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

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Veterans Deserve Better

On every hand there is the growing conviction that our returning war veterans deserve something a great deal better than the treatment many of them are getting in Prince Edward Island.

Does our Provincial Government realize that many of these men have been unable to find jobs? What is to become of the hundreds and thousands of others who are still due to return? They can't all take up farming, and what other work is there for them here?

We boast of the splendid record achieved by our fighting men, and of the fact that we had the largest number of enlistments by population of any province in Canada. Are we so proud of the fact that the Government of this Province defrauded our fighting men of their franchise during the last provincial election, and still seems to be taking it for granted that they form a negligible part of the electorate?

Other provinces have not made that mistake. In Manitoba, for instance, there is to be a general election on Oct. 15 and plans are already under way to enable the service men stationed outside the province to vote. Their vote will be delayed, but that will not matter. Manitoba regulations also provide for the election of three special service members representing the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In British Columbia where a provincial election will be held Oct. 25, provision is made for two types of service vote—active personnel within the province and personnel outside the province. There will be no special service candidates, the men and women in the armed forces voting for nominees in home constituencies.

Details as to Nova Scotia election machinery are not available, but there is little doubt that our sister Maritime Province will also make some provision for the service votes.

The other provinces have already had general elections during the last four years—P. E. I. on Sept. 15, 1943, Saskatchewan on June 15, 1944, Alberta and Quebec on Aug. 8, 1944, New Brunswick on Aug. 28, 1944 and Ontario on June 4; and with the exception of Prince Edward Island, as already noted, all seem to have made some provision for the service votes.

The excuses given by the Jones Government for failing to do so were anything but creditable. It was hoped, however, that the Government would make up for this grave delinquency by paying special attention to our service men on their return home.

Such, unfortunately does not seem to be the case. From many quarters complaints have come of coldness and neglect towards these men's interests, particularly in the all-important matter of providing jobs. The Government itself had created many new and cushy jobs, but how many of them are filled by men with overseas service records? We repeat, there is a great deal of complaint on this score, and it is growing day by day.

Foreign Exchange Control

In a recent press conference the Minister of Finance made it clear that, in spite of the cessation of hostilities, Canada would have to look forward to a continuance of foreign exchange control, and for some time at least it appears that the system of administering exchange control will remain substantially what it has been during the last few years. While no change in the basic policy of the Foreign Exchange Control Board in respect of the kinds of currency which must be obtained in connection with exports, with interest turning to various markets which have been closed to Canada during the war, some of the foreign exchange implications connected with such exports are reviewed in an article appearing in the Commercial Intelligence Journal of September 15.

Since the Canadian dollar is used as the currency of Newfoundland, no foreign exchange problems arise in trade between Canada and Newfoundland. The rest of the world is considered to be divided into two main areas, the sterling area; and all other countries. The sterling area at present means and includes those territories under the sovereignty, protection, suzerainty or mandate of His Majesty (except Canada and Newfoundland), and also includes Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Iraq.

Where goods are being exported to the sterling area or Newfoundland there are few formalities in so far as the Foreign Exchange Control Board is concerned. It is contrary to the Board's regulations however to export to a country in the sterling area goods which were obtained in a non-sterling country, unless the goods are processed in Canada, or the Canadian exporter obtains United States funds from his customer to offset those used in purchasing the goods. The basic requirement of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, in so far as exports to non-sterling area countries are concerned has always been that payment must be received by a resident of Canada in United States dollars or in a foreign currency (other than sterling) readily convertible thereto.

Women's War Work Continues

Mrs. Clara McEachren, National Chairman of the Women's War Work Committee, because of mounting relief needs in Europe, Britain and the Far East, has issued an urgent call to all Red Cross women workers throughout Canada to stay at their posts or "on call" for at least another six months.

Gratefully recalling the contribution made by the women of Canada to the Society's war effort, Mrs. McEachren expresses her confidence that these women who had made over 45,000,000 Red Cross supplies and comforts for the Forces and Civilian Relief during nearly six years of war, will not stand by and let millions of destitute people in Europe suffer this winter for want of their help. She states:

"There is a feeling abroad that because the war is over, the work of the Red Cross is completed. This is definitely not the case with Women's War Work of the Canadian Red Cross Society. We are rejoicing in the return of our men, but the cause for which they fought and for which many died could be imperilled by our failure to bear our share in healing the wounds of war-scarred Europe. We cannot individually send them many of the things required, but we can, from materials in our possession make warm garments and hospital supplies. A year from now will be too late. This winter is when women in Red Cross workrooms and in their homes, can help bridge the gap between the cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of European industries. Great Britain, too, with its self-imposed, Spartan programme, still needs our help. In addition, Red Cross must hold itself in readiness for possible further calls for assistance for Repatriates from the Far East. The women of Canada have given Red Cross six years for war. We ask them to give six months for Peace."

This timely and necessary request will, it is hoped, meet with wholehearted response.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Government members and Prices Board officials are evidently worried over the protests raised against the meat rationing regulations.

The grand reception being planned for our boys of the 2nd and 8th Batteries shows what well-directed enthusiasm can do. All that is needed in matters of this kind is leadership. The public will gladly do its part when shown the how and why.

To accommodate the overflow of engineering students, the Saskatchewan government will erect a second engineering college building at the University of Saskatchewan to cost between \$250,000 and \$280,000, according to an announcement by Education Minister Woodrow Lloyd.

Attention is called to the advertisement in today's issue by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, warning our cranberry growers of the ravages of the cranberry worm, which is "on the rampage" owing to the dry season, and threatens the entire crop if not handled with special care. The instructions given should be followed in detail, if severe losses are to be avoided.

Lauzon and Koresky have begun serving one-year jail terms in Montreal, but that does not mean that they cannot be made to face the music in this Province if the Attorney General decides to lay charges. This may depend on the result of his inquiry into the circumstances of Lauzon's alleged incriminating babblings while in local police custody. In the meantime there is no doubt about the intention of the Ontario authorities in having the Lauzons returned to that province on bank hold-up charges.

Possibility of establishing free ports in Canada is being investigated by a Federal Government committee headed by Mr. J. E. St. Laurent, vice-chairman of the National Harbours Board. What about the port of Georgetown in this Province, which is open at all seasons and has one of the best harbors in Canada? This was advocated a few years ago by Mr. H. K. S. Hemming, but our provincial and federal authorities seemed indifferent. Now that the whole question is to be surveyed, the claims of this Province should be stressed with vigor and unanimity.

George III was crowned this date 1761; curiously enough in the following month Young's Annals of Agriculture contained an article by His Majesty on a farm on his estate tenanted by a Mr. Duckert, one of the first to apply machinery to agriculture; the King strayed from his subject long enough to have this blast at Dr. Johnson whom evidently he did not appreciate, the quotation being from Loves Labour Lost: "He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument. I abhor such fanatical phantasms; such insouciant and point-device companions, such rackers of orthography."

"Cattle raisers point out (says the Letter-Reviewer) that cattle prices are now below where they were last year, when we are supposed to have such a shortage that we must have meat rationing. Planned economy always works this way. W. P. T. B. release, August 20th, announced that there was no immediate prospect of meat rationing being discontinued in the U. S., but that there would be a discussion with W. P. T. B. before any important changes were made. August 30th, Washington announced that rations were to be increased 28% in the U. S. Was this increase discussed with W. P. T. B.? Did W. P. T. B. agree with the idea? Or is the truth as we suspect, and the U. S. goes ahead with its plans without bothering with Mr. Gordon?"

Notes By The Way

The only veteran of the Pacific in this war who, as far as we know, wants to go back for good is a soldier who received his discharge last month. He wants to go back to the Marshall Islands. His books are money out there," he said recently, "and I've got two drawers full at home."—Chicago Tribune.

There's something in a name, remarks The Vancouver Province, as literature discovered when his annual sales of Theophile Gautier's masterpiece jumped from 6,000 to more than 80,000 a year when he changed its name from Piece of Gold to The Quest for a Blond Mistress.

Enterprising Norwegian whaling concerns have already discovered another post-war use for war-developed radar. Giant Norwegian factory ships plying the waters of Antarctica may be locating their prey by radar. The investigations are already underway to determine whether radar and astic equipment may be installed aboard Norwegian whale catchers before the fleet leaves for Fieees in October.—Montreal Star.

Following the lifting of the non-fraternization ban for Allied troops in Germany, this sign mysteriously appeared in a C&S sign mysteriously appeared in Amsterdam: "If German girls are good enough for you, Al, they are good enough for me. They are too good for you."—From Netherlands News.

By stressing the need to provide food for liberated countries and loans for reconstruction, the president recognizes that plans for a prosperous and secure America cannot be separated from plans for the recovery and security of the world. That realization goes far beyond the concept of international military action to knock down trouble after it has been allowed to spread. It opens a new era in our political history.—New York Post.

Prizes of war now are available from the remnants of the Jap and German fleets. Why should there be a new test, at this time, to determine what an airplane or airplane carrying atomic bombs can do? The sooner we begin to gather the facts on which experts can base informed judgments on what the atomic bomb will be able to do in combat, the less time and money shall we waste on armaments and defence that will have become obsolete.—Detroit News.

It is one thing to remove a national speed limit of 40 miles an hour and another to develop a motor that can travel at that pace without harm. Our treasurers, certainly, have got to be slowed down a bit. They are being going regardless of speed limits for a considerable time now. Twelve million people can travel just as fast as they like in comfort and safety, and after that they are apt to get a little out of breath.—Victoria, B.C. Daily Colonist.

One supposes that for a number of years to come Hitler will be "seen" in the act of flight. Quite rightly, every such suggestion must be made with the greatest care, for what may be in it. On the other hand, if Count Bernadotte of Sweden is correct, the Nazis themselves have been allowed to regard Hitler as a man who has been able to make out. One thing is certain, however, is that Hitler did not immolate himself to the strains of Wagnerian music.—Victoria Colonist.

The politely uncommunicative manner in which the Department of Finance has been conducting its business during the time at which the compulsory savings of companies and individuals are being repaid recalls a story told by the eminent Scottish poet and novelist, Sir Walter Scott. Once, when travelling in Ireland, Sir Walter gave a sapphire to an Irish peasant. "Remember you owe me sapphire," said Sir Walter. "Pat," replied the peasant, "I'll remember you until I repay you."—Halifax Chronicle.

Dorothy Kilgallen, who writes a chatty column on the doings of Broadway's Gay White Way, recently devoted a column to cats. She immediately declared that she and her readers complained bitterly of her fondness for cats and asked her much wittiness about entering the time at which the compulsory savings of companies and individuals are being repaid recalls a story told by the eminent Scottish poet and novelist, Sir Walter Scott. Once, when travelling in Ireland, Sir Walter gave a sapphire to an Irish peasant. "Remember you owe me sapphire," said Sir Walter. "Pat," replied the peasant, "I'll remember you until I repay you."—Halifax Chronicle.

Under the caption "Miserable Heat Keeps Their Houses Warm," the current issue of Magazine Digest tells the story of Winnipeg's central steam heating system whereby 264 commercial buildings in that city and some 3,000 households receive "piped in" central heating just as they do any other public utility. The heating company recalls to commodity steam through a 60-mile network of underground piping, and the consumer can utilize the steam delivered to his home in either a steam, hot water or hot-air system. No matter which system is used, the annual heating bill for well-insulated seven-roomed house is only about \$100. Commenting on the annual report of this municipally-owned utility, the Ottawa Citizen suggests that central heating of this nature might well be applied to large blocks of structures in more Canadian cities and that the successful Winnipeg system "might be looking into Canada's coal problem." There is no good reason why whole communities in Canada could not be economically and conveniently heated in this way.—Halifax Herald.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE TERRIBLE RESULTS OF GAMBLING

Sir,—Chauncey Dewey says, "Ninety percent of all delinquencies, thefts, and ruin of people employed in places of trust are due to direct gambling. George Washington said: 'Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief.'"

What is gambling? It is seeking to get something for nothing. It is making a bad living while good people make an honest living. It is a lazy man's philosophy of life. Gambling smother's religious instincts, chokes the word of God sown in the heart. The tragedy is not that so many people gamble, but that so many church people gamble.

Gypsy Smith, that noted evangelist, tells of a boy who came down secretly with \$200 dollars in his hand, in bills. His mother cried out: "My boy is a gambler!" "Do you not know that your mother is a member and officer in the Church?"

When the boy asked where the mother got the vase, which she won at a game of cards, he then said: "The only difference is that I played for money. If you will take that vase back, I will take the money back."

Surveys in penitentiaries reveal that most gamblers learned to gamble in their homes, while playing cards. Recently every man in a company of soldiers revealed he learned to play cards at home. A professional gambler, converted, says that nine-tenths of all gambling is done with cards and nine out of ten gamblers learned to gamble with cards in their own home.

First the women learn to play that innocent game of cards for a silly prize and the first thing they know they are playing the ponies, the bookies, bingo and church lotteries.

Dr. J. W. Chapman tells of a tramp in a testimony meeting in the church at which he knew. This is the tramp's story—"I used to attend this very church, my father was an officer in this church, we were boys in our S. S. School class. On Saturdays we used to meet in the home of the teacher. We sang, looked over the lesson and played cards. We soon wanted more and more cards and less of the lesson, soon we left the class and were playing by ourselves. Two gentlemen knew I were here they would pick me up. I only wish my S. S. teacher had never taught me how to play cards."

As he was leaving an elderly lady arose, fell at his feet, crying "I am, Sir, etc., MAY EATON, Pasadena, Calif."

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The Poet's Corner

TRUTH Truth is the trial of itself, And needs no other touch; And purer than the purest gold, Refine it never so much. It is the life and light of love, The sun that ever shineth, And spirit of that special grace, That faith and love defineth. It is the warrant of the word, That yields a scent so sweet, As gives a power to faith to tread, All falsehood under feet. —Ben Johnson.

ATTENTION CRANBERRY PRODUCERS

This is to warn the Cranberry Growers of the Province and make them aware of the fact that owing to the dry season the Cranberry Worm is on the rampage and will destroy the entire crop if not handled with special care.

To save the crop early picking must be avoided. Picking should not commence before October 1st.

After picking, the berries should be spread on sheets or in some place where they will dry quickly. When dry, place them out in the wind and blow out all hay, dirt and stuff that would act as a carrier for the Cranberry Worm. Do this with each day's pick as soon as they are dry enough. This will delay the action of any worms that may be in the berries. Then deliver them promptly to a Grading Station so that the wormy berries may be removed and thus saving the balance of the crop.

There is a Grading Station at Mount Stewart, where modern machinery has been installed that will remove wormy berries and put the balance of the crop in first class condition for shipment. If the growers will take advantage of this, it will put dollars in their pockets. If the grower does not and handles the crop in the old slipshod way, picking too early, storing in bags and leaving them for weeks before cleaning, he is inviting disaster and may lose his entire crop. This is an exceedingly important matter and growers who ignore this warning will undoubtedly suffer severe losses.

Two machines are located at Mount Stewart, one operated by the Cooperative Cannery and the other by Mr. A. L. McDonald. There may possibly be other machines located in other sections of the province.

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



"Aren't you glad I got the chickens I saw in the Guardian Want Ads - just think, in the morning we can have our own eggs!"

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SPRINGBOARD AIR SERVICE CAPE TOWN (CP)—At the it has been decided to call the Johannesburg-London air service the "Springbok" service. The date of the opening of the service is not known as "various questions remained to be settled." South Africa's plans are at an advanced stage.

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