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

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1942.

Welcome Recognition

The Sydney Post-Record, having inadvertently
done an injustice to this Province by quoting
misleading figures of army enlistments, makes the
amende honorable in a subsequent issue. It says:
"In yesterday's editorial review of voluntary
enlistments by Provinces for active service the
number of army recruits from Prince Edward Island
was not included, because it had been omitted
from the tabulation on which the Post-Record's
article was based. This is regrettable, and
especially so in view of the fact that Prince Edward
Island is the banner province, in the number
of its recruits per population. The figures the
Post-Record used were taken from Maclean's
Magazine, and, with the exception noted, told the
whole story up to the beginning of 1942.

"Next to Prince Edward Island, the three
Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and
Manitoba are almost neck-and-neck for second
place, Quebec's showing per population is the
lowest of all, while Ontario is a small fraction
above the national average."

As pointed out in these columns yesterday, the
reason for the confusion with regard to Prince
Edward Island figures is that we are part of the
so-called Nova Scotia Military District (District
No. 6) with headquarters at Halifax, and no
separate official record of our army enlistments
is available. But we know unofficially that it is
the highest in Canada. The Post-Record, whose
editor-in-chief, Mr. H. P. Duchemin, K. C., is
himself a Prince Edward Islander, knows where-
of it speaks when it calls us "the banner Province."

Example of New Zealand

Resident correspondents at Ottawa report that
members of the House of Commons who heard
Hon. Walter M. Nash, New Zealand's special
envoy in the United States, give evidence the
other day before the special Committee on Re-
construction and Re-establishment were aston-
ished at his account, supported by chapter and
verse, of his country's war effort in relation to
her population. This numbers about two mil-
lions, or about one-sixth of Canada's, and yet from
it there have already been raised for war service
abroad and at home 240,000 men. This has been
accomplished by conscripting every physically fit
man between the ages of 18 and 41 and allowing
no exemptions whatsoever. If Canada was to
bring a similar proportion of her population into
the ranks of her fighting forces, they would
number 1,440,000, or almost three times the
number which, according to the rosiest estimates,
have been enlisted up to date.

However, allowance must be made for the fact
that, although New Zealand is making an invaluable
contribution to the common cause by huge
shipments of foodstuffs, and producing a certain
amount of munitions, her industrial equipment is
of too limited a character to permit any extensive
program for the production of war materials.
What is being undertaken requires comparatively
few workers, and, therefore, a proportionately
larger number of men can be spared for the fighting
services than in Canada. But, even with full
allowance for this fact, New Zealand must still
be making a relatively larger contribution of man-
power than Canada.

She is also spending a large proportion of
the national income, as, according to Mr. Nash,
the latest estimates place this at £200,000,000, or
about \$900,000,000 and the war effort is this year
absorbing £133,000,000, or about \$600,000,000,
which is two-thirds of the total. There has been
considerable controversy about what proportion
of Canada's national income was allocated to the
war effort during the fiscal year just ended. At
the time of the last Budget Mr. Ilsley forecast
that at least 44 per cent would have to be taken.
The Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free
Press, who would not willingly depreciate the
Government's war effort, could not find that
more than one-third of the income was being
spent on the war in 1941-42 and when Treasury
officials went to work to challenge this estimate
they were unable to claim that the war expendi-
tures absorbed more than 38 per cent of the
total.

Canada's Domestic Exports

Domestic exports from the Dominion of Can-
ada for the four months ended April, 1942, as
compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics
of the Department of Trade and Commerce, in-
dicate a continuous upward trend. To all coun-
tries for the period stated, total exports were
\$660,870,000 as compared with \$405,369,000 for
the corresponding period of 1941. It is to be noted
that domestic exports do not include goods trans-
ported to Canada from other countries, but are
exclusively of Canadian origin.

An analysis of the countries to which such
exports have gone forward shows a substantial
increase to practically all Empire countries, with
the possible exception of British South Africa,
Southern Rhodesia, and a few lesser portions of
the Empire, though there has been an increase in

the exports to East Africa. A somewhat notable
increase in the exports are those which have gone
forward to British India, the total value of the ex-
ports to that part of the Empire for the first four
months of 1942 being \$36,532,000 as against \$8,
998,000 in the 1941 period. There has been a very
considerable increase in exports to all of the British
West Indies. To Newfoundland the increase
in exports has been from approximately \$3,000,
000 to over \$9,000,000. To Australia during the
period, the exports have increased from \$8,000,
000 to almost \$16,000,000 and even for the month
of April of this year, exports increased by \$1,
000,000. To New Zealand during the four months
period, the increase was from \$3,000,000 to \$5,
000,000.

One of the interesting decreases has been in the
exports to Eire, which fell, in the four months
period, from \$871,000 in 1941 to \$537,000 in
1942.

A very heavy increase is noted in the exports
to the United Kingdom which increased in the
four months period from \$182,000,000 in 1941 to
\$244,000,000 in 1942.

Exports to Latin American countries have
shown marked increases to practically all of these
republics but Brazil, where exports decreased in
the four months period from \$2,000,000 in 1941
to \$1,500,000 in 1942.

An interesting increase is found in the exports
to Iraq, which increased from \$20,000 in 1941 to
\$6,100,000 in 1942; but the most startling increase
is in the exports to Russia, which increased in the
four months period from \$2,000 in 1941 to \$13,
607,000 in 1942.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow the last Sunday in May, and now
for the leafy month of June.

Hitler can take time off from the Russian
front to visit Berlin and "purge" his generals'
staff. The urgency must have been great.

Attention is drawn to the unnecessary speed
with which C. N. R. express and other motor
trucks are driven over our streets and round
corners. They are a menace, and should, instead, be
an example to others.

This is how Crown Prosecutor Omer Legrand,
K. C., Montreal sapiently concluded his address
to a jury in a recent wife murder trial: "In the
beat of the moment any woman might have spoken
harshly, but a husband of any good calibre
does not reply with a knife."

Why curtail auto driving and bicycle pedalling?
All the rubber the Allied nations have for sup-
plies is the 500,000 tons the U. S. A. have in re-
serve. Russia is crying out for rubber, China
ditto, while the other nations are merely scrap-
ping along. The loss of the Dutch East Indies and
the threat to Ceylon has meant a loss of 100,
000 tons to the Allies, with nothing in site to make
good the loss. Hence the call for report on spare
tires and injunction to go slow on those in use.

A new Order-in-Council reads: "Every person
having any waste paper in his household or in
his business beyond an amount reasonably required
for his own use in such household or business
shall, upon demand by Wartime Salvage Ltd., dis-
pose of such paper to a collector or licensed dis-
tributor or as otherwise directed by Wartime Sal-
vage Ltd." The collector, in turn, must dispose of
the waste to a licensed distributor at prices to be
fixed by Wartime Salvage Ltd. and approved by
Mr. Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime
Prices and Trade Board. So now there is no ex-
cuse for any waste paper lying around homes or
businesses.

U.S.A. Congressional leaders have under consid-
eration a proposal that a bi-partisan group of 10
senators and representatives be chosen to confer in
Great Britain with Parliament members on the
conduct of the war and plans for the subsequent
peace. Proposals for such a visit were reported
to have been advanced tentatively and informally
by a representative of the British Government in a
secret meeting with Republican and Democratic
leaders of both houses at the Capitol. As outlined
at this conference, the plan was reported to call
for the selection of five Democrats and five Rep-
ublicans, including the top ranking members of
the house of representatives, and Senate, to make
a trip to Great Britain in July as the guests of
Parliament.

The U. S. A. Government intend to convert
the liquor distilling industry into a process for
the manufacture of explosives, rubber and other
vital materials of war. The increase in grain al-
cohol for war output, Secretary Jones told the
Senate, probably would permit the raising of the
synthetic rubber production goal from 800,000 to
1,000,000 tons annually. Reading from memo,
Mr. Jones said that the WPB proposed to get
additional supplies of alcohol by converting bever-
age and commercial alcohol plants, including
those which normally process from molasses, into
grain alcohol stills for war production. It was
indicated that the program might extend to brew-
eries, though it was not anticipated that total con-
versions would be effected.

St. Joan of Arc died this date 1431, French
patriot, whose courage faith and extraordinary
military gifts swept her to irresistible success un-
til her attack on Paris failed; was, after a mock
trial, burned at the stake; beatified in 1909,
canonized in 1920. Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish
painter and diplomatist, died this date 1640;
painted several thousand pictures, delighting to
delineate the exuberance of life, his pictures being
notable for marvellous spontaneity, creative
vigour, superb animation and magnificent colour-
ing. Alexander Pope, English poet, died this date
1744; best known works "Essay on Man" "Moral
Essays," "Odyssey" (translation), "Iliad" (trans-
lation) and "Dunciad" a denunciation of his
critics.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Pundit Walter Lippmann argues
that it is a fallacy to teach people
to believe that if prices are for-
bidden to rise inflation has been
prevented. True enough, Mr.
Lippmann, but price control does
at least act as a brake on inflation,
which may have serious effects. The
subject do not help a bit. May we
cite Canada's experience as an ex-
ample. — Brantford Expositor.

There is something eye-like in
behaviour which singles out cathed-
rals of no military value for
air attack out of motives of re-
venge. Nor will it have the slight-
est influence upon the will to vic-
tory of the British people. It will
merely increase the conviction of
the civilized world that Nazi "cul-
ture" is the tribal customs of
modern barbarians. — Ottawa
Citizen.

From the standpoint of economy
in the use of gasoline, the warning
of the Oil Controller against using
trucks to carry groups of passeng-
ers on Sunday trips is well justify-
ed. Such vehicles are not sub-
ject to the strict rationing which
applies to passenger cars, and load-
ing them up with holiday-makers
is a waste of fuel. There will be
scant sympathy for any truck
owner who finds his licence can-
celled on account of such practices. —
Windsor Star.

Two examples of changing condi-
tions in the food market. In ve
canning my eye during the last few
days. One is the number of ho-
me-made shops springing up every-
where: there are two within a few
yards of another in a well-
known St. John street. The horse-
meat is "for human consumption"
only and costs a stalling for the
best cuts. The other example was
the "Polyethylene" in the New States-
man and Nation (London).

When critics point out the com-
munal riots in India it should be
remembered that the victims of all
the riots in the past fifty years do
not amount to as many victims as
the "good old days." By defending
India from invasion and by settling
the disputes of her warring
provinces, Britain brought
India peace and security in which
alone her population could expand.
The chronic famine of the bad
years were abolished by improve-
ment in the food and agricul-
ture and communications, for, in the past people
in one village might starve while
grain was rotting in the next.
Modern sanitation and medicine
have also helped to lower the death
rate. — The Nawabzade of Sar-
diana in The National Review (Lon-
don).

Now a word or two about these
"suggestions" for keeping blades
sharp by using gaswax as blades.
A lot of people are too stupid to
ever put the recommendation to a
test. But it does work. Even the
master barber admits that it does.
It makes many shavers who have
that annoying ten or fifteen close
shaves can easily be obtained by
this method, even by those who
were wont to discard their blades
because they were too dull to use.
Simply get a smooth glass tum-
bler; place the blade, single or
double edge, lengthwise inside the
tumbler, which can be either wet or
dry. Some shavers suggest that the
blade be moved sideways; but the
barber favors a semi-circular move-
ment with the forefinger resting on
the blade's edge and the thumb
enough, as these straighten the
feather edge and restore the blade's
original keenness. — Hamilton
Spectator.

It is proved by military statistics
that more than fifty per cent of
our youth are rejected for active
service because of the state of their
lungs. Malnutrition does the rest, so
that our hospitals do not suffice to
give shelter to the thousands of persons
under the shadow of the white plague.
There is no use in building sanita-
ria at the cost of thousands of
dollars so long as disease-causing
germs are being carried by means
of the city's refuse and drainage
can take the place of three sanita-
torium beds. The germs of soot
which chimney of factories, hotels,
etc. emit, are, in fact, the most
over the city prevent cleanliness,
and above all damage health. It
is perhaps difficult to make this
smoky ceiling disappear com-
pletely, but we can at least try to
improve this lamentable state of
things. It is up to our municipal
authorities to see to it. — La
Patrie (Montreal).

The decision of the Legislative
Assembly to grant \$300,000 to as-
sist in the work of the technical
schools is a commendable agree-
ment when it is a question of fur-
nishing to the young people of
Quebec the means to acquire spec-
ial knowledge, thanks to which
they can more easily find work in
industry. That is certainly the
best service that can be rendered
them at a time when they have
many reasons to look into the
future with a certain inquietude. It
is also the best service to render
a country which does not cease to
demand qualified workers to run
its munitions factories at full ca-
pacity. The advantage will be an
important one to Quebec whose
new generations aspire to play a
major role in the world's manu-
facturing production. It may hap-
pen that certain employers do not
depend exclusively on skill and
technical science in the choice of
their employees. Ordinarily how-
ever, the good places will go to
those who have taken pains to add
to their professional competence by
serious studies in the future,
where the exigencies of the future
are kept in view. — La Presse (Mon-
treal).

There are complaints from
the Ministry of Supply that the
public are not turning in enough
boxes for salvage. As to which
it must be said that there are not
many boxes in half a pound of
bully beef, which constitutes a
part of many people's meat
ration. — Glasgow Herald.

A North-East of Scotland farmer
who received a letter from a govern-
ment department instructing
him to go on with his ploughing as
usual, said that he should yield the
greatest accomplishments, the most enjoyment
and happiness. They can, too, if we avoid the
kidney and bladder disorders such as Back-
ache, Headache, Rheumatic Pains, Lassitude,
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those around 40. For over half a century
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and women to keep kidneys and bladder in
good order. If you are nearing 40, or past it,
for the sake of your health and a happier
future use Dodd's Kidney Pills today! 125

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion of the
questions of interest. The
Charlottetown Guardian does not
assume any responsibility for
the opinions of correspondents.

TAXI OPERATIONS LIMITED

Sir:— Some taxi operators in a
few areas in the Maritimes do not
seem to take the present gasoline
and tire situation seriously. Under
No. Transit 3 dated May 6, 1942,
lines taxis are 15 miles from their
operating base and miles out cru-
suing, sight seeing, joyrides and other
unnecessary trips. Taxis are expected
to form a part of the essential
national transportation system. The
use of taxis for any unnecessary
service whatsoever is unpatriotic
and wasteful. Those taxi who persist
in cruising for fares, driving parties
on joy rides and ignoring the 15
mile limit must expect that they
will not be permitted to operate
and must expect no further warn-
ing.

I am, Sir, etc.,
ALBERT C. WAGNER,
Regional Director of Transit Control
for the Maritimes.

Our Changing Law

(Vancouver Province)
Pity the poor Canadian lawyer
whose business has been made
over by the war. Three years
ago, he had his common law, his
statute law of the Dominion and
the province and his case law, the
decisions of the courts. The
law was all in the books and the
books were all in his library, or
at least in the law office. He
consulted them. Practising law
meant work, but with work it was
all plain sailing.

Then came the war and with
it the specific ruling of the Govern-
ment. So, now, the law is not in the
law libraries any more. It is en-
shrined in the 15 (or more) copies of
the Ottawa Gazette, published
during the past three years, and
in pamphlets and compilations is-
sued by the various boards.
The law used to be a stable
thing. Some complained it was
old-fashioned and even out-of-
date. Today, it is streamlined and
swift. It changes from day to day,
it takes a smart lawyer to keep
even in sight of it.

Eight Billion Cups Of Tea

(Ottawa Journal)
Canada normally consumes 40-
000,000 pounds of tea each year,
and at 200 cups to the pound as a
fair average we use in this country
about 8,000,000,000 cups of tea.
Some 380 billion cups of the world
drinks. These and many other
facts about this most popular drink
in the world, next to water, are
contained in a booklet prepared by
the Empire Tea Bureau of Toron-
to.

The Bureau points out, is
tea, all over the world, it
keeps the drinker cool in hot
climates, warm in cold climates,
comfortable in moderate climates.
Of Canada's needs 90 per cent, are
supplied from India and Ceylon in
normal times. Now all we use must
come from those countries—which
means that conservation is impos-
sible because tea demands ocean
freight, and everything that can
float has a place in more vital
war needs. Should India and Cey-
lon be invaded, naturally the tea
situation will become more acute,
and we shall be reduced, that is,
to the stocks then in this country. In
the United Kingdom tea has been
rationed for two years at two
ounces per person per week. In the
United States consumption has
been cut by establishment of a
quota system of deliveries to retail-
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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Six months from now—a
year from now—it may be too
late." Donald Gordon, Chair-
man of the Wartime Prices
and Trade Board.

Old Soldiers Never Die

(Winnipeg Free Press)
A song sung always with special
 gusto by the Canadian Corps in
France 25 years ago was "Old
Soldiers Never Die," and the
powerful lungs of the delegates to the
ninth Dominion convention of the
Canadian Legion showed they have
not lost faith in the accuracy of
the prophecy. Their fair may be
sliver and their pates rapidly grow-
ing bald, but what of that? Old
soldiers never die: they simply fade
away. It may be added that even
when the last physical presence
has so faded, their confident pre-
diction will still be true. These men
of the Legion are, in a real sense,
immortal.

It is an immortality they gladly
share today with another genera-
tion which now on a score of
battlefields, fiercer and farther-
flung than any they used to know,
are winning new laurels for Can-
ada. The oldsters march with them
in spirit, day by day and hour by
hour, and by Lieutenant-Governor-
or never said a truer word than
when he spoke at the convention's
opening session of the overworn
wistfulness of the old soldiers
who have so sadly come to the
conclusion that this time they
must stay at home.

"Man, whose young passion sees
the specific flying,
Is soon too lame to march, too
cold for loving.
I take the hook and gather to
turning old yellow leaves,
minute by minute,
The clock ticks to my heart; a
whithered wire
Move a thin ghost of music in
the spot.
I cannot sail your seas, I cannot
wander
Your cornland, nor your hill-
land, nor your valleys,
Ever again, nor share the battle
yonder
Where the young knight the
broken squadron rallies"

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

level teaspoon of tea to each trade, the old custom of an extra
cup of boiling water, and brew at spoonful of tea for the "pot" is
least five minutes before pouring, out for the duration. Mr. Gordon
And, says this authority of the tea has seen to that.

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