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

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The Manpower Problem

Timely was the warning sounded by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, as to the urgent need in Canada for a master plan for manpower spread over the whole nation.

The three defence departments make their own decisions as to how many enlistees shall be accepted; the army makes its own decisions as to how many men shall be drafted.

"The Minister of Munitions and Supply drafts his program of war production for Canada, also for others of the United Nations.

"Local draft boards, which decide whether any individual will serve his country better in the army or at his own job, operate under the Minister of War Services, and there is apparently wide variation in policy between boards in different parts of the country."

Under such over-lapping and division of authority, confusion and inefficiency are inevitable.

Recently there have been hints of planned improvement, involving the centralization of manpower problems under a single jurisdiction. That is the only logical solution.

Our Economic Progress

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, most of the major factors indicating the trend of economic conditions recorded advance during the first half of 1942 over the same period of 1941.

Productive operations have reflected the intensity of Canada's participation in the war during the last six months. While the recession in industries engaged in production for civilian purposes tempered the advance during the last six months, the general level of production has been higher than at any other time in history.

The output of the mining industry was practically maintained in the first half of 1942, the index of production dropping only 2.5 per cent to 123.3.

Manufacturing production recorded a considerable advance in the first half of 1942. The final index rose from 130.2 in 1941 to 151.6 a gain of nearly nine per cent.

The output of electric power rose considerably from 15.7 billion kilowatt hours to 18.6 billion, a gain of 18.3 per cent. An all-time maximum for any month was established in January of this year in spite of additions to present plants and conservation in consumption through daylight saving and the elimination of electric boilers, some concern is felt as to the adequacy of the supply of power for war plants.

The index of employment, averaged for the first six reporting dates, was 166.8 against 140.7 in 1941. Despite the active recruitment for the armed forces, employment in Canadian enterprise is recording a marked advance.

The railways were more active in the first six months of the present year. Carloadings rose

from 1,495,000 cars against 1,635,000, a gain of 9.4 per cent. The gross revenues of the two main systems recorded a much greater percentage gain. The gross revenue of the Canadian lines of the Canadian National Railways rose from \$120.7 million to \$149.0.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Steamboats invented and tried out this date, 1807.

The City Schools reopen on the 2nd, not the 8th Sept. as erroneously reported previously.

The Battle of Gravelotte, Alsace-Lorraine, in which the Germans won a sanguinary victory over the French, this date 1870.

According to Navy Minister Macdonald, the Maritimes need fear no extensive raid from Nazi submarines, the coast being well protected by our Navy. At the worst, he says, the submarines could land only saboteurs, and our land forces, (including the R. C. M. P.) are quite capable of looking after these.

Reports from all parts of the U. S. predict bumper crops as the country prepares to shoulder the burden of feeding the democracies at war. The crop picture grows bigger by the minute as farmers struggle for temporary storage space for harvests that are setting to year and more all time highs.

Mr. Maurice L. Duplessis, Quebec opposition leader, announces he is well and fit again after his recent indisposition and ready for the prospective provincial by-elections in October in the counties of Athabasca and L'Assomption. It is more than probable these contests when called will be the liveliest for many decades.

The Reserve Army, under Lieut. Col. Full, which has been on intensive training in the city, broke camp yesterday and returned to their civilian duty, all the better equipped because of the ten days under camping conditions, out in the open. The uniformed "boys" (old, young and middle aged) will be missed in our local military life, though many of them hail from the city and will be met in "civies."

The British Army Council has ruled that caps with peaks must not be worn by officers under the rank of colonel. Field service caps, berets of tank and airborne regiments and Tam O'Shanter of Scots regiments are the regulation headpieces. Canadian Army regulations call for the issuance of peaked caps to only those of the rank of colonel or higher but all other officers are permitted to wear them. Generally however, the junior officers prefer the wedge cap.

Air Force Headquarters have announced the need for many more women to be placed in a new trade known as Standard Tradeswomen. Airwomen enlisted as Standard Tradeswomen will be posted to Ottawa where they will be assessed by a Trade Selection Board. This Board will place the girls in any one of the following trades: Administrative; Clerk (Code and Cypher); Clerk (General); Clerk (Accounting); Clerk (Operations Room); Equipment Assistant; Meteorological Observer, and Postal Clerk. Consideration will be given to the candidate's preference but the Selection Board will make the final decision regarding the trade for which the applicant is best qualified.

Judge J. G. Nicholson, of the Montreal Juvenile Delinquents' Court advocates the enforcement of the curfew law for children. At the last session of the Quebec Legislature the City of Montreal was given the power to bring a curfew law into force but the city has not as yet exercised the authority thus given. The City has the power to enact that children under fourteen years of age, unless they are attending duly recognized night courses should not frequent the streets and public places of the city between nine o'clock at night and five o'clock the following morning unless accompanied by one of their parents or by some other adult charged to accompany them.

Need for financial aid to education by the federal government was stressed by Mr. J. H. Sutherland of Vancouver, in an address to delegates at the annual convention of the Canadian Teachers' Federation held in Toronto. Mr. Sutherland is president of the federation. "Since the war began," said Mr. Sutherland, "the federal government has had to train 130,000 young people to fit them for war work—education which they should have had in school."

"Printed Word" is in favor of Mr. Ilsley for Prime Minister because he does things. His price ceiling may not be necessary to control inflation under such severe taxation as will be felt by every person with an income after September 1st. But Mr. Ilsley believes in making Johnny Canuck wear both belt and suspenders when either might be adequate. That he makes mistakes is evident to any discerning person, let alone a critic. But one recalls a framed motto of the fumed-oak, passe-partout era which stated that the man who never made a mistake never made anything. It seems to be the policy of the Government of Canada, outside the Department of Finance, never to make a mistake. The most important job—the only real job—in front of us is to win the war. Finance is important, but is a sideshow. The man who has been running this sideshow should be made ringmaster under the big top because the main show is pedestrian in a mechanized age. And if he put the forceful, stubborn Donald Gordon in a place where he could do some good militarily, even Rommel would quail before him.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mrs. Betsy Cooney died at 96 on August 14th at her home, 145 St. John's St. She was a native of Scotland and was a pioneer in the use of the telephone in Charlottetown.

One of these belated weather reports in which our censored meteorologists periodically dig up the past, announces a heavy June storm in London, and says it was accompanied by "hailstones the size of lumps of sugar." We think this is straining memory altogether too far. — Leeds Yorkshire Post.

With drawn sword the King stood on the crimson dais, waiting to bestow the accolade of knighthood on the newly honored knight. Three of them formed a single line on his right. Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, present by constitutional usage at the creation of all new knights-bachelor, read from his list: "To receive the honor of knighthood, Mr. ..."

The days of real sport for Russian sportsmen are every day in the year, according to the Moscow despatch which circulates a bag of 2,800 Nazis falling to the ground. The hustlers include swimmers, boxers, jumpers and skiers. They are hampered by no close season and obstructive holidays. In addition to knocking off Nazis the girls have wrecked quite a parcel of railroads, Moscow tells us. Our marksman's marksmanship when high-water mark when the girls were at high tide, also, could never match that record. Kereny's much publicized Battalion of Women was ready only to its own members. But she has struck a stride that makes all our former "blonde tresses" and "hammer girls" appear very tame.

Britain and Russia will collaborate after the war for the organization of security and economic prosperity in Europe. This vital pledge is being made by the British and Russian governments in a joint declaration of intent. The Atlantic Charter is another big step towards the United Nations which all the world is committed to.

There is an increasing need for women workers in war industries in Canada. The women's division of Selective Service, who was in the city last week in connection with the draft, pointed out that the need for women workers in war plants was becoming acute. A recent survey, conducted by the selective service division, indicated that a considerable number of women in the Toronto area were in the situation in which they were unable to find work. It is considered typical of conditions elsewhere.

People are speaking of what is called a re-education of Germany and of the German people. In my opinion no nation can be changed merely through pressure from any other nation. The re-education of Germany must be a result of internal change, both political and social, economic and moral, and this can be attained only through a process of self-renewal. After this war we do not suggest that Germany should be allowed to pass through an internal revolution of the kind which would result in the kind of a Hitler and evil into which Germany has been dragged not only by Nazism but also by its whole national political education of the last sixty or seventy years since 1870 and ever since Frederick the Great. Then we shall have a third world war in another twenty years. — President Bennis.

As far as the Northern News can ascertain there is no support in critical circles to the fear expressed locally by unimpaired people that they will be asked to curtail gold production, or to curtail the employment of men in gold mines. No mine has been closed by the Canadian government. New regulations, however, require that all mines, not in production in the middle of June, must secure a permit to operate before the end of the year. It is expected that permit will not be freely given. Gold mines in production at that time are protected by the Canadian and U.S. governments. The latter have granted them preferential treatment in the matter of needed repair parts with Canada and South Africa. — Kirkland Lake Northern News.

Shortly after the Ark Royal was sunk I met one of the chief stoker petty officers, and from him heard something of the experiences down below while the ship was her death throes. He and five others volunteered to leave their "abandon ship" stations and go down "to see what they could do" as he put it, to save the ship. They went down about five o'clock in the afternoon into water blackness, relieved only by the intermittent gleam of electric torches and hand lamps. They got sizzling with a heater. They got a couple of dynamite going to work the submerged pumps, they managed to take a couple of degrees off the list of the ship from 19 degrees Wm. down back to 17. For ten hours they battled thus against the inflow of the sea into the damaged compartments. Then all at once, about 3 a.m., came a big wave that struck the ship with a further blast. The ship went for the bottom and the crew were all killed.

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THE SECOND CHURCH

Rev. William Wilson who came to the Tryon-Bedouque circuit in 1834 was a talented musician, fine linguist and a writer of some ability. He was three years on the charge and delivered what was probably the first Tryon sermon ever to be printed. This rare pamphlet had a brief notice in Charlottetown's ROYAL GAZETTE of Tuesday June 23, 1835:— "JUST PUBLISHED price is."

The first church at Tryon built in 1817 was only a little over twenty years old when it became apparent that it had outgrown its usefulness. Being so small for the increasing congregations. It was accordingly decided under the guidance of Rev. Thomas H. Davies pastor from 1837 to 1840, to build a new church. The church erected in 1829 and removed in 1880 is remembered in 1942 by only a few people scattered far and wide over the continent who lovingly refer to it as the old Chapel. This quaint old church, nearly square in shape, with barrack roof, stood on the same site as the present church with the entrance facing south.

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With typical Nazi brutality, Hitler's idea men have recently launched a scheme which will bring to fruition an old German dream. They are going to Germanize the Rhine river delta. To the dreamers of a German dominated Europe, it has always been a sore point that their sacred Rhine river had to flow through Holland to get to the sea. This was an insult. Their greatest river which symbolized their great might, should have nothing but pure German land through which to flow.

Germanizing Rotterdam

At the mouth of the Rhine sits one of Europe's great ports—Rotterdam. The Nazis in their invasion of Holland did their best to destroy Rotterdam. Now they want frantically to rebuild it. Along the Rhine, through Holland, live three million Hollanders. For them to live there is an insult to German culture. They are going to be moved, probably into eastern Poland, and their farms will be taken over by Germans. Every sign of Dutch occupation will be obliterated in the Rhine delta. Rotterdam will become a great German port, where the ships from the seas meet their fate at the Rhine.

But what becomes of the Hollanders who have inhabited the region for hundreds of years? What do the Germans care about the fate of three million Dutch? If they can't settle down and live on the poorest land in Poland, they will have to be transported to another. If the war goes on for another three or four years, they will have literally changed the face of Europe. But these transported people will not be content to stay where they have been put. They

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FRANK B. CLARKE

Warren Howatt and others. On the east the gallery pews were owned by John Clark, Sr. John Leard (Creeks) and Matthew Hood. The latter of whom took up the collection in the east side of the gallery for many years.

Through the forests wild, Over the mountains lonely, Bid them say good-morrow Honour to pursue; If the damsel smiled Once in Seven years only, All their wanderings dreary Ample querdon knew.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"We know that harder tests and greater suffering must still lie before us, but we are sure of the end." — Harold Butler, Director-General, all-Canada British Information Service in the United States.

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