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

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Under Hitler's New Order

An Inter-Allied Information Committee has been investigating life under Nazi tyranny in the countries Hitler has conquered.

Greece: During November 450 persons starved to death daily in the Athens area. People are trying to exist on only 250 calories a day instead of the needed 2,400.

Belgium: More than half the children go to school with little or no breakfast; cats and dogs fetch fancy prices; the "official rations" show that a German in Belgium gets 80 ounces of bread as against 50 for a Belgian.

Czecho-Slovakia: Heavy workers are given extra rations to keep the German machine going, but others are neglected, with Czech children getting nine ounces of apples a week and Jewish children getting none at all.

France: Germans, armed with paper money supplied them by the Vichy Government as payment for the upkeep of the army of occupation, buy up all the live stock, butter, cheese, fruits and vegetables.

Norway: There is abundance of food for the German soldiers in occupation, but little for Norwegians.

Poland: Poles and Jews are dying of starvation. Of the needed 2,400 calories a day Poles get only 680, Jews only 400.

Yugoslavia: "Inflation in its worst form" soars in Yugoslavia, with occupation marks worthless to Serb farmers, and the Germans forcing requisition of all they can get their hands on.

This is the realization of Hitler's "new order"; a tale of famine, pestilence and death. Nothing in all the world's story has equalled or approached it in sheer wrath and horror.

Toronto Press Opinion

The Globe and Mail takes note editorially of the fact that tobacco prices in this Province have gone clear through the federal price ceiling as a result of the Campbell Government's 10 per cent tax.

"If a Provincial Government can raise revenue by levying taxes in this way, it is to be feared one object of the control system at least will be defeated. It is hoped to restrict expenditures in order to divert money to war purposes.

Whether with equanimity or not, Ottawa in this instance has yielded, ruling that the price ceiling "does not apply to such provincial taxes." There should be an explanation of this ruling which is not yet forthcoming.

Valuable Reference Work

One of the most useful of Government publications is the official handbook "Canada," reviewing present conditions and recent progress in all departments.

taken and the governmental organizations that have been created and their principal activities. It also reviews Canada's economic condition at the close of 1941. This section is followed by a special article dealing with Canada's tourist attractions, and an economic survey covering seven chapters dealing with population, production, trade, manufactures, transportation, labor, finance, education, etc.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Your war will cost you more, unless you buy Victory Bonds now.

The Maritime Central Air Service is proving ever present help in the time of emergency.

Summerside is at one with Charlottetown in demanding immediate improvement in our Car Ferry Service.

Tomorrow we have good reason to give thanks in our churches for the response so far to the Victory Bond Campaign.

At the outset of the War, Mr. Churchill announced that it would be decided on the Atlantic. That prediction still holds.

Mr. J. Starr Tait, M. L. A., Saint John, N. B.: "I am very doubtful in a province with a revenue of \$11,000,000 that 20 per cent of it should come from the sale of liquor."

Should anyone suggest to you that because, in their opinion, the Government is bungling or has bungled its members should themselves go and fight the Huns and Japs, be sure that though the voice may be that of an acquaintance, the inspiration is that of Hitler, and should you repeat it that you are wittingly, or unwittingly, a Fifth Columnist.

The expected is happening with regard to extra war services which comprise the religious and philanthropic endeavours of churches and benevolent institutions. There is nothing so cold and uninspiring as State Charity, and Summerside is the first, but certainly will not be the last, to experience it.

It is reported that not only German made planes, but some German manned ones as well are being used by the Japs in the East Indies. An American correspondent in Manila who spent some time in Europe since the outbreak of the war cables: "I noticed the same double hum and drone in the motors of the Japanese planes as can be heard in German aircraft in Europe and the Middle East."

Island farmers are falling down dreadfully on bacon and egg production. Why this thudness? Now is the time to develop markets if ever there was one. We could export 10 times the quantity and number we are now doing; as a matter of fact, we are producing little more than enough to supply the local market.

The Royal Astronomical Society was incorporated this date 1831, but the Royal Observatory itself was founded by Charles II in 1675, the building at Greenwich, designed by Moore & Wren, being opened so far back as 1676; Greenwich sets the time for the world; the Astronomer Royal is Mr. H. Spencer Jones, M. A. Sc. D., F. R. S.; the Royal Observatory for Scotland is situated at Blackford Hill, the Astronomer Royal for Scotland being Mr. W. M. H. Greaves, M. A., F. R. A. S. Professor of Astronomy in the University of Edinburgh.

The following figures represent the number of men enlisted per 1,000 population (1941 census): Maritime Provinces 45, Quebec 19, Ontario 19, Prairie Provinces 39, British Columbia 41.

In addition to a large output of small arms, artillery, and various types of ammunition, India is now producing a great number of military trucks and armoured cars. Most of the chassis for these vehicles have been imported from Canada and the United States. Considerable progress has been made in developing an industry for the assembly and repair of aircraft.

One of the outstanding visitors to the city on Monday will be Miss Winnifred Kydd, C. B. E., M. A. probably the leading authority on girl work in Canada. The only public meeting she will address is one in the Hertz Memorial Hall on Tuesday afternoon. It would have been in the evening, only the blackout made that impracticable.

NOTES BY THE WAY

After the war it will mean something to have been a Hollander. — London Free Press.

A censor opened a letter from one end of this country to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hanson. The latter did not like that, and he complained to the Commons. There, his complaint received an unexpected answer. Mr. King said that his own mail had been opened, which shows the degree of discernment of at least one of the gentlemen of the postal censorship service.

She came into stationery store Ottawa where I was making a purchase — a fur-coated, bright-eyed, rosy-faced young Canadian woman. There was excitement in the sparkle of those eyes. I want some of those little silver bells and ornaments, you know, she told the clerk. "It's for a wedding cake, and I want it to be extra-extra."

Oh, well. Just give me a bit of colored paper then, won't you? I'll make my own decorations. After all, there is so much more ahead of us, now. — She put it there, in a neat nutshell: "So much more ahead of us, now."

For some months, particularly since the German attack on Russia there has been a movement in Canada to liberate the Communist Party and to declare the Communist Party in Canada legal. The Minister of Justice has said that there was no reason to accede to these requests because, though Soviet Russia is our ally, it is none the less true that Canadian Communists continue to carry on a vicious propaganda campaign through the three divisions of our armed forces, the Navy, the Air Force and the Army.

The Bank of France estimates that costs of the German armies of occupation in France, from the armistice in June, 1940, to Dec. 31, 1941, amounted to 210,000,000,000 francs — about \$5,000,000,000 in real money. Add to that cash levy that the Nazis have taken out of France in the name of material, food and labor, to determine the price the French people are paying for their defeat.

Our United States ally has registered about 27,000,000 men between the ages of 20 and 45 for service in its fighting forces. Before this year is out it is expected about 4,000,000 of these will be in the army and navy. It is believed at Washington that before the Axis can be defeated the United States may have to raise an army of 10,000,000 men. Most of the remainder of those registered will become members of the vast arms and munitions effort, as much part of the country's total war program as the man in uniform.

George A.C., a few years ago one of the best of American humorists, known to millions of newspaper readers, has just passed his 70th birthday. His "Hickety humorist," author of "Fables in Slings" may be a bit "dated" to the younger generation but he still possesses the faculty of summing up a problem in fewer words than most of the present-day commentators. On his birthday he accorded an interview to newspapermen in which he said: "The old bean is still working. I can read all I want and get around as much as I like." Asked what was the cause of this war he replied: "Decent people can't be let down and let those roughnecks walk on them." We haven't seen it expressed any better. — London Free Press.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

WEED CONTROL

Sir:—The Provincial Department of Agriculture, realizing the dire need of weed control, have in the past collected seed samples out of seeders, had them inspected and found them to be full of noxious weeds. De would strongly urge farmers in preparing and sowing to take particular care and have their seed cleaned. There are places you can have seed cleaned for a mere trifle and it is fully worthwhile to have this done, so that you will know you are not sowing weeds.

I might say to every farmer that if you have a doubt as to germination of the seed, test it before it is sown. You can do so quite easily by taking a couple of piles of blotting paper, dampen same and put a certain number of seeds between the piles, lay this on a plate and put another plate upside down over it. If seed is good, it will sprout in four days. Another way is to take a small amount of soil, dampen it and again put a certain number of seeds on top. You need not mix it with the soil. Having put this on a plate, take another plate and turn over it. Do not use a glass plate. By this device your grain should germinate in three or four days.

Do not hesitate to ask the Department for any information that you would like to receive. The information is at your disposal and we are always anxious to accommodate farmers, etc.

I am, Sir, etc. W. H. DENNIS, Minister of Agriculture.

THE LATE MR. BIRCH

Sir:—I shall always appreciate the fine opinion of kind sentiment appearing in the columns of the P. E. Island papers following the death of my very dear brother James. In the summing up of the great career of Mr. Birch, in his life only one error appeared. In his life record of his entire life no time when he worked in the shipyard of one James Yeo. In his early boyhood he entered a store owned and operated by one James Yeo which concerned served in the capacity of a supply centre for the shipyard men with whom this young James Birch was in contact by business errands, messages, etc., and in his youthful alertness from those fine matured stalwart men he picked many a laurel. James Birch was the great grandson of the Mr. Ellis who came out from England in his own vessel in the very early years of the 18th century and the exact and original founder of the shipbuilding industry in the Lot 12 District of Prince County in those early years. So well described by the Rev. J. C. Birch, now of England, in his letter to the Halifax Herald of July 3, 1937. Much more could be said on the matter but briefly speaking many families found their heritage of Ellis in the powerful anchor of the Ellis ships. I am, Sir, etc. D. A. LOUISE BIRCH, 481 Washington St., Dorchester, Mass. Feb. 28, 1942.

LIQUOR PROFITS OR LOSSES

Sir:—Recently in the wake of unsuccessful attempts to cut down Canada's \$20,000,000 liquor bill, several provinces have given wide publicity to sales reports of their liquor commissions. These reports reveal greatly increased sales in the last year, and contain figures of profits received by the provincial governments concerned, and of customs duties accruing to the Dominion Government.

Are these profits a free gift? Have they been conjured up from nothing like rabbits from a magician's hat? Let nobody be deceived. These "profits" come out of the people's pockets. These profits are really a tax imposed on the customer at the bar. The customer provides the profit as in any other business.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"From the start of this new year let us take the firm resolution not to let ourselves be dragged down or dominated by defeatism."

William Morin, member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly.

Quebec and elsewhere. At the end of the year the province has more wrecked homes, more crime, more insanity, and is poorer to the amount of its liquor purchases. To quote Premier Campbell: "For every dollar of revenue which the government derives from this source, probably two dollars are sent outside the province and no corresponding value is secured by the people."

We are, Sir, etc. THE PRESS COMMITTEE P.E.I. Temperance Federation.

FISH AND GAME MEETING

Sir: Your attention is drawn to the entertainment in this issue re "Important Meeting of Fish and Game" enthusiasts in the Odeon-Halls Hall next Wednesday. When the anglers and gunners' license was put on last year it was promised that a full meeting would be held once a year and a report of the work and collections given. Owing to the uncertainty of results in the early part of last summer and as we were unable to get a biological man, it was decided not to start spending last year. Now the situation has changed. The response now assures starting work money to do our best with. This summer and a man from the Fish Culture Department will be here previous to this meeting who will talk matters over with the executives and a program will be tentatively arranged.

This license fee was paid only by the towns and cities of the Island. The whole of this money will be spent on the ponds and streams of the country. Although the fund is not anything like that received in other provinces it will be indeed a good start and will put our angling and gunning on a more independent basis. The dollar collected in this way is not really fair because all sportsmen on the Island do not pay it, but surely it is worth a dollar bill from everybody to help build up one of our greatest outdoor recreations. Moreover the governments of today are busy looking after tremendous things, and really would it not be better for us if we got independent and paid our own way? The money collected so far is ours, for the sportsmen of the Island spend as they see fit. The Agriculture Department's work has been greatly increased on account of this and some day we will have our own paid official and biological man combined to help in this work. This year there has been no extra expense and the fund is intact. It means a lot of work and I know all will be pleased at the results. Later I am quite sure when this work is started, and as we need more money, that all gunners from outside the cities will want to take part in this work. I may say I have had requests personally from gunners and anglers in the country who

ISLES OF BEAUTY AND PRAISE

There is a full moon again tonight, And under it sings the sea; But my sweet love will not walk tonight. In the white moonlight with me. Shall I hate the moon, shall I hate the sea; For the evil of men and their frailty? Often we strolled beside the sea, And gallantly he held me; The glittering cloak the moon let fall. "A kiss, pretty lady, then away to the Ball!" He loved this earth, the moon and sea; Sweet Love, your death shall be our surety. That other lovers, laughing free, Shall walk beside a peaceful sea— Spread your spangled cape, lovely Moon, for my dear one's head; Sing him to sleep, O Sea, in my stead. —Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank.



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state they would like to help in the other hand if we had plenty of work in taking out sportsmen's per-money of our own the government mis. After all a dollar is a dollar of the day would be more eager to but don't you spend dollars for help. Let's get on our own feet things less beneficial? I like to be come to our meeting on Wednesday independent and would it not be day and get behind the work. I great! If we had enough of our own has always been a tough fight to money to do our best with, instead get things, but we have enough faith of getting on our knees bothering in our sportsmen to put this over governments asking for things they I am, Sir, etc. W. A. GAUDET

Tax on Consumers of Tobacco

The Health Tax Act, 1941

Effective as on and after the first day of March, 1942, a tax of ten percent on all tobacco, with the exception of chewing tobacco, will be payable by all persons consuming or purchasing the same.

The Act requires that all vendors of tobacco, in any form must be in possession of a License authorizing them to sell tobacco and the tax of ten percent on the value of all tobacco sold must be collected by them at time of each retail sale.

Section 3 (Sub-section 3) of the Statute provides that "No wholesale vendor shall sell any tobacco in the Province for resale in the Province to a person who is not a vendor duly licensed under this Part."

Receipts for delivery to purchasers, showing amount of tax paid, will be supplied to Retail Vendors.

The minimum tax is 1c. In arriving at the tax, figure to the nearest half-cent; one-half or anything over the one-half cent is considered as a cent. Anything less is to be omitted.

As an example:—On a 12c purchase, ten percent is 1-2, or one and one-fifth cents. As the fraction is less than one-half, the fraction is omitted and the tax becomes 1c.

On a 25c purchase, ten percent is 2-5 or 2 1-2c which calls for 3c to be paid.

Application forms for Wholesale and Retail Vendors Licenses, with any further information required, may be obtained from a call on Mr. F. J. E. Wright, Court House Building, Summerside, or by communicating with the Supervisor of Taxation, Provincial Building, Charlottetown.

ALL VENDORS OF TOBACCO ARE URGED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE WITHOUT DELAY. NO FEE IS CHARGED FOR LICENSE.

C. J. STEWART, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TAX

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 24, 1942.

CIVIC TAX APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal has appointed Friday, March 13th at 9.30 A. M. in the City Court Room in the City Building as the time and place for hearing all appeals from Civic valuations and assessments. Dated February 28th, 1942.

CITY CLERK, City of Charlottetown.

Hickey's Twist advertisement featuring a man in a hat and the text: "When old friends meet they usually produce their favorite Tobacco. In P. E. I. this is very often Hickey's Twist" and "Hickey's Black Twist 10c Per Fig MANUFACTURED BY HICKEY AND NICHOLSON TOBACCO CO., LTD., CHARLOTTETOWN."