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

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Reconstruction Plans

Premier McNair of New Brunswick and Premier MacMillan of Nova Scotia, along with members of their provincial reconstruction committees, have appeared this week before the House of Commons Reconstruction Committee and have obtained front-page publicity across Canada for some of our Maritime grievances.

Prince Edward Island has yet to be heard before the House Committee. It is to be hoped Premier Jones and other members of his government will take an early opportunity of doing so, and of talking just as plainly and to the point as the Nova Scotia Premier has done.

It is to be hoped, too, that no time will be lost in preparing practical reconstruction plans. This has already been done in other provinces, through non-partisan committees appointed by each provincial government. No such committee has yet been appointed here, though there exists a Prince Edward Island committee of a Canada-wide organization known as the Conservation Commission, which has already prepared a helpful brief.

It is through such channels, apparently, that the other provinces are presenting their particular problems and post-war objectives at Ottawa. It is important that we too be represented officially before the parliamentary committee now sitting. Unofficial presentations, however well made, are not enough.

Juvenile Delinquency

The problem of juvenile delinquency is causing concern in most countries at this time. It seems to be one of the evils associated with war. The Charlottetown Children's Aid Society, at its annual meeting on Thursday, called attention to this matter and suggested, among other things, the need for supervised playgrounds.

This suggestion has already been before the City Council and there is no doubt that it will, and should, receive further consideration. As Hon. Dr. MacMillan pointed out at the Society meeting, the delinquency problem is pressing as well as important. Remedial measures cannot be delayed until after the war without risk of grave consequences.

As Field Commissioner W. A. Speed pointed out at Summerside the other night, the Boy Scout movement provides not only a good safeguard against delinquency, but possibly the best one of all.

Farm Organizations Merge

The decision of the United Farmers of Ontario to merge with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture is regarded by the Sydney Post-Record as a significant sign of the times.

The Federation of Agriculture is much younger than the body it is now absorbing. It was formed in January, 1935, shortly after the establishment of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture late in 1934.

lar protest movements have done in the past, and its adherents are now to be found in the ranks of all three major parties. But there can be no doubt that the United Farmer movement accomplished a great deal in developing among farmers, through study and discussion, a better idea of their problems.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Halifax Civilian Defence authorities have received a supply of khaki coveralls. Arrangements are being made for their distribution to the wardens of the various platoons in the immediate future.

Mr. L. W. Brockington is being mentioned as a possible Chairman for CBC, but his re-appointment rather frightens the Prime Minister—who admires him, but fears him.

Lord Vansittart, whose reminiscences have recently been published, is putting up a powerful fight, to point out that it was pinko pacifists' refusal to permit Germany to be punished after the last War that made this War.

The U.S.A. Treasury, in reporting the news and editorial space devoted without charge by newspapers to the Third Loan drive, made an interesting estimate of its money value, setting it at \$12,207,555.

During the fiscal year ended last March 31, 583 employees were added to the staff of the Pensions Department which now has a staff of more than 4,000 and still is increasing in size, the departmental annual report discloses.

Thomas Carlyle, Scottish historian, essayist, and philosopher, born this date, 1795; he exercised a more powerful influence upon the literary and the religious, ethical, and political views of his time than any contemporary writer; his work is remarkable for its qualities of humour, sarcasm, and profound insight.

The Mosley case agitation in Britain is highly absurd, says a contemporary, Sir Oswald Mosley is the perfect example of a complete ass. Like Hitler and Mussolini, he was a Socialist, who became impatient at the slowness in producing a revolution.

Hon. Mr. C. D. Howe declares that full employment after the war can be obtained by forming government development companies planned by the Department of Munitions and Supply.

The alarming feature of such a proposal, says "The Letter Review", is that Mr Howe is speaking as one of the present Administration, and, if he is advocating anything as absurd as his remarks would indicate, then the Government has evidently made no post-war plans at all.

The Poet's Corner

I SHALL BE LOVED AS QUIET THINGS
I shall be loved as quiet things
Are loved—white pigeons in the sun

Cloud-islands; reaching arms of trees;
The frayed and eager little moon
That strays unheeded through a blue afternoon.

The thunder of my heart must go
Under the muffling of the dust
As my gray dress has guarded it
The grasses must;

For it has hammered loud enough,
Clamoured enough, when all is said
Only its quiet part shall live
When I am dead.

—Karlo Wilson Baber.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of any subject of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian and its readers.

COAL PRIORITY ORDERS

Sir—There appeared in the Guardian of Dec. 2, an item the intention of which is to create an impression that there has been sufficient coal to supply all dealers, the amount stated being one thousand tons.

Well, we do not question the quantity arriving here, as Mr. McMillan should know, as he has been appointed Coal Administrator for the Province.

But as a small coal dealer we do question and take exception to the statement that coal has been fairly distributed, and I might also mention there has been discrimination.

Reports say that some of the faithful have their sheds filled up and a lot of coal piled out-side, and that some of those who are referred to are not doing Government work at all, but taking advantage of those priority orders.

We are, Sir, etc.
W. F. O'CALLAGHAN & Co.
Summerside.

POST WAR PLANNING

Sir—Much consideration is now being given to post-war planning and rehabilitation General schemes will necessarily have to be devised first but before this world conflict is over many of these should be drawn out into more definite outlines to be undertaken as soon as conditions warrant.

Normally these men will not have the means to purchase machinery, stocks or seed to get their holdings in shape, or to erect the necessary houses. Besides the number with wealthy benevolent uncles is scanty. They do not feel like asking gifts (doles) from the government of their proposed undertakings.

So far so good. But I do not expect very many to return to the former drudgery under which they laboured. All who have studied the matter admit the country is the best place to live in and raise a family.

There is no cause in this for regret or jealousy on our part. The day for rivalry in such matters between Britain and the United States has some past. The ships of the United Nations belong to all, and this must continue to be the case after the war, if youar.

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