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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Correction Please

Dr. MacMillan very properly drew attention in his speech on the Draft Address to the Speech from the Throne anticipating "an early end to the world-wide conflict."

There is not much evidence, Col. Ralston warned, that German military power has decreased and there is no sign that the Japanese troops have lost any of their willingness to fight and die to hold the outposts which protect their home base.

Looking back, Col. Ralston recalled that it took 3 1/2 years to drive the enemy out of Africa and get into the fringe of Europe in Italy. The continent of Europe has still to be retaken.

All this and more, the Defense Minister told Parliament as an offset to easy optimism and false complacency. Dr. MacMillan has discharged an equally disagreeable but necessary task in the Legislature, by warning against the attitude so thoughtlessly adopted by the Government in the Speech from the Throne.

Canada's "Home" Army

Mr. Howard Green, M.P. for Vancouver South, has been asking in the House whether, in the event of war continuing with Japan after defeat of Germany, members of Canada's "home" army will be used in the Pacific.

The question is important for a vital reason. The belief in many quarters that there does not exist today, either overseas or in Canada, any force of trained (active army) reserves adequate to reinforce Canadian troops on the continent in heavy or prolonged fighting.

Canada is drawing upon troops from Great Britain now; maintaining its so-called "two corps" army by incorporating into it British divisions—calling upon their hard-pressed British manpower to maintain a myth which, however pleasing it may be, is in this country between 60,000 and 70,000 men in uniform whose unique distinction is that they are not supposed to fight; where fighting is taking place. The cost of this army, incidentally, is \$170,000,000 a year.

The Journal says the matter in its proper perspective when it declares that the Government's "home army" policy has been utterly discredited; that it has been a concession to things completely remote from right war effort; that it has entailed useless cost; and that instead of achieving its pretended justification of "national unity," it has sown seeds of suspicion and division.

Overseas Mail

Letters and parcels are so important to the men and women overseas, it is a tragedy that so much of this material is failing to reach its destination in proper order. Some losses are due, of course, to enemy action, but conditions in this respect have been greatly improved of late. Most of the responsibility now rests squarely on the shoulders of those who send the mail.

In the case of all posted material, it is of the utmost importance that adequate, proper addresses be written. Where parcels are con-

cerned, adequate packaging is the secret, added to which is the matter of being careful not to include perishable goods which spoil in transit and ruin not only the parcels in which they are contained, but others that come in contact with them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The democratic National Convention is fixed for July 19 at Chicago, three weeks after the Republican convention in the same city, on June 26.

Something to be thankful for, Says Mr. Graham F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada: "While the interest burden on the federal taxpayers is 52 per cent higher than at the beginning of the war, yet he said, when figured in relation to the national income it is really less now than 20 years ago."

"It is unthinkable," says the Halifax Herald, "that year after year and decade after decade the Island of Cape Breton will continue to be cut off from the mainland of Canada and left dependent upon a ferry service that in its most efficient form must be regarded as uncertain and unreliable." Is that so? Then what about Prince Edward Island under worse conditions?

Here is something even our own legislators should make note of. Members of the French Consultative Assembly will have less comfortable seats next session. Robbers entered the assembly building Cairo and cut out the leather seats and backs of 12 big armchairs. Leather is scarce in North Africa and brings high prices on the black market.

Alessandro Volta, Italian physicist, born this date 1745; professor at Como in 1774. Pavia in 1779; won the Copley Medal in England in 1791; was interviewed by Napoleon in 1801, and was afterwards pensioned by him for his contributions to science; next appointed director of the philosophical faculty of Padua University, where he continued to pursue his scientific studies and experiments; was a pioneer in electricity, and it is after him the electric "volt" is named.

An Amherst, N.S. man, Mr. William S. Purvis, who went to Bermuda a number of years ago, and made a fortune as a commission merchant, has donated \$112,000 to provide scholarships to Bermuda students. His gift will finance 34 scholarships—30 in Bermuda High Schools and four in universities abroad. Under the terms of the gift, special preference will be given candidates choosing Mount Allison University, Saskville, N.B.; McGill University, Montreal, and Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

A total of 28,000 pounds of Australian butter is in cold storage at Moncton and earmarked for export to the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute. This information was tabled in the House of Commons by Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, in response to questions asked by H. H. Hatfield (PC—Carleton-Victoria). Mr. Hatfield had asked also about the quantities of meat in cold storage in Canada at the beginning of the present year. The answer tabled showed 83,231,011 pounds of pork in storage, 35,639,828 pounds of beef, 9,344,749 pounds of mutton and lamb.

City playgrounds are not always all they are cracked up to be. Take Montreal, for instance, at the City Council it was claimed that the playgrounds direction is incompetent, in "bad faith," that children fled from the parks, and that the \$50,000 budget last year had been spent mostly on salaries. Councillor Savignac protested the operation of the city's playgrounds last year was "monstrous," while Councillor Cote claimed that the citizens had not received "their money's worth." Mayor Raynault held that the Lafontaine Park playground, which Fr. Gariepy directed before the city's new system went into effect, "lacked the clan and enthusiasm of children," he had noticed in previous years.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Murchison have received word that their son, John T. Murchison, has been promoted to Flight Lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. He has been overseas in a fighter squadron for more than two years, serving at Dieppe, Malta and over the continent. In a recent letter he told of being entertained at Buckingham Palace. Besides the Royal Family, General Smuts was one of the notables present and he had a chat with him. To use the Flight Lieutenant's own words, "That was an education in itself." A brother, Charles Murchison, is also in the R.C.A.F. having received his air force training in Canada after serving overseas with the army for two years.

This is from the weekly Time and indicates conditions are no better, if not much worse, elsewhere than here: "Two were dead in Ottawa, three in Toronto, three in Halifax, one in Vancouver, from drinking industrial alcohol, shaving lotions, hair tonics, paint removers, Winnipeg police said that 95% of all flavoring extracts (vanilla, etc.) sold in some stores was bought to flavor stomachs, not cakes and candies. In many places bootlegging was rife, doctors' prescriptions for medicinal alcohol went up sharply. All over the Dominion, thirsty Canadians found liquor-store shelves bare, bootleggers' prices sky-high (in some instances, \$15 for a fifth of Scotch). Result: a demand for substitutes. One of the most popular: a highly-scented, highly alcoholic, highly poisonous (if swallowed) skin lotion called lilac water. Canadian distillers, like those in the U.S., have been converted to industrial alcohol production. But some of the blame for the shortage falls on bootleggers and their political friends. Armed with fistfuls of illegally obtained liquor permits, and not above bribery, they frequently get liquor from stores that turn lawful ration-bound customers away. Some Canadians get results by folding a \$2 bill inside their liquor permits when they ask for whiskey. The situation has political potentialities. Frustrated Canadian drinkers, full of wrath and woe, naturally blame the Government. Their term for the great parch: 'Mackenzie King Prohibition.'"

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of subjects of public interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the newspaper.

THE FARMERS ARE NOT ALL ASLEEP

Sir.—In the Feb. 16th issue of the Guardian I read with interest the article headed, "Snow-Plowing the Country Roads," and I hope that some of the heads of the Dept. of Public Works will answer the questions asked by this party. It is with pleasure in stating that at the annual meeting of the Crapaud Creamery Co., where a large number of farmers in this section were assembled, they unanimously passed a resolution to be forwarded to our government, that the members look into the matter of having the road through Bonshaw kept always open. I am, Sir, etc.

ANOTHER FARMER...

There is probably no truth in the rumor that the United States is planning to launch a counter-attack on British honors lists, but substituting for our cataloging of mentions in dispatches the number of times each general has been mentioned as a possible Presidential candidate. —Windsor Daily Star.

ELECTION VOTING ILLEGAL

Sir.—During the ten years that I have been Medical Superintendent of Falconwood Hospital and the Province has taken no active interest in political events nor have I tried to influence any vote—not have I committed any irregularities connected with an election, Provincial or Dominion.

LIQUOR IN BY-GONE DAYS

Sir.—As there have been quite a few writings to the Guardian, I think it would not be amiss to state some facts regarding prohibition. First we have J. C. Popple, referred to as leader of Opposition, speaking to the revenue bill, on page 48. He says there is a great deal of smuggling now carried in different parts of the Island. He says that the use of home article liquor is being increased, and that the bootleggers are being more active than ever. He says that the amount of poisonous drugs to give them flavor, Mr. A. J. MacDonald says, is more than enough to kill a man. He says that the bootleggers are being more active than ever. He says that the amount of poisonous drugs to give them flavor, Mr. A. J. MacDonald says, is more than enough to kill a man. He says that the bootleggers are being more active than ever.

ISOLATED 44 DAYS

FOULA, Shetland Island (CP)—The island of Foula, known as the edge of the world, was relieved after 44 days' isolation near the edge of January when a motor-boat delivered mails, including Christmas letters and parcels, and five tons of foodstuffs. Dangerous seas had prevented boats from reaching the island.

SECOND QUEENS.

Mr. and Mrs. Garratt Pelling, a pair of septuagenarian youngsters from Wellington, up in Prince County, look to the air last Saturday morning. Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, they climbed aboard a T. C. A. liner at Malton Airport, headed for Winnipeg and a holiday season spent with their daughters in that city. Not very long before their marriage, the couple had been taken weeks to span the continent, for the last spike in the C. P. R. was not driven until 1885—Kingston White-Standard.

THE POLISH QUESTION

(Baltimore Sun) The quickened interest in the Polish question ought to be a signal to all elements to guard their own interests. Unless there is no settlement without heartburnings is possible. What then? Are we to do all within our power to localize and neutralize the revolution? Or are we, by passionate and provocative controversy, to extend

Notes By The Way

A good many people who simply cannot, my dear, spare the time to engage in any form of voluntary war service seem to have plenty of it at their disposal to loiter in the food stores and pick up more than their due share of scarce items. —Brookville Recorder and Times.

International affairs are important, of course. But Canada has had small experience of them, and she would do much better to attend to her domestic knitting than go aspiring to and conspiring for world leadership. —Vancouver Province.

Running a little ahead of form, Nazi bombers attack three well-lighted and marked hospital ships, sinking one. Again it may be recalled that a ferocious wild animal never is so despised as when threatened. No human instinct appears to be left in the Nazi heart. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

According to a new order, issued by the Ontario government, members of the legal profession desiring to have the distinction of being King's Counsel (K.C.) will have to make application for the same. Sort of hat in hand procedure. The order is understood to be directed to the ethics of law. A danger lies in this. It is that merit may be sidetracked and political activities, associations and alignments given a premier place. —Winchester Press.

Some benefactor of the human race has invented a "silent channel" for the juke box. You put a nickel in the appropriate slot and you purchase silence for the length of time which would otherwise be consumed in playing "Pistol Packin' Mama." It is a gadget which puts the air-conditioner out of order and allows a little real ozone to circulate. —Peterboro Examiner.

There is another paradox in man's relationship with other creatures, namely that the fiercer the animal he calls animalian—"brutal," "bestial," "inhuman"—are peculiarly his own. Thus the language in Fortune No. 60, which is so deliberately cruel as man. No other creature intentionally injures his own kind. He invents special instruments of torture such as racks and thumb screws for the sole purpose of punishment. No other creature keeps his own brethren in slavery; so far as we know, the lower animals do not permit anything like the acts of pure sadism which are the mark of man. He invents a gadget which puts the air-conditioner out of order and allows a little real ozone to circulate. —Peterboro Examiner.

William Joyce, better known as "Lord Haw-Haw," the Englishman broadcasting for Goebbels from Berlin, is said by Swedish sources to be contemplating to be thoroughly disillusioned and homesick. "Petted," highly paid and pampered during the first year of his "radio" career, he has now fallen on evil days. They are paying the price which treachery always exacts. He is now a "radio" slave, and his fellow traitors are their erstwhile masters. Men they are without a country, utterly dejected and conscientiousless creatures of contempt. And their future? Shot by their disappointed masters self-slain in a revealing moment of their self-loathing, or, as the home urged by "homesickness"—only to face trial on charges of treason. Their final epitaph is but one word: the classic acronym for all traitors the one word—Judas! —Halifax Herald.

If pipe-smokers—those normally contented looking people—have a grievance it is a shortage of wire pipe cleaners. They are practically unobtainable in the shops nowadays. Feathers are on sale as substitutes, but not all smokers approve of them. A friend of mine who succeeded recently in obtaining a packet of the wire cleaners has found to his regret, that they can be pressed into service for other purposes than that for which they were intended. A few days later, when searching for them, he found that his wife had used the cleaners as hair curlers. —Belfast News-Letter.

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Encourage these groups to full cry, and in a short while relations between the United States, the British Empire and the Russian Soviet might be so disturbed as to weaken the whole movement for international law and peace. Disagreement over one of the methods. Get two ounces of peroxide powder from a drug store, sprinkle on a hot wet cloth, and apply gently every blackhead will be gone.

ANNUAL MEETING PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd. AT 1.30 and 7.30 O'CLOCK

A cordial invitation is extended to our citizens generally to attend the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Agriculture. Matters vital to the promotion of the interests of this province will be under discussion. The Federation is composed of twelve of the main rural organizations of the province and a number of smaller Branch Associations. Its role is that of organized agriculture. Its mission is to adequately represent agricultural interests and give expression to every legitimate demand of farm producers. Farmers, their wives, sons and daughters are urged to accompany the official delegates representing our farmer associations to this central Federation meeting.

The afternoon session will be a purely business meeting. Reports covering the year's work will be received and will report from the delegates to the recent Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation. Resolutions, which must be approved by each member body or the Resolutions Committee will be presented and discussed. Decisions on future activities will be arranged. This meeting should be full of intensely interesting material.

A special program has been arranged for the evening. Two outstanding guest speakers have been secured, Professor A. B. MacDonald of St. Francis Xavier Extension Services will discuss Co-operative Activities; Mr. P. D. McArthur, Farmers of Canada's outstanding farmers, President of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and a member of the Executive of the Canadian Federation, will deal with matters of vital interest. Other local speakers will be heard to advantage. ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT GATHERING AND GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS THROUGH

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Charlottetown Tax Appeals The Board of Appeals from City taxes and assessments will meet in the Court Room in the City Building at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, February 28th, 1944, to hear all appeals from Civic assessments and valuations, and will continue thereafter by adjournment if and as circumstances may require. Charlottetown, Feb. 14, 1944. J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk

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The Poets' Corner SANTA TERESA'S BOOK-MARK From the Spanish of Santa Teresa Let nothing disturb thee, Nothing afflict thee, All things are passing; God never changeeth; Patiently endureth; Attacheth to all things; Who God possesseth In nothing is wanting; Alone God sufficeth. —Longfellow. HIGHER TAXES IN ST. JOHN SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 17—(CP)—Higher business taxes for Saint John effective until a year after the war were approved by the City Council today. The increases range from 40 to 200 per cent.

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HOLMAN'S Summerdale and Charlottetown NEW BRUNSWICK GIFT

LONDON (CP)—A campaign of the New Brunswick Canadian Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion of Cambodian, was presented to the Canadian Legion here by Mrs. Vincent Massie, wife of the high commissioner.

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