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

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Maritime Producers Handicapped

When the Bacon Board meets at Ottawa next week no doubt details with regard to the agreement for the marketing of Canadian bacon and hams in Great Britain will be fully discussed, and information released for publication.

A correspondent in the Moncton Transcript points out that with present prices for grain products it is almost impossible for the Maritime farmer to produce pork at nine cents per pound unless he has an abundance of skim milk or some other low priced animal protein product.

Involved in this question is the unfair freight rate structure which permits Canadian grain and grain products to be delivered to livestock feeders in Europe at a lower price than Maritime farmers are obliged to pay.

Since amendments to the Transport Act are expected to be made at the coming session of Parliament in relation to the already existing Agreed Charges for railway transportation, and since various reductions have been made in the interests of central Canadian farmers, it would appear that a request for the allocation of export grain rates for Maritime farmers, at least for the duration of the war, should be favorably received by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Legislation along this line would be facilitated by a favorable recommendation from the Bacon Board, stressing the importance of placing Maritime producers in a position to contribute their quota to Britain's bacon requirements.

Prince Edward Island, as the principal bacon producing province in the Maritimes, is vitally interested in this matter, and it is hoped that no effort will be spared to co-operate with those in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia who are now strongly agitating for reduction in feed rates.

Yuletide At Doorn

Writes Judith Robinson, mistress of irony, in the Globe and Mail:
In a castle in Doorn, the old man who used to be Emperor of Germany called his household staff together for prayer service Christmas morning.

That would be about the time when, a few hundred miles west, the steamer Stanholme, struck without warning by a torpedo from a German submarine, sank, leaving eleven survivors of its crew of twenty-five to spend Christmas night clinging to a raft.

Shipping Control

The current monthly review of the Bank of Nova Scotia is devoted to a review of merchant shipping at the present time as compared with the opening months of the last world war. Sir Arthur Salter is quoted as saying of the last conflict: "It was as much a war of competing blockades, the surface and the submarines, as of competing armies."

The most important difference between the shipping situation now and that in 1914 lies in the immediate assumption by the Allies of controls, not only over shipping but over imports and a number of other factors which affect the shipping position.

preparations for rationing certain foods are already complete. Moreover, under the economic co-ordination scheme into which Britain and France have entered, shipping is one of the six main departments for co-ordinated planning and action.

The outbreak of war found the world with a considerably larger tonnage of shipping than in 1914—68 1-2 million tons as compared with 45 1-2 millions. Britain's tonnage is a little smaller than previous to the last war, but from an Allied standpoint this slight reduction has been more than offset by the increase in the fleets of the rest of the Empire and France.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is too early to predict precisely the date of the opening of the local legislature, but according to precedent it should be about March 12.

Marechal Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre born this date, 1852. "The Man of the Marne," who was credited with the "miraculous" retreat of the Germans there.

Now everybody—well, nearly everybody—is satisfied Parliament will resume with a full representation of Island members, including two outstanding Finance Ministers, an "is" and a "has been."

Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Britain's War Secretary, visited the men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Aldershot and paid them a tribute, saying: "No finer body of men has ever crossed the ocean" and adding: "When one sees these men one has not a doubt about the result of the war."

Sir William Clark, British High Commissioner to the Union of South Africa since 1934 has left for London to take up his new duties as chairman of the Imperial Shipping Committee. Sir William, who was High Commissioner to Canada from 1928 to 1934, was most popular in South Africa and there were many expressions of regret at his departure.

Singing is dear to soldiers, and the Canadian Legion is doing its bit in organizing entertainment for the troops. A national public campaign will be opened in Canada February 12 to raise funds to aid in this work.

They are all doing it, every blessed one of them, except our province, going after a reasonable share of the war trade. Our politicians are themselves so comfortable in their cushy jobs that evidently they don't trouble to think of the other fellow, he who pays the tax bills.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Oddest story of the recent evacuation of children from London, is that of a very small East End boy who arrived at his destination without any kind of identification label.

Quebec women have been subjected to legal political and professional disabilities long after their sisters all over the rest of the Dominion were freed of them.

News photographers complained of the difficulty of finding important faces at the Soviet Embassy reception this week, yet there were two persons there who seldom miss a Washington party.

The Joker in Japan's declaration of neutrality, that the Powers "must take due care not to create such a situation as might cause Japan to abandon this policy," shows that she still has not learned to her self abandon the policy of threats.

There is not the slightest doubt that Ribbentrop has antagonized large sections of opinion in his own country—the honest Nazi and others who genuinely consider that Communism is an evil, the Rosenberg theorists who believe in the doctrine of expansion north-eastward, the admirals who do not care to see the Baltic become a Russian lake, and the industrialists who look to South-Eastern Europe for willing partners in German trade.

"This new titan conceived by the brain of man will, it is expected, at last provide man with the long-sought-for philosopher's stone for the transmutation of base metals into gold on a large scale, will produce limitless quantities of precious radium out of common salt and other cheap materials, and most startling of all, will release the enormous, practically limitless amounts of cosmic energy locked up tightly within the cores of the atoms of which the material universe is constituted."

W. G. Stamp, Collector at Fort Erie, contributes to the Review the following story in connection with the recent traffic in that port. Arriving at the Customs inspection platform at the Peace Bridge, a tall, slender young man driving an automobile bearing licence plates of one of the So them States, informed our officer that he wanted to go to "Canada."

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of public interest. The CharloTTetown Guardian reserves the right to edit and to condense the opinions of correspondents.

"CITIZENS' MEETING"

Sir:—As one of a number of rate payers who responded to an invitation from Mr. John Anderson to meet at his house for some general discussion of civic affairs I would like to explain that during the time that I was present at the meeting whatever was given to possibilities as to candidates for election to the Council; and for myself, on every occasion when asked to consider such a course have met the request with an emphatic refusal.

Citizens were favorable to a changed system in this respect they might also express at the same time their preference for otherwise for Council members to be elected by the Mayor by the whole civic electorate to replace the Council of eight elected from the five wards as heretofore.

CIVIC REFORM

Sir:—Our friend Mr. Hemming says "your correspondent 'Reformer' scolds me quite ardently because I differ with his suggestion that the long established system of civic government can be reformed by the short route before the February elections."

Mr. Hemming misconstrues my attitude of "reform," to be worked out between now and the election. I think with the agreement of detail we are in much accord, but my view is that methods of reform should be at once grappled with, candidates should be in a position to give views and intentions before voters, enabling us to see the most promising for the future.

With this objective I criticize the acts, lay bare defects, and expose the faults and defaults so that those who are in honor and taxpayers making their choice, will have some fair knowledge of what they are voting for.

For instance Sec. 36 enacts that: "The City Clerk Shall be the General Accountant for the City." This section, deliberately, and I maintain, unlawfully related to oblivion, and without authority of statute, another is appointed who in any litigation would be without status in the courts.

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FROM "A ST. HELENA LULLABY"

"How far is St. Helena from the Capes of Trafaigar? A long way—a long way—with ten years of the id run. It's South across the water underneath a falling star. (What you cannot finish you must leave undone)"

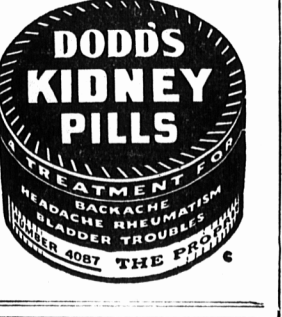
—Rudyard Kipling.

The Valor Of The Finns

(Winnipeg Free Press) For just a month now, the little people of Finland have beaten back the aggression of Soviet Russia, and heroin and their fervent thwart a force capable of infinite expansion, is a question anxiously pondered by almost every nation in the world.

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within easy reach of Leningrad and should have rapidly advanced on a narrow front by Lake Ladoga. Their progress was crippled and demoralized by every conceivable trap and ambush. The main Russian operation was laid in a central sector. It was intended here to cut Finland in two, from the Russian to the Swedish border, but the weather in Poland was propitious to the German operations as food in Finland for the Russian tactics. The mildness of the season combined with the difficulty of the terrain to make easy prey of the mechanized forces, and those that did not sink in the lakes and sodden ground were disposed of by Finns concealed in small detachments.

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