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

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Canadian Fisheries Manual

Of all Canada's basic industries, the least known to the ordinary citizen is that of fisheries. "As far as I know," writes Mr. F. W. Wallace, editor of Canadian Fisherman, "not a single textbook or reference book dealing with our fishery business and its commercial development is to be found in Canadian high school or college libraries."

The book is of great value and interest, revealing many other things, that our vast fishery resources have as yet scarcely been touched. In some varieties of edible fish, Canada enjoys almost a monopoly of the supply. Yet only about half a dozen are in popular demand out of the sixty or more kinds that are taken by Canadian fishermen.

Hunting Locomotives

For some months the news columns have contained stories of sweeps over occupied Europe by squadrons of Hurricane fighter-bomber planes. The purpose of these sweeps has been rather obscure until now. The Hurricane squadrons are searching for particularly vital targets, and if they find them in sufficient quantities Hitler's troubles will double and redouble. The targets are railway locomotives.

The destruction of a locomotive by an aerial torpedo does more than clutter up a stretch of railway line for a few hours. It accentuates one of Germany's most serious shortages. In extending his lines of communication, while vast quantities of materials can be moved over highways, the railways are necessary for shipment of heavy goods and raw materials as well as troops and guns.

Germany, notes an exchange, entered the war with about 24,000 locomotives. At first sight, this is an imposing total. But a large proportion of these machines were very old and in very poor repair. The pool was increased by wholesale confiscation of rolling stock from conquered countries. But the demands made upon railway transportation by the Nazi war machine have been so excessive that the supply of engines never equalled the demand.

Repeated British bombing attacks on vital railway centres have blown countless locomotives into scrap. If, by some miracle, the rest of Germany's railway engines went up in smoke, our air forces are not sitting around waiting for miracles; they are going out and searching for trains wherever they can find them. When they succeed, Hitler has more scrap iron but fewer locomotives.

New Democratic Way

Ideas which merit the attention of all businessmen and by all Canadians concerned with preserving the Canadian way of life, says the Financial Post, are set forth in an outstanding editorial by Sam O. Dunn, veteran and forthright editorial chief of the U. S. business newspaper, Railway Age. The editorial has just as much importance for Canadians as for the Americans to whom it was addressed.

Urging that believers in private enterprise should be devoutly planning now for the post-war world, Mr. Dunn emphasizes: "That they must have a definite constructive, forward-looking postwar programme to offer, and

That they must purge business itself of practices not in the public interest. The totalitarians in our midst, whether Fascist or Socialistic, are inveterately vociferous. Their postwar programme is stated in concrete terms and vehemently proclaimed. Their "sales and public relations" campaign goes on all the time.

Believers in democracy and in free enterprise, meanwhile, have remained almost silent on basic issues. Their "sales and public relations" campaign for democracy and for free enterprise has been desultory, piece-meal, sometimes inept, sometimes shamefaced.

Too many free enterprises and democrats have been on the defensive about their beliefs; have sometimes been confused as to what they do earnestly believe in; have not clearly in their minds the permanent, basic values of the democratic way in business, government and society.

To win the peace, democrats have to know what they believe, and why, and use every means

of missionizing their faith.

Dr. Dunn's point that business must cleanse itself is basic. One bad apple can spoil a barrel. A little bad business endangers all good business. In the past, business too often has tended to be tolerant of the sins and sinners in its midst; to be less concerned with fighting for socially sound business practices and more with fighting against enforcement of such conduct.

Like life itself, democracy and free enterprise are living and dynamic, subject to constant change. Believers in them do not and cannot aspire to recreating the world of the thirties, the twenties or of an era before the First World War. What Canadians who believe in democracy are fighting for is a new, better, more efficient, more just democracy and the same holds true for free enterprise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The right spirit. Addressing the eighth annual convention of the Industrial Union of Marine and Ship Building Workers of America, Mr. Philip H. Van Gelder, international secretary and treasurer, said: "We must sacrifice personal welfare for the nation's welfare. We must not only be beneficiaries of this war; we must contribute to it. The right to strike is a fundamental right but today it is a fundamental wrong. We must direct our energies to show the world that our organization is devoted to winning the war and the peace that will follow it."

Horatio, Viscount Nelson, British Admiral, born this date 1758; after a successful career at sea in various parts of the world, losing one eye at Calvi, to which he put his telescope at Cape St. Vincent, disobeying his admiral, Sir John Jervis, he won a brilliant victory for which he received the Order of the Bath and a pension of \$5,000; at Tenerife he lost his right arm, but continued to carry on till the battle of the Nile where he destroyed the French fleet there, was created a baron, and had his pension increased to \$10,000; at Trafalgar, Nelson was finally shot through the lungs and spine, his last words being "Thank God I have done my duty."

Business firms may deduct war risk insurance premiums paid under the Act from their income and excess profits taxes as business expenses, Mr. Halsey states. He adds that the scheme is entirely voluntary and any property holder who thinks the premiums too high does not have to take out insurance. However, such persons would not be eligible to receive compensation except the free compensation provided under the Act for home owners and householders. The Minister also says there has been misunderstanding as to the actual rates charged, and urges owners to discuss them with their insurance agents so as to understand the rates thoroughly before applying for insurance.

During the last few years a new course of study in geography has been introduced into a number of schools in Quebec. This course, which gives a much broader aspect of the subject than does the old course of study, frequently presents problems to the teacher. Accordingly, last year a group of high school teachers from Hudson Heights, Lachine, Westmount and Montreal banded together to study geography extramurally at McGill University. Miss Seivright, of the Macdonald School for Teachers, lectured to the class the first term and Mrs. R. E. Adair the second term. During the second term the class was joined by others outside of the teaching profession who were interested in geography as a hobby. Out of last year's class grew the idea of a club, and it is hoped that by forming such a society interest in geography may be greatly increased.

A new page was added to British ecclesiastical history Sunday with the inauguration of the British Council of Churches, says a C.P. despatch, the counterpart of the World Council of Churches advocated at the world conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937. An impressive service at St. Paul's Cathedral, attended by leaders of the churches of Great Britain and Ireland, and by dignitaries from many parts of the world, marked the inauguration of the new British council which represents many denominations. Incorporated in the council are the following three interdenominational bodies: The Council on Christian Faith and Common Life; The Commission of Churches for International Friendship and Social Responsibility, and The British section of the World Conference on Faith and Order. Taking part in the service were Dr. W. R. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's; Dr. C. W. G. Taylor, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Rev. Gwilym Rees, Moderator of Wales and Monmouth Province of the Congregational Union, and the Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Were the Dieppe Commandos given away by spies? Authorities in London disclose that since the Canadian-led Dieppe raid many letters have been received from amateur sleuths citing a women's clothing advertisement, widely printed before the raid, featuring "beach coat from Dieppe" as giving a possible tip-off to what was brewing. After giving due consideration to all of these interpretations the authorities announced they found the ad was just that, without any sinister hidden motive. The amateur detective interpreted the "coat" to be an abbreviation for "combined operations attack." Shown in the ad was a woman in a coat pruning a rose bush. The sleuths figured the shears were a warning to somebody that British forces were bringing tanks to cut through barbed wire on the beach. They even had it figured out that the six buttons shown on one side of the coat and four on the other totalled to, which could be split into one and nine, or 19, the date of the raid. But the ad was traced to a reputable agency which has been featuring a series of garments with geographical tie-ups, like Bali, the Tyrol and China. With the concurrence of official investigators, the agency branded the notions of the sleuths far-fetched. It was added that this agency's chief current work consists of a series of anti-fifth column posters for the government.

NOTES BY THE WAY "Spitfire" Is The Best

Canada takes the war seriously. When Herr Hitler says that he means to rule the world, Canada, by providing an immense contrast to those American politicians on our side of the boundary line, who do not take Hitler seriously, makes the simple reason that they know they are not serious themselves when they discuss issues before the American people. Hitler would make the law of the jungle prevail in the world, and an even worse law. He believes in killing, stealing, and lying. Canada is doing her part, if not a bit more, to bring his reign to an end. We must do our part equally well, or we shall be really be his slaves. —San Francisco Argonaut.

Before the last of them are gone some one should pay proper tribute to the wild berries that have been fattening the birds and delighting the taste of those who know where to find them. There isn't room here to do them justice, but notes from a proper essay can be seen in the matter of flavor, for one thing. Was there ever a tamed and cultivated berry fruit in its domesticity and firm with the chief of articles of refrigeration half so sweet as a humble savage fruit in a fence corner? Perhaps we have yet to find it—and we know the blackberry burble all too well, in both its wild and tame manifestations. There's the matter of eating. The orange and sundry puddings go splendidly with crisp berries belong to the open sky. They have a tang and a bite and are pounded of rain and sun and starved nights, when eaten from the bush or at luxuriant leisure on a banked meadow, with their own and there's the matter of discovery and its own subtle delights. The garden berry patch is always there. Open the door to the garden and the onions and cabbage and the tomatoes, and there you are. But the wild berries grow where nature and the weather make their own room. You must seek them out, and you cannot be sure the scene of last year's plenty will be the place to seek them this year. It is their whims and their seasons. There are fundamental matters, a few among many. To call the full roll would take the days of a week, and be short. The real essay, after all, is there in the pastures and in the meadows, sun-rimmed and rain-sweet. The first step in the taking—New York Times.

Justice has long demanded better reward for the men who fight for us and better treatment for their wives and children. The higher pay, even while it has not been vicerously uttered, has always been recognized. The only question was how it could be met. There is no real opposition to it, yet there has been hesitation to put the claim forward. The man on the Sunday Chronicle has drawn attention to the disparity between Forces' pay and civilian wages. In recent months the army has been not only widened but augmented by the arrival here of many thousands of troops from the Dominion and the Empire. The pay of a fighting man, officer or ranker is not wages in the ordinary civilian sense, for it is measured by the amount of money values. But he is entitled to something more than his keep. He must be given some peace of mind by the knowledge that his dependents are well provided for. He must have money to spend on his other comforts. The costs will not be light. But they are no longer the question of how the demand for justice will be met. Justice will be done first, and then we will settle the bill. —Sunday Chronicle (London).

It was as an individual British worker that the Duke of Kent approached each job he undertook. Coal miners, bargemen, factory hands and the like were ground out of the unemployed will remember with affection the sympathetic handshake of Prince George as he sought their work and their ground, inquired into their problems. Service by his fellowmen was his creed. Civil service. Nothing was too trivial to do well. His attitude is shown in the report of a visit to a friend in Yorkshire, who asked him if he would open a local bazaar. His cheerful reply was "I'll do anything you want. I'll even plant a tree." When he accepted an unusual post as a night watchman at the reign Office, in 1929, he did not demand a private office, but shared a room with five other secretaries. During his service as night watchman he had taken advantage of his rank or position. When he joined the R. A. F. he relinquished the rank to be a private. He was not the senior or more experienced officers with whom he had to work. Since the day that he was made a major he has been quietly going about the business of helping his country. Millions of hearts will go out to the young widow who, "Miss Kay," has been doing her bit as a volunteer nurse making beds, washing dishes, caring for air-raid victims. It is only eight years since the solemn marriage ceremony in Westminster Abbey, when the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "You choose what changes and chances are to befall you in the coming years, but you can choose the spirit with which you will meet them. As you think of the good wishes with which the people of this Nation and Empire are surrounding you, you will, I know, resolve that you will be ever eager to help and serve them in such ways as you can. They are words which are an fruitful ground." —Christian Science Monitor.

Gandhi is now in confinement; some loose thinkers have described him as being in jail. That is not correct; Gandhi is living in the bungalow of the Aga Khan, who is one of the wealthiest men in the world. The bungalow, which is at Poona, was vacant, and the great Moslem who is a good friend of the British begged the Imperial Government to make what use of it they would. And so they have inserted it in the name of Gandhi. The word "bungalow" must not be taken in its Occidental sense. The Aga Khan's bungalow is one of the most luxurious in the gorgeous pavilion of India's best known potentate. We have examined pictures of the bungalow carefully, and we are happy to tell the Moslems' friends and sympathizers that he will probably be all right there. If we ever have to go to jail we



INDIAN SUMMER

These are the days when birds come back. A very few, a bird or two. To take a backward look.

These are the days when skies put The old, old sophistries of June,— A blue and blue mistake.

Oh, fraud that cannot cheat The bee Almost thy plausibility Induces my belief.

Till ranks of seeds their witness bear, And softly through the altered air Hurries a timid leaf!

Oh, sacrament of summer days, Oh, last communion in the haze, Permit a child to join.

Thy sacred emblems to partake, Thy consecrated bread to break, Taste this immortal wine!

—Emily Dickinson.

hope the Aga Khan will let the Government use his bungalow for a jail like that for years. —Petro-borough Examiner.

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THE CAUSE OF WORLD CONDITIONS
Sir,—The terrible state of affairs in the world today is certainly the result of man's forgetting God, departure from Him, and defying the Deity of His Son Jesus Christ, and treading under foot the efficacy of His atoning Blood. Neglecting the reading of God's Word and prayer, doing away with family altar which our parents instituted, desecrating the Sabbath day which they revered, with the result world conditions today, vice and crime increasing, all this has kindled the wrath of God which is being poured upon the earth.

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