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Farmers' Subsidies

According to a recent report from Ottawa, the Federal Department of agriculture has estimated that Canadian farmers in 1944 received approximately \$94,142,000 in subsidies and bonuses from the Dominion treasury compared with \$77,944,130 in 1943.

School Planning In Britain

Reference has been made in these columns to the new Education Act in Great Britain, most of which goes into effect in April, and under which there will be drastic improvements in the standard of British school buildings.

Boy Scouts In Holland

Says The Edmonton Journal: It will be readily understood how particularly offensive the Boy Scouts of occupied countries have been to the Nazis. Their organizations were promptly disbanded and they were subject to persecution whenever they tried to continue their activities.

Dr. Cyril James On Money

Domestic control of the financial structure is not sufficient to solve the economic problems of the post-war world since "there is no conceivable possibility of an automatic monetary system" unless some international machinery is created to undertake the task now that London, once the regulatory money-market of the world, can no longer fulfill that responsibility and "no other nation was able or willing to assume the burden," remarked Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice chancellor of McGill University, speaking on International Cooperation in the

Field of Money before The Institute on Money and the Law at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York. The influence of the London money market declined with the numerous expedients to meet the staggering cost of the war, and consequently the influence of the London money market ceased to be a restraining force, and London itself was impoverished to the point where it could no longer fulfill the international financial responsibilities that it had carried before 1914.

"It has become amply apparent that we have only two choices for our children (said Principal James). We can organize the world along the lines of full national sovereignty and economic independence of every state—with the inevitable result that competitive policies of economic nationalism . . . will bring us rapidly to a third world war—or we can decide on that minimum sacrifice of sovereignty which will permit us to recognize . . . a world economy in which the nations are able to develop peacefully," he continued. Dr. James pointed out that "an appropriate international monetary organization is one of the basic elements in such a program"; and went on to say that the machinery tentatively worked out at the Bretton Woods conference had a significance that transcends even the economic aspects of life. That program, he said, "is the first detailed proposal for post-war organization on which the legislatures and the peoples of the United Nations are asked to decide."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Every war expands the vocabulary of the British speaking peoples. The Saipan campaign has added a new phrase to the pungent jargon of soldiers. "Foxhole knees", the result of thirty nights of crouching in positions which would discourage a Hindu fakir, speak—or rather, creak—for themselves.

The military recall status of service personnel discharged from operational posts in Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, the West Indies, Alaska and the Aleutians, is one of the details of new call-up legislation not yet decided, a Selective Service official declares. Labor Minister Mitchell announced that men discharged from the forces who have not served outside of Canada are subject to military call-up.

Here is the sort of resistance the Canadians are up against on the Maas. Resting in a cow barn the battle-tired men said it took two hours to cross the icy ground they had planned on crossing in 20 minutes. "We got into a four-hour slugging match, which gave the enemy a chance to recover and regroup from the first shock of our fine artillery barrage," the colonel said. "I called it off at daylight. They were fanatic. Some of them wouldn't even come out of their holes when we put flame-throwers on them."

Quebec can get more than she needs from the Federal Government. Justice Minister St. Laurent announces that an Order-in-Council had been passed authorizing the construction on Boulevard des Capucins in downtown Limoilou Ward, of a \$350,000 building to house the offices of the Dominion Health and Social Welfare Department and the Veterans' Department for the Quebec district. The three-story building will have an area of 71,000 square feet and is expected to be ready by Sept. 1, shortly after the coming election.

In England they have been having the worst snow storm since 1940, in some places to inches being recorded. In London the snow was from two to three inches in depth—an unusual amount considering the busy traffic which ordinarily turns it to slush. Ice and snow caused trouble on the open sections of the capital's subways and trains on one line were held up all of Tuesday afternoon through snow blocks on the line. Civil defence workers were called out to help clear vital roads and 30 snow ploughs were used to clear road-car routes. At Hampstead Heath, London's greatest winter sports centre, expert skiers in many costumes last worn in Switzerland six years ago mingled with children on sleighs and toboggans.

At the moment the rough percentage estimates of what Canadian service men intend to do when they are discharged is something like this—40 per cent to 50 per cent say that they will go back to their old jobs; 15 per cent to 25 per cent indicate a desire for vocational training; 5 per cent to 10 per cent say that they want to go to University; about 10 per cent and expected to increase as full privileges become better known, say that they want to go farming, or at least to take advantage of the Veteran's Land Act which includes fishermen, and the establishment of a rural home with part-time, at least, devoted to farming. The balance have various other preferences including men who want to set up in business for themselves.

Queen Victoria died this date 1901 after a reign of 64 years, in which she celebrated three jubilees, Silver, Golden and Diamond; her era saw the utmost expansion of the British Empire and the freest of free trade the world has ever experienced; then, too, began in earnest the social revolution which liberated millions of slaves abroad and gave the horny-handed dwellers at home the franchise and an equal share in citizenship through the policy of "no taxation without representation"; to be taxed a man had first to be permitted the right to be directly represented in parliament, county and town councils; from this sprang the policy of social reform which places the power and authority of state in the hands of the majority of the people, and constitutes democratic government; we are now fighting largely to give European and Eastern nations the same rights and privileges—but at such a cost compared with the British evolution of the Victorian era.

Notes By The Way

While we're at it, let's not mistake peace feelers for peace feelers.—Windsor Star.

There's going to be a heap of rebuilding after the war and some of it will be in the mind.—London Free Press.

The first step in building up a united Canada will have to be a little more co-operation among the leaders of parties, groups and factions.—Fort William Times-Journal.

When the Congress Hotel reopens May 1 it will defy tradition by having a 13th floor. However, for the superstitious a concession will be made—there will be no floor bearing the number "13."—Chicago News.

A London speculation has it that giant V-2's were being tried by never came down. They are supposed to have disintegrated in the atmosphere due to friction. Many of us have never believed on the other hand that the catastrophe was virtually frictionless, the air being so thin. Perhaps the missing V-2's were merely started off for Mars.—Edmonton Journal.

For a nation dazed by a startling German resurgence and swollen casualty lists, the President's call for the completion of total mobilization through national service provides clear and brilliant direction. We will either take that direction or pay with the lives of our brothers and sons for our failure to do so. It is as simple as that.—New York Post.

A cordless electric iron for household use having been invented, one of the United States manufacturers is planning to produce 100,000 of them in the first quarter of 1945, 250,000 in the second quarter and 500,000 in the third quarter. The Brookville Recorder and Times. If they are as represented, the iron will be a boon to the busy housewife whatever in selling every one of them, for a cordless iron promises to be an exceptional boon to everyone who does ironing.

The sunflower has become the basis of an important wartime industry in England. The seed contains rich, sweet oil which can be used for frying, salads and marine lubricants. The Toronto Star reports. Cellulose and potash can be made from the residue left after the oil has been pressed out. The husks can be used as fuel for seed-drying furnaces.

War time does not fool the seagulls. They come from their roosting rocks at daylight, taking their time from the sun. They spend the day along the shore, in floating boats, or hunting occasionally over back gardens on the chance of a morsel of food. Towards dusk, again taking their time from the sun, they troop in twos and threes back to the roosting rocks, not one will put out by the fact that down below on the ground men have juggled their guns and rifles and how to set them right again.—Victoria Colonist.

When Kulemoff, a Soviet officer and former railway worker, lost the fingers of both hands at the front, he made his own prosthetic fingers by separating the bones of his hand. Kulemoff also got artificial feet. Psychiatrists helped him recover from the shock he suffered when tortured by the thought that he had no place in the world because of his handicap. Now he is being trained for scientific work in a laboratory.

Jellied gasoline, food for flame-throwers and fire bombs, looks like raspberry or orange gelatin but is far more deadly. It is made by mixing at the battlefronts by stirring a secret white powder into ordinary motor fuel. The jellied gasoline maintains its intense flammability at temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Flame-throwers spurt streams of jellied gasoline into enemy pill-boxes and moving tanks.

Award of the Carnegie Institute \$1,000 first prize for a painting to Yasuo Kuniyoshi deserves more than passing attention. He is a native of Japan, but has lived in the United States since he was 13 years old. We doubt whether the Japanese would accord such high distinction to a member of an alien race under the circumstances. The distinguished artists who were judges of the contest were not one whit prejudiced and deal justly with an individual. It is an example of fair play for citizens in their mundane activities than the painting of pictures.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A few miles south of Bergen, Norway, lies the little village of Os. noted for its scenic surroundings and—before the war for a small but thriving furniture industry. Last fall an RAF plane made an emergency landing near Os; members of the crew destroyed the plane, then made a clean getaway. The Gestapo turned an accusing eye on the people of Os. One day a strange woman appeared in town; she went from house to house selling religious tracts, talking and listening, and she stayed several days. When she returned it was with the Gestapo. Then followed two days of terror in Os, with ransacking and brutalities. The windows of a house of 100 or more men aged 18 to 65, all of whom were transported to Bergen and locked up there.—Montreal Star.

War accounts for many strange circumstances, and one of them is the fact that in the German town of Alsdorf, recently occupied by American troops, the town has been getting its milk supply from a herd of 25 Holstein cows 1,200 feet under the ground. Coal mining has always been the chief industry near Alsdorf, but right now the chief products of its largest mine are fresh milk, veal, pork and mutton. The cows, pigs and sheep were taken underground by the people of the town last September, to protect them from artillery fire and bombs, as well as from other Germans who wanted them. The town is still under occasional shell-fire, but the animals remain safe and the milk supply is abundant. The American commanding officer, a Boston lawyer, asked the Germans at Alsdorf why there were no chickens in the underground barnyard. The answer told the story: The chickens

Mr. Ilsley Didn't Tell The Whole Story

(Toronto Telegram) Since Mr. Ilsley, in his recent radio address compared the 18 cent rise in the cost of living index in this war with a 65 per cent increase in the last war, it is pertinent to make a comparison of the rates of income tax paid in the first European war and the present one. The Borden Government did not impose income tax at all until 1917 and in 1918 at the end of the war about \$120 and he earns \$1,500 single persons earning less than \$1,500 and married persons with incomes of less than \$3,000 were entirely exempt. A 4 per cent tax was imposed on incomes in excess of these amounts. A 2 per cent surtax was imposed on incomes of \$5,000 and over and the rate was stepped up as the income increased.

As compared with today's tax rates these imposed in the last war were infinitesimal. Today, a single person earning \$700 pay \$20 tax and an individual earning \$1,000 pays \$22 tax. A married person, without children is taxed if his income is about \$1,200 and he pays \$1,500 (he pays a tax of \$109. If his income is \$2,000 he pays \$231. These are but a few examples of how present day taxation hits the small wage earner. One of the reasons they are so heavy is Mr. Ilsley's determination to make his price control policy work. We do not wish to be understood as condemning price control in itself. What we are pointing out is that when Mr. Ilsley compares prices in this war with those in the last war and makes no reference to the higher taxes which are imposed to help make the control policy work he is only stating one side of the case.

Looking Ahead In Ottawa

(By The Ottawa Staff of The Canadian Press) If military planners have their way, there will be little or no curtailment in defence department estimates after the war. One school army and air force cadets have become an important source of potential manpower for both services and the common-to-all arms training given in these junior units facilities training programs when the youths actually enlist.

The sea cadets—usually not affiliated with schools and sponsored by the Navy League—are being recruited by the only source of recruiting for the senior service and courses have been so designed as to take the youngsters over the less difficult waters of sea-going knowledge before they sign on for regular duty. One military spokesman told a reporter recently that he intended to recommend that the Federal Government approach the provinces with a view to having provincial voluntary cadet units established in all secondary schools in the Dominion. He said that it should be left to the schools to dedicate which service they wanted to support.

Athlete: One of the decisions pressing in on the cabinet is the appointment of a new Government General. The five-year term of the Earl of Athlone expires this year. There is a strong possibility that owing to war conditions he may be prevailed on to carry on his duties until after the expiration of his term, but not to accept a second term of office. There is precedent for a Gov-

The Poet's Corner

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Aut with the current's helpful ebb Waiting neither for time nor tide the lady liners swept; Manned by men of the restless sea, they came to prove their worth. They passed hull-down from the shores of earth to all the ports of earth.

And some returned with cargoes rich, and some returned no more; You'll find their bones in every sea, on every surly-blown shore; But ever the winds keep calling, and out on every tide The gallant crews go sailing forth with glory still their guide.

—Frank M. Kelley, in The Victoria Colonist.

were so easy to carry the Nazi troops took them and with them they fled before the American invasion.—Huron Examiner, Searford.

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(By The Canadian Press) JAN. 22, 1941—Churchill told Commons British labor register essential to meet manpower demands. Tobruk captured by British troops who took 25,000 prisoners. Greek bombers destroyed Italian convoy of 100 trucks on Albanian front. Large contingent German prisoners arrived at Halifax.

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