the conventional slipper, which can hardly be regarded as waste, since it is generally picked up again. — Manchester Guardian.

Brittany

(Moncton Transcript)

Fifteen hundred years ago, Britain was being invaded by Low German tribes the Jutes, Angles and Saxons, before whom the Celtic British of the south-west were flying across the sea to the French peninsula projecting into the Atlantic between the English Channel on the north and the Bay of Biscay on the south. In other words, the modern western part of France. The usual date given for this migration is 449, but it probably was earlier.

In 1940, approximately fifteen hundred years later, the flow runs the other way. According to Mme. Curie, daughter of the discoverer of radium and a prominent scientist in her own name, who is now in London co-operating with General de Gaulle, six thousand Bretons, peasants and fishermen have landed recently in Britain in groups of three and four. They have come in their tiny fishing boats with their children and children with bundles of clothing and everything they could pack on board before slipping away by night, in the face of a modern German invasion, from the little village of St. Ives. The family have lived since the flight from Britain.

The attitude of these people who, in their centuries-old love of freedom, fled without taking the trouble of notifying the French or German officials of their departure, is of public interest as indicating the viewpoint of this section which has never felt entirely French and where, in some sections, the Celtic blood still runs. Adding interest to Canadians, is the fact that a large part of the immigration from France to Canada was drawn from this section.

Celtic Brittany has long created for France a problem similar to Celtic Ireland for England. Brittany has long asked for autonomy. Ireland has won it. Recently it was announced in the French press that the rocky, reef-like peninsula which was not annexed to France until 1532, having been first an independent nation and then a duchy of France, was now to be re-established as an independent state by grace of the Emperor.

A quarrel with France was another. It is now declared that the plan has been withdrawn. We could imagine the Irish Celts acting similarly under the same circumstances. The Celts of Brittany are more closely related to the Welsh. Lloyd-George came from Britain's Celtic fringe and Clemenceau was a Breton. It is not surprising that the war-time Premiers were able to converse in the Celtic tongue.

Join A Militia Unit

(Ottawa Journal)
A determined effort is being made across the country to induce men who may be called up under the compulsory training scheme to enlist in militia units, train two nights a week and then to serve in the field. Men who do this of their own free will have been promised exemption when their time comes to serve. Men who prefer the voluntary training of the Compulsory Service have until August 15 to join any one of the militia units now calling for recruits. Men with jobs and positions where a month's leave at short notice might cause hardship or trouble would be well advised to consider at once the obvious advantages which militia offers. Employers who have men on their staffs who they cannot afford to lose should go at any time should consider the advantages which militia offers. Officers and men talk it over with their men.

No stigma will be attached to men under the compulsory service scheme but perhaps a more congenial atmosphere will surround the militia camps to be held later this month and strict business. Patriotism was never a matter of cold logic, not in this or most other British lands. In Britain we are told, they are getting out their brass bands, trying to put more cheer and enthusiasm behind the grim effort. Some such aids to voluntary recruitment might be given greater support, uniforms and a little more money so that they could make enlistment more attractive.

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