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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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Mr. Baxter's Offence

An oft-quoted source of inspiration to our
local contemporary used to be Mr. Beverley
Baxter, Canadian-born member of the British
House of Commons. Mr. Baxter, however, has
fallen from grace. He committed the unforgiv-

able sin of criticising the King Government's
war effort. Now all the partisan pack is at his
heels. He is being "rebuked" right and left be-
cause, forsooth, as "a Canadian who has chosen
to live elsewhere" he had no business telling us
what we should do about conscription.

One does not need to have any particular ad-
miration for Mr. Beverley Baxter to see the
silliness of this criticism. Canadians of the Brit-
ish type are proud, rather than critical, of
those who have gone from the Dominion to the
heart of the Empire and there made good. They
do not look upon them as expatriated aliens,
but as fellow Britons, serving both the Empire
and Canada. In Mr. Baxter's case, he has kept
in close touch with opinion in his native land.

Parity for U. S. Farmer

"Parity" is a word without meaning to Can-
adian agriculturists but to their American
brethren, says the Monetary Times, it is synony-
mous with their determination to get a fair share
of the national income in these booming times.

Nazi Losses

An American correspondent, writing to his
newspaper from "Somewhere in Europe," has
hit upon the shrewd idea of estimating German
war casualties upon the basis of death notices in
German newspapers. In one week, he discovered
the Hamburger Fremdenblatt printed 82 an-
nouncements of Nazi deaths in the Russian
fighting.

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the essential purpose of our
war effort and how best we
may promote it to the end
that torment may be lifted
from men's hearts and peace
and safety come to all na-
tions and peoples." — J. T.
Thorson, Minister of National
War Services.

Canada's First Post Office

(Canadian Resources Bulletin)
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Why on Earth Do They Do It?

... travel around without insuring
their personal belongings
Every day baggage goes astray.
Fur coats and jewelry are stolen
and lost. No one is immune from
these risks. But you can be im-
mune from loss... with person-
al effects insurance.

burg, 67 referred to commissioned or noncom-
missioned officers—again a minority of total
casualties. Only 13 ordinary soldiers and sailors
were included in the Hamburg lists. The pro-
portion of private soldiers killed in combat to
officers and noncoms can be anyone's guess. The
correspondent assumes that the ratio is about 15
to 1, which seems reasonable.

Working on these assumptions a weekly casu-
lty figure of 86,000 is arrived at; or more
than 1,100,000 dead for the 13 weeks of the war.
This is much below Russian claims of German
dead, but it isn't far from most neutral esti-
mates, or from some of the estimates put out by
the British. BBC, for example, notes that,
whereas "Hitler pretends he has lost less than
four men for each mile of front per day, any
soldier who fought in the last war knows that a
hundred casualties each day is an absolute min-
imum, even in trench warfare. With 15 divisions
engaged, the minimum would be... 1,225,000."

Such a figure would go far to explain Hit-
ler's recent urgent appeals for multitudes of vol-
unteers to be used as replacements for his elite
troops.

Brickbat From Old Friend

The Ottawa Citizen once gloried in the name
of Liberalism, and was, next to the old Toronto
Globe, the most powerful Liberal newspaper in
Canada. But it has long since parted company
with Mr. Mackenzie King. In a recent issue, in
one pungent paragraph, it sums up his whole
regime.

"It should be disturbing," says the Citizen,
"to note that the national authorities at the head
of Government, responsible for allowing condi-
tions to drift through the years of destitution,
with belt-tightening as the declared policy in
the midst of plenty, are still allowed to remain
in office. They show no more vision in waging
war against the Nazi forces of destruction than
they did when war should have been waged
against needless poverty."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It may be recalled that owing to the unexpect-
ed surrender of the King of Belgium, the British
Ambassador there, Sir Lancelot Oliphant
was taken prisoner. In the exchange of diplomatic
prisoners recently arranged for under interna-
tional law, Sir Lancelot has been released and
has returned to London via Lisbon.

The great Fire in Chicago broke out this date
1871, said to be caused by a widow's cow kick-
ing over a lamp in the straw of its barn. The
greater part of the city was destroyed, sweeping
over an area of 2,000 acres; subsequently the
city was rebuilt in brick and stone instead of
wood.

One of the food items to show a decline dur-
ing the past couple of weeks is butter. The mar-
ket slipped off 1 to 1-4 cents inside of a week
due largely to the fact that stocks in storage are
somewhat higher than a year ago. Milk of
course has been higher all summer, on account
of the strong demand for cheese for United
Kingdom and of evaporated milk.

One must be really goody-goody to steal to
go to church. In Montreal, one Joseph Decei, 59,
44546 Chapeau street, got off with a time-in-
jail sentence on this plea. "Decei admitted he
had stolen 10-foot lengths of pipe and had sold
them to a junk dealer for 20 cents. "Why did you
steal?" Judge Maurice Tetreau asked. "To be
able to go to church," was Decei's unique
excuse. "In view of your good intention and be-
cause you have no police record, I condemn you
to time in jail," His Lordship concluded.

Of the firm conviction that Ottawa helps
those who help themselves, Mayor Joseph La-
brecque of Sherbrooke went to Ottawa for war
industries, and stayed there till he was able to
return with assurance from officials of the De-
partment of Munitions and Supply and the For-
eign Exchange Control Board that steps would
be taken to facilitate the establishment at Sher-
brooke of a glove fabric industry by Jan Pick,
exiled millionaire Czechoslovakian industrialist.
Apart from the mayor the delegation included
Mr. Maurice Gingues, M.P., for Sherbrooke and
Antonin Deslauriers, city clerk.

The amendment which the Labour Party moved
and carried in the Australian Parliament was
relative to their allegation that the new war tax-
ation bore more heavily on the poor than it did
on the well-to-do, and was worded as follows:
"While agreeing that Parliament should pro-
vide the expenditure requisite to the maximum
prosecution of the war, the House is opposed to
the unjust methods prescribed by the budget,
declares them contrary to true equality of sacri-
fice and directs that the budget plan be recast
to insure more equitable distribution of the na-
tional burden." The two Independent members
who voted with the opposition and defeated the
Fadden Government, who took it as a vote of no
confidence, were Mr. Alex Wilson and Mr. W.
A. Coles, who hitherto had voted with the
coalition.

Scientists, gathering in London last week for
a three-day session on "Science and World Or-
der," were told by Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, Brit-
ish Foreign Secretary, that "they faced a future
of struggle against hunger and slavery" in
which they would have to fight against "suffering
either of body or of spirit." The meeting
represented a welding of scientific and political
voices in one gathering and further a long-
time aim of the British Association for the Ad-
vancement of Science to bring men of science
greater power over the world they work in. One
session had as chairman, Mr. John G. Winant,
United States Ambassador to Britain, another,
M. Ivon M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador; another,
Dr. Eduard Benes, head of the Czechoslo-
vak Government in exile, and a fourth, Dr. Wel-
lington Koo, Chinese Ambassador. Papers by
men of politics as well as men of science were
read.

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Elgin farmers have been har-
vesting by moonlight, which re-
calls the popular song hit of the
last war, "When the Moon Shines
Over the Chalk Hills." — St.
Thomas Times-Journal.

With Max Schmeling recuperat-
ing from the Crete campaign and
back in action again and Joe Louis'
number up in the draft, who
knows?... Maybe the world's cham-
pionship will yet be settled in a
manner satisfactory to all concern-
ed. — North Bay Nugget.

We were told the other day,
as a piece of inspired news, that
the reason the millers take out so
much of the wheat germs from
white flour is that "too much
wheat" would be harmful. Gracious
me! As though our ancestors, the
pioneers in this country, weren't
twice as hardy as we are and got
all the wheat germ they want in
the old grist mill process! — Elora
Express.

Without a strong and free
France again to take her wonted
place, it is doubtful that even a
triumphant Britain and United
States could restore order to a
continent and a Europe. The
fettlers must be struck from France;
she must rise from the dust of
tyranny and help to rally Europe
to a new era of freedom. Britain
and the United States, in order
to be able to help her back on
her feet; and it would be a glo-
rious day for stricken and war-torn
Europe when she gains at
the side of the democracies,
champion of the good life and a
world without strife. — Hamilton
Spectator.

The futility of industrial strikes
is deplored by Premier Heppburn
when the means of mediation and
conciliation are available at Govern-
ment expense. There is usually a
peaceful solution for every human
problem if only all parties con-
cerned would gather around the
conference table rather than rush
into strife. Hitler's disordered and
impetuous mind plunged the world
into its most hideous war, and the
same type of mentality often pre-
vails in violence in industrial
disputes. Conciliation is the way
of honor and intelligence and the
only hope for peace at home or
abroad. — Hamilton Spectator.

Strategy of the war, as regards
British operations, is up to the re-
sponsible authorities, possessed of
information we do not share and
with their decisions we must be
content. The whole thing seems
to be quite simple to the river
people of the Belgian Congo, who
have advised British missionaries
to defeat your enemy. If you
would all go upon a fast. Starve
yourselves for two days. Being
hungry will make you strong. When
you are strongest, take
your spears and knives and
canoes and cross to your enemy's
side of the river and kill them all.
— From the Woodstock Sentinel.

A dilemma which has confronted
the apple grower for years, the pre-
dropping of apples, has been solved
by an astounding and ingenious
discovery—the application of
plant hormones. The grower can
now wait to pick his apples until
they are perfectly ripe and, as a re-
sult, obtain a far greater quantity
of top grade fruit. The hormone
brused will keep for long periods
and command better prices and be suit-
able for export. Two years ago it
occurred to some research workers
that the synthetic plant hormone
which has such a striking effect
on certain plants might prevent the
apple drop. With this idea in mind
they started a series of ex-
periments and eventually found
that naphthalene acetic acid and
naphthalene acetamide gave al-
most incredible results. But to
make the new method practicable,
they had to develop a material that
could be more easily applied, for
the two chemicals mentioned were
not really soluble in water. John
Robitaille, writing in the September
issue of the C-I-L Oval, de-
scribes the results of their research
which led to the discovery of a
liquid preparation with naphthalene
acetic acid which dissolves readily
in water, one pint of the chemical
being sufficient for a hundred gal-
lons of water. The hormone is
due to certain physical changes
in the fruit stems in the region
where these are attached to the
twigs. It is at that particular point
that the hormones are and in most
cases delay the abscission from two
to three weeks. The trees must be
sprayed abundantly so that the
solution will come in contact
with all the apples, particularly
the stems. The spraying begins
preferably when the drop has al-
ready started and the effect is
evident in less than two days
after the application. The fall of apples
before complete maturity will then
decrease in varying degrees accord-
ing to the variety, but this decrease
is sometimes as high as sixty per-
cent.

When the German hammer
smashed at the Lowlands, the
glass industry — like many others
— became a refugee. The glass-
makers sailed to Canada, bringing
with them their ancient heritage,
the European skill was wedded to
the Dominion's resources to create
a new industry in this country.
Early this summer the only glass
factory in the Dominion at present
producing window and heavy
draw glass in sheet form was
opened by the Industrial Glass
Works Company Limited in the
Town of St. Laurent on the out-
skirts of Montreal. The actual
process of making glass is as
strange and wonderful as any
tale of mediaeval alchemists
searching for gold in bubbling
cauldrons. A group of raw mate-
rials, such as silica sand, lime
cake, soda ash, limestone and cul-
let (broken or waste glass), is
transformed from a molten mass
into a thin transparent sheet
which withstands the corrosive
effects of the elements and at the
same time permits the passage of
light. Patient research and chem-
ical analysis in the control of pro-
cesses and raw materials have
made possible the mass produc-
tion of modern window glass, vir-
tually free from flaws and distor-
tion, according to an article by
Vic Baker in the September issue
of C-I-L Oval.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
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(Canadian Resources Bulletin)
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commendation of the Historic Sites
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commemorates the opening in 1750
of the first formal and permanent
post office in what is now the Do-
minion of Canada. It was establish-
ed in Halifax as part of a general
scheme for closer and more regular
communication between the colonies
and the Mother Country, and mark-
ed the extension to newly acquir-
ed territories of a postal system that
had been in operation for nearly
three-quarters of a century, with
well established modes of adminis-
tration.

With the placing of a direct line
of packets on the route between
Falmouth, England, and New York
for the conveyance of mails and
dispatches, a post office was de-
manded at Halifax in order that
the British Government by the
other colonies the benefits of the
new service. The English settlements
in the Maritime Provinces at that
time were few and Halifax had been
founded but six years before, or
for the purpose of providing a military
and naval station. Considerable
difficulty was subsequently expe-
rienced in maintaining
correspondence between Canada and
Great Britain by way of the New
York packets and, as a consequence,
the delays were often intolerable. As
a result of representations made to
the British Government by the Gov-
ernor General it was arranged that
commencing in March, 1788, the
packets which ran between Fal-
mouth and New York should call at
Halifax during the eight months
from March to November each year.
This arrangement marked the com-
mencement of the inland services in
the Maritime Provinces, and post
offices were subsequently opened
there, as well as at important points
on the route between Halifax and
Quebec.

From this historic beginning has
developed the extensive Canadian
postal system which today main-
tains approximately 12,550 post of-
fices and operates one of the lead-
ing air mail services of the world.
The Post Office Department is play-
ing a vital part in Canada's war ef-
fort through its postal censorship,
the Canadian Army Postal Corps,
the extension of its savings stamps and
certificates, and by co-operation
with other government departments
in special wartime activities.

The Poet's Corner

THE DRIVER
Because I could not stop for Death,
He kindly stopped for me;
The carriage held but just ourselves
And Immortality.

We slowly drove, he knew no haste,
And I had put away
My labour, and my leisure too,
For his civility.

We passed the school where children
At wringing in a ring;
We passed the fields of gazing grain,
We passed the sitting sun.

We paused before a house that
seemed
A swelling of the ground;
The roof was scarcely visible,
The cornice but a mound.

Since then 'tis centuries; but each
Feels shorter than the day
I first surmised the horses' heads
Were toward eternity.

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LETTER FROM DR. GRANT

Sir.—In an editorial of 4th in-
stant entitled "Godbout's Campaign"
you refer to Premier Godbout's new
policy of making the teaching of
the English language compulsory in
the public schools of Quebec, but
you do not say whether in your
opinion such a policy is right or
wrong.
My humble opinion is that if the
future generation of the province of
Prince Edward Island is to come in
in the Civil Service of Canada, in
public or professional or business
life, the French language should be
taught in our public schools. be-
ginning not in grade nine or ten
but the first year the child enters
the public school.
Now, that two years in Prince of
Wales College are necessary before
a teacher's license will be granted,
our teachers should, I think, be
qualified to instruct young children
in the rudiments of the French
language.
I am, Sir, etc.,
THOS. V. GRANT
Montague, P. E. I.,
October 6, 1941.

FREETOWN SCHOOL

Report of Freetown School for
August and September.
Grade I.—Kathleen McCar-
ville; 2, Mary Matheson; 3, Thelma

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