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

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Summerside To The Front

Summerside Board of Trade and Town Council are live wires, working together in the common interest of the town, leaving no stone unturned to attain their objective.

Summerside's present determination is to make a new car ferry an accomplished fact as soon as possible, and at their last meeting the Board of Trade indicated how they are going to go about it.

It must be borne in mind what Summerside goes after usually becomes an accomplished fact. Recent happenings refer to mind were the construction of the Charlottetown-Borden highway.

Nothing succeeds like success, and should the Hon. Horace Wright attain the Premiership, it would not be long before the enterprising Summerside citizens insisted upon both the Law Courts and Legislature making their headquarters there.

It is determination and public spirit accomplishes these things, and the lack of them that is responsible for their loss.

Mixed Farming In The West

A most satisfying picture of the new West was given to members of the House of Commons the other day by Mr. Gordon Ross, a farmer member from Moose Jaw, who says that an agricultural revolution is spreading across the western prairies that is destined to alter the farm economy of the whole Dominion.

He himself would not have anything to do with hogs a few years ago, but in response to the Government's appeals for more hogs, he had 320 on his farm last year, and this year he hopes to have 500.

Alberta Bonds

It was in 1936 that the Aberhart Government threw overboard the pledged word of the province of Alberta and cut in two the interest rate on its outstanding debentures.

Alberta, notes an exchange, is beginning to find out just what that step meant. Recently the Legislature set up a special committee to look into the financial affairs of the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board and its six members—four of them Social Credit—reported that the board's funds had suffered a loss of \$420,000, at \$70,000 a year for six years, through the reduction of the interest rate on provincial bonds it holds as an investment out of which pensions are paid.

commented that the Compensation Board should be reimbursed from the provincial treasury for this \$420,000.

A somewhat similar case is reported by the Lethbridge Herald. Employees of the Alberta Government Telephone System have a super-annuation fund of which more than one-half, or about \$800,000 is in Alberta bonds.

And the Edmonton Journal reminds Mr. Aberhart that if this defaulted interest is paid over by the Government to the Compensation Board, as the committee recommends, "all other holders of Alberta bonds, in default as to interest and in many cases as to principal too, will be entitled to similar favorable treatment."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Provincial Legislature begins annual session today.

Should the German fleet attempt to cross the Atlantic the Japanese fleet would make a similar attempt in the Pacific, their common enemy primarily being Lend-Lease U.S.A.

There was not a single chicken on sale in the market Friday. Farmers will have to breed and rear more if the demand is to be supplied. In Quebec officials of the Department of Agriculture report that 5,000,000 chickens will have to be hatched in that province this year "to meet the objective on the war-effort program."

Prime Minister King, though himself on the "water wagon" is not averse to Red Cross and other campaigns benefitting from the funds of distillers and brewers. A new order-in-council has been passed permitting distilling and brewing firms and wineries to advertise their financial statements, reports of their annual meetings and such matter; also to place contributory advertising in the opinion of the Minister such advertising is in the public interest as advertising for Red Cross or other campaigns.

There is more than one way of raising the cost of living. For instance, Finance Minister Ilsley told the House of Commons at Ottawa that restaurants have been permitted by the Prices Board to charge five cents extra for beverages served with meals because many small caterers were having a difficult time to get along under the price ceiling.

In connection with the Premier's successor there have been developments over the weekend. Hon. Horace Wright, who, seconded by Senator MacIntyre, proposed Mr. Otto Campbell is now mentioned prominently as a likely candidate; while many, taken by surprise on first hearing of Mr. Otto Campbell's nomination, now are thinking he would fill the bill admirably.

Mr. C. F. Bailey, Fredericton, president of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, was in Saint John Friday much elated over beef cattle improvement in these provinces by the sea and enthused over a second annual show and sale of beef cattle to be held in Moncton on March 31.

The very Rev. John Harkness Dixon, rector of Christ Church Cathedral and Dean of Montreal has been elected Bishop of Montreal in succession to Bishop Carlisle, recently deceased. The Bishop is a comparative new-comer to the diocese. He was unanimously chosen by the vestry of Christ Church Cathedral to succeed the late Bishop Carlisle, when the latter was elected Bishop of Montreal in 1939, and by the unanimous vote of the Synod at the close of last week's session he was unanimously chosen to succeed Bishop Carlisle as the leader of the Diocese. It is in itself a distinction to have been twice chosen to succeed so eminent and beloved a predecessor.

Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, died this date 1803; his name will ever be associated with inland ship canals, he being the pioneer of such navigation; largely at his own expense, and with support from personal friends, he made canals from Worsley to Manchester, opened 1761, and from the latter city to Liverpool, thus giving the inland city of Manchester an ocean port, the first enterprise of the kind in England, though preceded by the Firth and Clyde Canal in Scotland, begun in 1787 and concluded in 1791 at a cost of £330,000; the Bridgewater Canal now belong to the Manchester Ship Canal Co., and were not completed till 1894 at a cost of £13 1-2 millions. Queen Victoria performing the opening ceremony.

Notes By The Way

There might be fewer delinquent juveniles if their names were less delinquent.—Branford Expositor.

Members of Parliament have been fined by the Ottawa Housing Registrar not bringing their names less delinquent.—Kingston Whig Standard.

"Modern Doctors Little More Than Plumbers, California Educator Charges." Still, you must admit that after they have you nicely stretched out and the some of operations chalked out they seldom grab their hats and hurry home for the tools.—Windsor Star.

In view of the fact that the manufacture of molasses has been halted in several of the West Coast Islands for the duration and in view, as well, of the shipping situation there does not seem to be much possibility of molasses to be much plentiful supply in this country for considerable period of time.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

And now coal unofficially is being rationed to a ton at a time for those who really need it. Conditions are such that, twenty-five years ago coal was so scarce in the Ottawa area that schools were closed in small centers and church services often were held in the city of Ottawa and in a civic wood yard.—Ottawa Journal.

The National Association of Master Plumbers fears that, after the war, a lot of plumbing material from training camps and other war buildings will be dumped on the market. It is necessary, therefore, to make farmers at a salvage valuation? Only two or three percent. There are farm homes so far have been able to afford bathrooms.—Lethbridge Herald.

Plastic is taking the place of brass in the standard U. S. Army bugle, to save two points in per instrument. The conventional olive drab color is inherent in the plastic; coloring or painting is not needed to preserve the new bugle weighs only ten ounces. It has the required rigidity and dimensions. It will not fracture or chip or dent under the most terrific as well as arctic climates.

We must remember that, as Stalin has declared, the Nazi war machine has been doing in recent months, and there is all the reason in the world to take to heart Stalin's warning voiced by Premier Chamberlain that the Nazi "complacency" at this time is senseless.—Providence Journal.

Abe Katz of New York City is a trumpeter by trade and a man for all trumpeters to envy, for every week he receives \$123.75 for exactly two weeks' work, as reported in the Kansas City Star. Abe is one of the backstage sound effects in the hit play "The Doughgirls." Just before the end of the play, a trumpet is heard from the wings.

A remarkable scramble for second-hand household goods, now obtaining twice pre-war prices, is going on at the Rosemont Auction Rooms, 1250 St. Patrick's, where all sorts of household goods and all sorts of household goods and all sorts of household goods.

On behalf of the Committee of Evangelism and Social Service, I am, Sir, etc. WARD H. MACLEAN Tryon, P.E.I.

OFFICIAL COMPLACENCY

Since the wrecking and sinking of the S. S. Charlottetown, it has been a relief to the Province to face the whole truth about the disaster. It is not only the general incompetence which should be considered, but also the loss of a ship containing over three million dollars, but the loss to exporters, importers, farmers and fishermen who have built up a prosperous trade over a long period of years, only to find that all this is threatened by inadequate transportation.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MISUSE OF GAS ALLOWANCES

Sir—There probably is good reason why some Charlottetown executives should receive special allowances of gasoline because of necessity in the conduct of their business. In winter time such needs considering our short distances cannot be great. But surely it could never have been intended that the wives of such executives should use such special gas allowances for their private beauty shops, to the pictures and to their private parties, nor for the children of such executives to use such special allowances for their private parties.

THE CARDINAL AND ABSTINENCE

Sir—In recent weeks you have published many letters in your "Public Forum" dealing with the Temperance Issue in this Province. At the last meeting of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery of the United Church in Canada, as convened by the Committee on Evangelism and Social Service I was requested to write the Provincial paper, if necessary, therefore, by His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve of Quebec dealing with the Temperance Issue. Since then you have published much of that speech in the Women's Christian Temperance Union notes in the February twentieth issue of your paper. It is necessary, therefore, for me merely to emphasize parts of the speech.

All of us recognize, I am sure, the difficulty of enforcing the Prohibition Law in this Province. Brewing interests would have us believe that drinking of alcoholic beverages in moderation is the Christian ideal of temperance; that the members of His Majesty's Forces require strong drink to make them efficient soldiers, sailors or airmen; and that our munition workers must have their beer if they are to remain loyal to King and Country. And, apparently, too many of our citizens agree with such sentiments thus making our task a most difficult one.

But one cannot help but feel that the use of alcohol in the army is a form of treason to one's country. Nor can we believe that the Cardinal would support the view that our industrial workers—not to mention our agricultural workers—must be doped with beer and wine to keep them at their tasks. For we find him saying, "Alcoholism is the enemy of our democracy. It is the work in the spirit of an apostle, a good Samaritan who does not pass by on the other side, but makes himself a part of the suffering, and he can control this evil. Participation in the fight against evil because you are Christians and political children of the same Father of many hideous sins. The only safe way of guarding against the abuse brought about by excessive drinking is total abstinence."

THE ROOTS CORNER

Oh yesterday the cutting edge drank the churchly and deep. The upland and downland in and herded us as sheep. They drove us from the stricken field and bayed us into keep. But tomorrow, By the living God, we'll try the game again!

Oh yesterday our little troop was broken through and through. Our swaying, tattered pennons fled, a broken, beaten few. And all a summer afternoon they floundered us and slew. But tomorrow, By the living God, we'll try the game again!

And here upon the turret-top the battle fire glowers red. The wake-lights burn and drip about our hacked, disfigured dead. And many a broken heart is here and many a broken head. But tomorrow, By the living God, we'll try the game again. —John Macfeld.

BIG OFFICERS' CLUB LONDONDRERY, Ireland (CP) —The British government has opened in this headquarters of the U. S. Navy in Britain a \$100,000 club-house for all United Nations officers.

How Are Your Eyes?

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Winter, what other Province would so patiently stand for this kind of service even on its branch lines to say nothing of its main line? The excuse offered by officials—does that new ship cannot be built in war time isn't good enough? During the last war the present car ferry was built, sent across the ocean, and delivered in Charlottetown by my father, the late Capt. J.J. Murchison. That was in 1915 when the war was going bad for the Allies.

This complacency on the part of officials has been evident from the very beginning of this car ferry mess. There are numbers of people who are convinced that there never would have been any inquiry as to the reason for the loss of this ship, only for the demands of the public in the press, at the time. This resulted in an independent Board of Inquiry whose finding was that the ship's Master was responsible for the loss of the Charlottetown. And now this man has been awarded a handsome pension by a grateful government.

The late Capt. Brown after the Earl Grey went ashore during his command was denied a pension after many years of good service. But the good ship Earl Grey was not lost, and saw years of good service under my father's command. Captain Murchison never had an accident with any of his ships under his command, and yet through dirty politics, and after long years of good and faithful service was denied a pension against him he was dismissed without a moment's notice in his old age, and was denied a pension. Have we arrived at the unfortunate position where justice is gagged according to pull, and inquiry can be handed out with impunity?

This letter is no part of any feud, unless it can be said that a broom has been feuded with dirt; but one can't help wondering if this is the sort of thing we are fighting and being taxed for. Platitudes of democracy are not an adequate demonstration of their attitude. If the same energy and forethought as exhibited in looking after the Charlottetown were used by the transportation problems of the Province, perhaps we would get a new car ferry even in war time. I am, Sir, etc. A. J. G. MURCHISON, New York City, March 3, 1943.

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