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

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Victory Loan Comes First

While the Victory Loan campaign is going well, it is necessary to remember that the goal is not yet attained and that, regardless of the magnificent successes of our Allied arms in Europe, every dollar of the Loan will be urgently needed. Even a formal announcement of Germany's unconditional surrender would not change this situation; it would only accentuate the vital importance of this Eighth Victory Loan.

Huge fighting forces must be maintained and transferred to Asia to participate in our still unfinished war with Japan. That, together with the necessary munitions and supplies, will require vast sums of money, but it is by no means all. There are the provisions to be made for repatriating, rehabilitating, hospitalizing and pensioning many thousands of our returning veterans. For humanity's sake and for our own protection we must do our share in curbing plague and famine conditions throughout the world. Then again, Victory Bonds prevent inflation, provide employment, future security and post-war purchasing power—all factors to be kept constantly in mind, even in midst of general rejoicing over the defeat of Nazism.

An Appalling Object Lesson

"Germany today," comments the *New York Times*, "is proof positive and absolute of the bankruptcy of the idea of conquest. Let those who say despairingly that there must be other great wars look at Germany's opportunities as they were 10 years ago, at her investment in the effort to realize them, and at the results. This is the most horrible object-lesson in all history. The business of aggression has been the most ghastly and grotesque failure of any enterprise known to man."

Germany, the *Times* goes on to say, had a great capital wealth, magnificent technical equipment, armies of scientists, engineers and trained workers. Germany had a great culture, philosophers, musicians, artists, creative writers. Germany had also—hard as it is to believe now—the respect of her neighbors. Finally, Germany had a stalwart race — not superior to other races, but sane and healthy and courageous.

Now all is gone. Germany's capital wealth is swept away; her culture is distorted, disgraced and degraded; her honor is dead; her young men, whom she sought to build up into strong animals without pity, without conscience, and without imagination, are dead by the millions, with millions more maimed or crippled, and still more millions fugitives without shelter or food.

"Germany made her fabulous investment of all the things that men value in order to dominate Europe, in order to dominate the world. She ends ruined, humiliated, dishonored, with her territory under foreign domination. In every asset that makes for civilization she is insolvent. In every item that makes for success in war, even in the defence of her own cities, she has shown herself insolvent. She sold her soul for nothing, and worse than nothing."

And finally:

"This is the outcome of the business of conquest in the fifth decade of the twentieth century. The revulsion of the world against it is based on love of liberty, on mercy, on tenderness. But conquest is bankrupt on its own terms. It cannot succeed. It raises up a power greater, as it is more human, than itself. Can we not hope that this lesson, above all others, will be read and pondered at San Francisco?"

Marine Weed Industries

Continued expansion in the Irish moss industry is reported in the current issue of *Fisheries News Bulletin*, credit for this being given chiefly of Fisheries Research Board activities during recent years, since the war cut off European moss supplies. It is noted that the moss is harvested in Prince Edward Island and several parts of Nova Scotia and that the total quantity handled runs to a million pounds or more annually. There are other marine weeds which are making money for the Dominion, such as dulse, kelp, and a plant known scientifically as *Gracilaria* which has turned up in British Columbia waters; but much the greater part of the total marketed value return comes from the trade in Irish moss. Dulse is sold in the dried form for food purposes, though not a great deal of it is marketed—say, 50 or 60 thousand pounds a year, dried weight. High in iodine content, it is harvested mainly in Bay of Fundy areas of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Up to the present Western Nova Scotia has been the only part of Canada where kelp has been gathered commercially. Most of the landings are shipped, green, to the United States, where they are used in manufacturing some chemical compounds. Harvestings of some mixed sea weeds in Nova Scotia are used chiefly in the production of sea-weed meal.

In the course of the Budget debate in the Legislature recently, Premier Jones stated that a new and much quicker method of bleaching Irish moss had been discovered accidentally, and that consideration was being given to having the moss bleached here under the process. This is something which doubtless the Reconstruction Committee is working on; at least it is the kind of project which should be thoroughly investigated with the least possible delay, if we are to maintain the lead we have established in this new and profitable activity.

Air Car Ferry

From a publication issued by the British Aircraft Society comes the following interesting statement:

Visitors to the Isle of Wight will be able to have their cars flown across the Solent, if plans now being made by Portsmouth Aviation Ltd. come to fruition. The company proposes to acquire a fleet of Bristol Freighter transports for the new car air ferry.

The Freighter, now under development, is the aerial equivalent to the ocean tramp, or coaster. It has been designed to carry heavy and bulky loads up to five tons, at a direct operation cost, in the most favorable conditions, as low as a shilling a ton-mile. Its spacious hold will be capable of taking a loaded three-ton lorry, which will be driven straight in up a ramp.

It will therefore be capable of taking the largest limousine. The main cargo compartment has a capacity of 2,020 cu. ft., and a floor area of 214 sq. ft. (A smaller compartment for the stowage of baggage, mail or valuable freight has a capacity of 340 cu. ft.)

-EDITORIAL NOTES-

Has Hitler outlived his uselessness?

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Labor Minister Mitchell has recommended that the order freezing teachers to their jobs be rescinded Sept. 1.

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There is still a long way to go before we reach our Victory Bond objective—let us be up and doing more vigorously.

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The United States sugar ration has been cut 25 per cent and tighter rationing for some other foodstuffs are hinted as officials called on the country to share with stricken peoples of liberated Europe. The Office of War Information announces that a ration stamp good for five pounds of sugar, must last four months instead of three.

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In Quebec the Liberals will have candidates in every division—the Progressive-Conservatives will contest the majority of seats—the C. C. F. party, while announcing that it would have 50 candidates, may run only 25 to 30, and support Liberal candidates in others. Mr. Cardin's National Front intends to contest 40 seats and the Social Credit's intentions are anybody's guess.

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Thomas Hood, English humorist and poet, died this date 1845; at heart a serious writer, noted for his kindly nature, fate ordained he should be remembered more by his comic verse; he was on the staff of *London Magazine* and later published *Hood's Comic Annual*; apart from his humourous verses, his best known poem is *The Song of the Shirt*, first published in *Punch*; his life was a long struggle with ill-health and debt, death claiming him at the early age of forty-six:

To gratify ambition's whims,
What hundreds and thousands of precious limbs
On a field of battle we scatter.

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Flying cargo boats which will pick up fish at the fishing grounds and fly it to inland markets is a proposal that will be enacted in the not too distant future, Mr. Ralph H. Osborn, director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, states. This would allow the big trawlers to remain at sea for a longer period of time. The first step in the use of aircraft carrying fresh fish to inland areas took place Monday when fresh sea foods were placed aboard a Trans-Western Airlines plane leaving Boston for the west coast by way of Albany, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Kansas City. In the post-war era it is expected that big cargo stratoliners will insure a supply of fresh fish for the entire mid-western area of the United States. Mr. Osborn said the use of aviation to carry fish direct from the fishing grounds to inland markets is a naturel outgrowth of this initial use of planes.

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Sensational advancement in the years ahead is being prepared for television. Baird who pioneered with colour television has announced perfection of his method giving a colour picture with clarity equal to that now achieved in black and white. He has also perfected a method giving a stereoscopic effect—the effect of a three dimensional picture. British manufacturers of receiving sets announce prospects of a great reduction in prices, larger screens and increased clarity of definition. But all these improvements are only refinements on the initial achievement which Britain has given to the world; the scientific fact of television, its practicable application and introduction into the day to day life of the people, which is an engineering triumph, and its development as a new art form involving an entirely new production skill and technique, which is a cultural triumph.

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The Western farmers always have their hand in the Federal till these days. A total of 227,000 Prairie farmers will participate in the $8,867,004 additional payment to be made from the oats equalization fund. Trade Minister MacKinnon announced in Ottawa on the rising of the House, the additional payment and said growers' cheques will be ready for distribution early next month, well before the election. Grain statisticians estimate that around 115,000 producers in Saskatchewan will receive more than $5,000,000; 72,000 Alberta growers more than $2,300,000, and 40,000 Manitoba farmers around $1,500,000. Mr. Mackinnon said payment would be made on 151,596,325 bushels of oats marketed during the crop year ended last July 31 at the rate of 5.849 a bushel.

Notes By The Way

The practical solution of who's to vote in the world assembly, and how often, may be the one suggested by Lew Dockstader at the tim women sought the suffrage: "Sure—let 'em vote. We don't have to count 'em."—Winnipeg Tribune.

Flattery is a pretty sure means to favor with many people. But it is not an honest means, and it sometimes defeats itself; for, when the supply of flattery falls off, the flattered person is disappointed and resentful.—Catholic Record.

Even mottos are being changed by the war. Lincoln's pronouncement on government is being amended by the slogan that after the war we will have to have a world of the young, by the young and for the young. — Chatham News.

The Golden Gate is an appropriate setting for the golden dawn of a just and enduring peace. Statesmen can rear the structure that will make that possible if only they are true to their best selves and catch something of the same nobility of heart exemplified by the valiant men who have bled and died that the cause of war be ended.—Hamilton Spectator.

The tragedy in Sussex, when a 13-year-old lad lost his life in a bomb explosion, should remind all of us that there is danger in Canada as well as in the battle-scarred countries. The boy is said to have picked up a mortar bomb in the vicinity of a bombing range at Roachville. At the time of the explosion he had it in his bedroom. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The wise course would be to proclaim the postwar needs of the R.A.F. in manpower and machine just as soon as they can be calculated. Similarly, there has got to be an end of secret deals and hole-and-corner bargaining about commercial aviation. In the past five years the defects of prewar policy in the military field have been exposed and magnificently repaired. That the same defects have not proved fatal in air transport is due almost entirely to the fact that American aid was at hand when first required, and has been given without stint. Too little has been said even at this date about the arrangements in hand or in prospect for the poduction of transport here.—Glasgow Herald.

Oranges from Florida may reach northern markets a month or two earlier than they now do, with a new variety on which U. S. plant patent 657 has been issued, Science Service reports. The new variety originated as a bud spore in the top of a tree of one of the standard orange types, in the grove of the late Harold E. Cornell of Winter Haven. He propagated it by grafting, and since his death his widow, Mrs. Thelma Cornell, has carried on the work. The one thing that distinguishes the tree in appearance is a tendency to thorniness the fruits, medium to large, look and taste like other high-quality oranges. But they have the advantage of ripening from five to eight weeks earlier than any other known Florida orange variety.

Looking around at returning men who had come home from places so wide apart, I thought of what took place in Paris on the evening of Thursday, August 24. An immense crowd was waiting outside the Hotel de Ville. Suddenly there rolled through the dusk three tanks decorated with Allied flags. A soldier got out of the first one. He put both feet firmly on the ground, managed to say that he was a Frenchman, and burst into tears. His name was Captain Dronnie and it had taken him 48 months to fight his way home, through Mersa Matruh, Hobruk, Bengasi, Bir Hacheim, the Chad, Toulon and Cherbourg.—By a War Correspondent.

British automobile manufacturers are experimenting with equipment which will enable automobile drivers to "see" in fog and know whether traffic lights are against them long before they are reached. Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of the industry's public relations committee, has been talking about the automobile of the future, the Brandon Sun reports. "Safe driving even when it is impossible to see the road is indeed a possibility," he said. "Curb beacons, operating in conjunction with receiving sets on dashboards,, will guide drivers in fog." This would mean that motorists would be employing the blind landing technique used to bring planes onto an airfield in the dark.

The increasing ecclesiastical flavor of the London theatre is astonishing. One play has seven parsonic characters in it of various types and ranks, including a cardinal and a bishop. Some of these wore their vestments before a crucifix and candlesticks in a scene which was full of snappy comedy. The censer was in full swing. There are five parsons in "See How They Run", the successful farce at the Comedy, one of whom spends most of the play in his underclothes. There is a bishop in the Drayton-Hare farce at the Garrick. "The Quaker Girl," at the Stoll, is of course, all about Quakers. Mr. Bernard Shaw's "The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles", at the Arts, has not only a parson, but a winged angel.—London Daily Mail.

It is permissible now to couple with the toast of The Ladies a suggestion for easing their lot. It arises out of the Prime Minister's promise that after the defeat of Germany there will be here a measured release of man-power. The Sunday Dispatch suggests that, first of all, the employment of female labour in this country should be put upon a voluntary basis. We shall go forward, in the war against Japan, side by side with the forces of the United States, and the concession to our womenfolk would be hailed with national gallantry by our Allies. When we emerge from the first frantic phase of the world war to the second phase it would be a generous and well-merited gesture if we said to the women of Britain: "Ladies, you have done an historic job. The nation owes you a debt of gratitude. Thanks to our own strength and that of our Allies we need no longer call on you except as volunteers. But the example of devotion and effort which you set will persist through the rest of this war—and afterwards. Ladies, stand down!"—London Sunday Dispatch.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

PROHIBITION, ETC.

Sir,—May I have a few lines to answer a letter printed in your paper on 17th April, 1945, by "Another Teetotaler."

He has no right to dictate or even advocate prohibition of liquor or anything else in Prince Edward Island. Taking a drink is a person's own freedom, take it or leave it. Hitler was a teetotaler too and what a mess he's made things.

I and everybody else must admit that there are some people who abuse their own freedom while abusing liquor and cause a lot of trouble but that is no reason why liquor should be prohibited to everyone. That person who abused his personal freedom should be dealt with, not everyone in Prince Edward Island.

Many people abuse their freedom in many ways in the world but in all English speaking countries that freedom is not prohibited on account of a few who were abusive.

Take the automobile, many people abuse this article by dangerous driving and excessive high speed but do we prohibit it from the roads or should we prohibit it because of a few who do abuse it. And a lot of those abusive ones do not drink while driving, some not at all.

Many people have parties, dances, etc., and no liquor at them either, but they insist on making plenty of noise and a general nuisance of themselves just as some drunks do. But we do not prohibit them or contemplate prohibiting them.

We have another class of people who like some drinkers insist on abusing something to such an extent that it leaves their families in want. Some go to shows every night of the week, some just to bingo. Some people buy stylish clothes they can't afford, some buy a car and gasoline which they can't afford and numerous other things. But we do not prohibit them nor has anyone advanced the idea so that we can help protect these poor souls from themselves.

There is very little in this world that is not abused in some manner or means by some weak-willed people. What a horrible place to live in if we prohibited everything, so that no one could abuse these things!

Prohibition advocates say "But liquor is not needed to sustain mind and body." Do we need shows, dances, cars, stylish clothes, etc., to sustain life? I think not. Our forefathers didn't, and they used alcoholic beverages too.

Some prohibition lads say "Look at the terrible cost of liquor in Canada, $327,000,000" in 1944. Picture shows and cars cost much more every year.

I have spent four years in the armed forces and have met many thousands of men in that time. I'm sad to say that those who did not drink could be counted on my fingers, and not one prohibition advocate among them. Maybe Another Teetotaler could explain why so few of his kind, which are supposed to be a big percentage of the population, has not taken up the fight for freedom. Or maybe it's safer and more profitable to stay at home and tell the others how it should be done or what to do to protect our men when they get back so they will not be drunkards. But the men have nothing to say about themselves!

In the city of Charlottetown with 16,000 people, more drunks can be seen in one day than in Montreal, a city of over 1,000,000 people, in a week. So Heaven help P. E. I. if ever government Control gets there! I expect the 16,000 will be drunk until the liquor runs out.

Prince Edward Island has sent many men and women out into the world of whom she can be proud. But very few of them are prohibition advocates. How many have they in P. E. I. that they can be proud of? These are the important ones as far as P. E. I. is concerned.

P. E. I. is far behind the rest of the Dominion of Canada in some things. Take the wages down there, they are a disgrace.

The Good Book says "Be temperate in all things", but it does not say in any part of it "Thou shalt not drink alcoholic beverages" nor does it say that those who do not drink shall band together and prohibit alcohol to protect those who are weak and abuse alcohol.

I am, Sir, etc.,

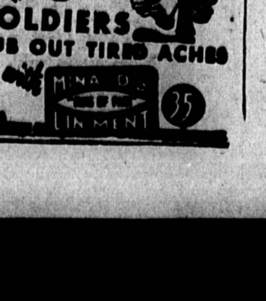
A YOUNG VETERAN.

Toronto, April 28.

GLASS LIKE SILK

Three big new factories have been started in Scotland for manufacturing textile goods and insulated materials from glass. The experimental stage is now past, and manufacturers are now endeavoring to cope with a demand far exceeding the supply. In the first factory the basic glass is produced, and this is transferred to the other two for the conversion into silk-like threads, woven into insulating tapes and cloth. The technical staffs of these factories have all been trained in Scotland, and the processes involved have not been used in any other part of Britain.

In the United States; during some years, as many as 20,000 persons commit suicide; during the current war years the total is less, but still is about 13,000 a year.



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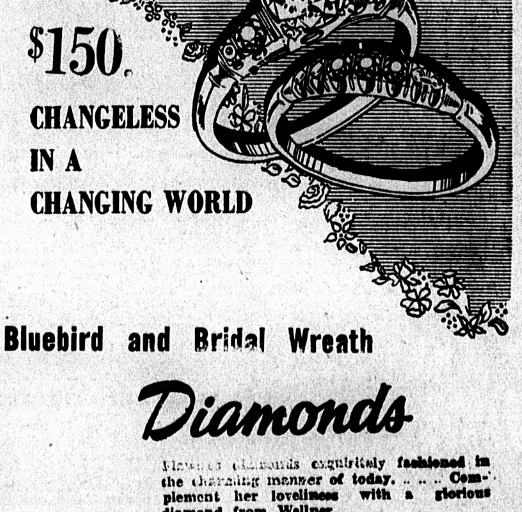

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The Poets' Corner

IMMORTALITY

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For we can no more than smoke
  unto the flame return
If our thought has changed to
  dream, our will unto desire,
As smoke we vanish though the
  fire may burn.

Lights of infinite pity star the grey
  dusk of our days:
Surely, here is soul: with it we
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A. E.

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