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'The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.'
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Living Well

Canadians have no reason to complain of food shortages, or to grouse about the effect of the rationing system, according to a statement from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showing the amount of food consumed in this country last year.

Before the war, we were using less than 55 pounds of milk and milk products per person per year, but in 1943 we used almost 65 pounds. Similarly, the consumption of meat has risen from 120 pounds per capita per year, to 134 pounds.

Much greater is the increase in the number of eggs in the Canadian diet—from 30 pounds per person per year in the years 1935 to 1939, to almost 38 pounds in 1943.

The per capita consumption of butter in 1942 was 33 pounds, well above that before the war, and the 29.6 pound average for 1943 was almost up to the pre-war level.

We actually used more coffee per capita last year than before 1939; and there was a lower rate of consumption only in canned fruits, down nearly 50 per cent, and sugar, down from 91 pounds pre-war to 72 pounds last year. The latter is surprisingly good, considering what has happened to the sources of sugar supply, and the wartime difficulties of transportation.

Some increase in food consumption was to be expected with everyone working full time, and with the payroll of the country higher than ever in its history. But can Canadians think of the contrast between the appearance of their tables and of those of the people of Britain and occupied Europe, without a desire to share more liberally with those in need?

Col. Ralston's Absence

There are several aspects of the issue of General McNaughton's retirement which perplex the public, not to mention the officers and troops of the army overseas. But nothing could be more suggestive of their nature or their origin, says the Globe and Mail, than the official snub given Defense Minister Ralston during the General's visit to Ottawa.

Col. Ralston is the responsible Minister. He is in every sense Gen. McNaughton's superior in the army organization. He is the army's spokesman in the Government. It was he who dealt with the problems as they arose overseas. He visited the general in his English headquarters but a short time before his resignation was announced. And it was he who acted as spokesman for Gen. McNaughton when the question of the General's differences with Gen. Montgomery were raised.

Under the circumstances, is it not passing strange that the general should report to the Prime Minister? Undoubtedly he reported at Mr. King's request. But it is not custom, and certainly it is not courtesy, that the senior and responsible official should be ignored by such a conference. The public can only guess at the full nature of that four-hour meeting, but it does seem unreasonable that it should be held without Col. Ralston being present at any time. Such procedure can scarcely restore the people's confidence in the Minister.

Mr. Bracken's Position

It almost looks as though the parties to which he does not belong are more worried about John Bracken's continued absence from his rightful place in the House of Commons than the party to which he does belong. Both Prime Minister King and Mr. Coldwell twitted the Progressive Conservative anomalous position of their leader—that of being leader without a seat in the House. The Ottawa Citizen says the position of Mr. Bracken has been the subject of much discussion. It is now about fourteen months since the new Progressive Conservative leader was chosen. He wisely decided not to seek a seat in the House of Commons at once. Instead, he chose to spend some time seeing Canada and talking with Canadians, thus bettering his qualifications as a leader of a national party. In the addresses he made during his travels, he revealed himself a sincere and thoughtful man, endowed with a sound Canadianism.

As the months of his pilgrimage among his fellows dragged out into more than a year, however, there were some manifestations of curiosity if not impatience as to when Mr. Bracken would take his place at the head of his party in the Commons. Most were content to leave the matter to his own best judgment. But now that Mr. King has made it plain that there will be no election until the war is won, the situation is slightly changed. This means that if Mr. Bracken had planned to wait until a general election was called, he will not be able to enter the House for another year and a half, providing no unexpected developments arise. Should he be content to remain on the outside that long? Or is it nobody's business but his own?

The Coming Conference

Hope for the success of the Dominion-Provincial conference, to be held within the next few months, is expressed by the London Free Press. The social legislation which Ottawa proposes, and particularly the health measures, cannot be implemented, it says quite truly, without co-operation between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. It regards this co-operation as highly desirable.

Premier George Drew is given credit by the London Free Press for welcoming the calling of the conference. It thinks this a much better

spirit than that shown by Mr. Hepburn who, with others, wrecked the last meeting. Recalling that Mr. John Bracken, now leader of the Progressive Conservative party, attended the conference of 1941 as Premier of Manitoba, and wanted the Sirois report implemented, it says that "Mr. King can feel assured that he will have the support of the Federal Conservative party in any proposals for co-operation." Everyone must desire, as this independent Ontario newspaper does, the success of this extremely important conference. The co-operation between the Dominion and the provinces which it should ensure, must be effective co-operation, but that should be quite possible if the delegates meet in the right spirit and if they are realistic enough to keep in mind the conditions in different parts of the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Every British bomber is now fitted with 16 cable-cutting devices, which are so powerful that they can cut through the heaviest cable in one-thousandth of a second. The devices weigh only a few pounds and are about the size of a brick. They enable bombers to sweep a field of operations clear of enemy barrage balloons before starting low-level attacks.

Following a statement by Alderman Pierre Bertrand, Quebec, that "there now are 3,000 unemployed persons in Quebec City," and that "unemployment insurance checks are delayed," Quebec's municipal administrative committee have voted to petition the Dominion government to hasten the forwarding of checks for unemployed persons in that city.

In a recent speech to the Legislative Council of Fiji, the Governor of that Colony, Sir P. Mitchell, paid tribute to the gallantry of the American Forces who liberated the Gilbert Islands by destroying a fortress which the enemy believed he had made impregnable. Sir P. Mitchell ended his tribute with, "we mourn with our Allies for the gallant men who lost their lives in that great fight; we salute their brilliant achievement."

Saint John will revert to Atlantic Daylight Saving Time at midnight on Saturday, Feb. 26. This was confirmed by the Common Council when Councillor Kennedy pointed out that some citizens were wondering whether a month's extension of the present Atlantic Standard Time was under consideration. He was assured by Mayor Wasson that the railways already had been notified that the change back to Daylight Time would be made on that date, as schedule.

While Canada finds it necessary to employ German prisoners—who, moreover have been giving trouble,—to work in the lumber industry, Maine is clamouring to have additional immigrants from Canada for a similar purpose. Senator Brewster is heading the agitation in Congress and elsewhere, but the Canadian Government has turned down his demand. The Canadian cabinet took the stand despite optimistic reports of favorable action from the office of price administration and other agencies. The present allotment of 3,500 workers must suffice, the Dominion cabinet said in effect. Normally 7,500 or more Canadian woodsmen help in harvesting Maine's pulp output, and Senator Brewster views the decision as a severe setback to northeastern operations.

Six natives of Treasury Island serving in the Solomon Islands Defence Force went ashore with the first wave of New Zealanders when that Jap outpost was attacked in October. They were used as guides during subsequent operations and also did a valuable job in maintaining liaison between New Zealand Command and the native population of the Island, who showed instant readiness to co-operate in every way with their deliverers. The services of these six volunteers won unique recognition, for it was one of their number whom the New Zealand Brigadier chose for the honor of hoisting the Union Jack over the first Solomons territory reconquered by British Forces.

The Soviet Union shows the greatest solicitude for war invalids, granting them State aid and providing them with work. Thus the right of every citizen of the USSR to social insurance is realized. When treatment at a hospital is completed, the invalid is placed on the files of his district branch for social insurance, which means that thereafter he is cared for entirely by the State. There are special stores catering to war invalids and special workshops for them; they receive pensions and living quarters. The State has organized a wide network of homes for permanently maimed fighters, where they receive the best of care. Special music schools have been opened for soldiers who have become blind as a result of injuries received in battle. Thousands of invalids are acquiring new trades, such as watchmaking, beet cultivation and fruit and vegetable raising.

Rt. Hon. Herbert Henry Asquith, Earl of Oxford and Asquith, British statesman, died this date, 1928, was a brilliant lawyer, came into prominence during the Parnell Commission; elected Liberal member for East Fife, and moved an amendment in 1892 to the address from the throne which brought about the fall of the Salisbury Government; became Home Secretary in the Liberal administration but returned to the Bar on the defeat of the Liberals in 1895; was Chamberlain's chief opponent on tariff reform; became Prime Minister in 1908; formed a coalition ministry in 1915, but was forced to resign the Premiership through Mr. Lloyd George forming an aggressive majority against him in his own cabinet in 1916; was defeated in East Fife in 1918, but elected for Paisley in 1920 in a three cornered fight; was raised to the peerage as Earl of Oxford and Asquith in 1925; while an able lawyer, was a poor politician, for ever putting off, and waiting for something to turn up to help his ministry out of a tight corner; Lloyd George put it all over him especially in gingering up the war effort, and cementing an effective agreement between the majority of the Liberals and the Conservatives, resulting in a coalition victory at the post-war election.

Notes By The Way

There must be something in the Nazi's so-called kultur. He always knows which work of art to grab. —Chicago News.

Personality is a valuable asset enables one to get by on one's own oil instead of having to use elbow grease. —Kittener Record.

Poor humping old Satan must think of retiring, outahome as he is by the Nazi who thought of putting a time bomb in a child's orange. —Toronto Star.

"I am utterly against any attack on youth," declares the Bishop of Oregon. "Because a girl dresses joyously, she is not seeking to ruin men." Of course not; she is merely trying to save one for herself. —Ottawa Citizen.

Word from Australia says they've produced an all-purpose tomato. Hard to tell what that means. We have here the tri-purpose — eating, throwing and posing for art work in seed catalogues. —Ottawa Citizen.

Some day the war with Japan will end, and there is only one way in which it can end, but who in this country will ever again want to resume diplomatic or commercial relations, see a Japanese ship in Canadian waters or buy an article "Made in Japan"? —Port Ararat News-Chronicle.

Perhaps this is a Utopian dream. To ask a parliamentarian to cut his speech to the bone when it obviously has no bone and is composed entirely of fat, is to expect a miracle. But unless some of our representatives learn to talk about a subject, and not all around it, the session's program will never be finished. —Exchange.

It is not surprising that both in the Pacific States and in Canada's most westerly province public opinion in solidly against ever again permitting the little brown men to establish colonies in their midst. If the Dominion government decides to allow the Japanese to remain in Canada they should be distributed in every province in not allowed to establish themselves on a coast just across from Japan. —Calgary Herald.

An American professor of physical education feels that the word "neglect," which has disgraced our daily front pages for so many years, is inadequate and unsatisfactory. Most accidents, he maintains, are caused by personal negligence, which no one may resist. Therefore the professor offers a new word, "negligent," which he hopes will take hold and stick in our vocabularies. —Kitchener Record.

Escape of coffee aroma vapors and gases does not in itself impair the flavor of coffee, according to tests made by the Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. Oxygen is the chief culprit in coffee's deterioration. In a sealed vacuum caps, if oxygen is present the coffee deteriorates even though the seal is tight. The tests were made in the aid of professional coffee tasters. Samples hermetically sealed in a vacuum, and allowed to stand throughout the period of forty-eight days. Coffee swept continuously with dry nitrogen remained comparatively fresh. The tests showed that the loss of gas has no detectable effect on flavor. —Exchange.

For over a year, says Time, the American fur industry has speculated about a strange new fur, a lustrous platinum with a soft blue overtone. Many a furrier was not certain whether it was a worthwhile or a connoisseur's fur. They were used as guides during subsequent operations and also did a valuable job in maintaining liaison between New Zealand Command and the native population of the Island, who showed instant readiness to co-operate in every way with their deliverers. The services of these six volunteers won unique recognition, for it was one of their number whom the New Zealand Brigadier chose for the honor of hoisting the Union Jack over the first Solomons territory reconquered by British Forces.

Canadian shoe factories have eliminated some forty colors for the duration of the war and now produce only black, white and two shades of brown, says the Toronto Telegram. Gone are the pinks, greens, tans and fancy faces for shoes and middie and other outward apparel for which gay colors were dear to the feminine heart. Also, twenty lengths have been eliminated. Cheap laces are made from plain cotton with mercerized cotton next and rayon in the highest priced bracket. Silk laces have been out for several years, but the Footwear Findings Company of Conansville, Que., is experimenting for the Government with black nylon yarn. There are only a few manufacturers of shoe-laces in Canada, but one plant produces 1,500,000 pairs a month. So that it can be seen how substantial is the saving due to elimination of the metal tip. Instead a plastic is used that is easy cemented to the lace. —Exchange.

When the rolls on your washing machine begin to lose their grip, remove the glaze from rolls by roughening them with coarse sandpaper rubbed over lightly, then wipe off with a damp cloth.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS

Sir,—Recently I visited my home at Ocean View and wish to pay tribute to the excellent hospitality shown me during my vacation there. I arrived in Charlottetown by plane too late to make connections with my train. I therefore employed a taxi to drive me to my mother's home, but unfortunately he had to discontinue the trip about 12 miles from my destination on account of a recent snow-storm, that made the roads for a car rather impossible. I then in order to get home that night obtained transportation by horse and sleigh from a very fine young man named—James Gill of Orwell Cove. It surely was a cold night but accompanied by extremely bad roads. But he gladly drove me all the way home, flatly refusing any compensation.

Another experience occurred when I was leaving for Boston. It stormed the night before, causing such conditions as large snow-drifts and extremely bad travelling, however, a fine neighbor, Mrs. Lena Foster kindly sent to my home with a competent driver her horse and sleigh which enabled me to stay at her home that night to make train connections for Boston next morning.

It is indeed men, and women, like these that make and keep the wheels of life running, and life's journey worth the while.

I am Sir, etc.

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HYMN FOR THOSE IN THE AIR

Eternal Father, by whose Might
Thou hast the planets planned
Who set the stars their paths of light
Who made the sea and land
Thou who art far, yet near
In the bright Now and Here
And where the Void is sleeping
Face men who dare to fly
Into thy keeping
Guide them who move through
dark and cloud
Parting the pathless sky
Sustaining them when the storm is loud
Fill night and storm are by
Driving through snow and sleet
When wild the winds are best
Thy sovereign Will commanding
Bring them who dare to fly
To a safe landing
Lead them, who, dauntless, mount
Through the embossed air
Through piercing shell, through
searching light
Hold and be with them there;
Keep them in life or death
Where the wild birds shall gather
Not the least sparrow falls
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Lift up the souls who yet aspire
To move within Thy Will
Who lead above the world's desire
Fouled but unconquered still;
Triumphant in Thy Might,
Catch them into Light
The Valiant who have striven,
Winged with Immortal Joy
Into Thy Heaven.
—Duncan Campbell Scott.

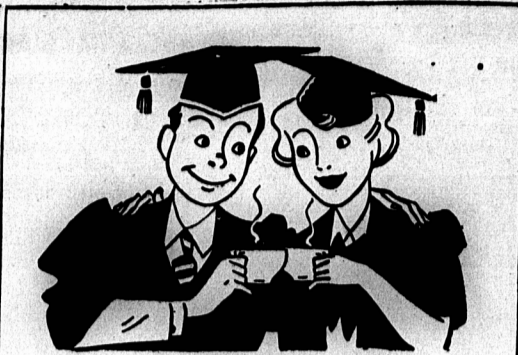
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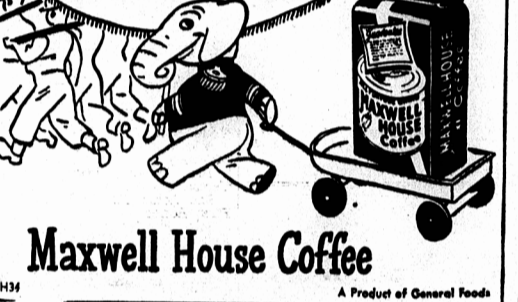


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