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Eastern Farmers Penalized

The King Government's new wheat policy is being subjected to a good deal of criticism, both in the press and on the floor of the House of Commons.

The Government has decided to reduce the wheat acreage by paying the western farmer to summer-fallow and sow oats, barley, rye, grass and clover.

On the basis of the Government's figures, a farmer with one hundred acres in summer fallow will get from the Federal exchequer \$400, which was the average annual income of the 730,000 farms of the Dominion during the last ten years.

It does look "commentary the Globe and Mail," as if the farmers of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces have been overlooked by the Dominion Government.

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sledges, their journeys and glad arrivals. Read of the wedding feast of Pohja; Thick the clouds of smoke were rising; Homer has more stirring lines, but none so jolly, so innocently sweet.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Still they come! Among additional names mentioned as Senate prospects are Hon. Maran Gallant and Mr. Joseph A. Bernard, Tignish.

As a cumulative afterthought of Mr. Wendell Willkie's visit to Britain, the columnist of The Observer compliments his gift of not only knowing how to take all comers but also how to designate them in a manner best designed to please their varied admirers, which implies "a certain bilingual advantage."

New Zealand, which has an estimated population of 1,700,000, has already sent 30,000 soldiers to war, while an additional 100,000 are in training and about ready for action.

The City of Montreal will no longer be responsible "for damages resulting from a fall by a person on any roadway of a street or lane, if such fall is caused by ice or snow."

Mrs. Beatrice P. Rathbone has been returned as Conservative member of the House of Commons for Bodmin, Cornwall, succeeding her husband, Filt-Lt. J. R. Rathbone, who was killed on active service.

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In an effort to speed the drive for more home-made food, direct links between farmers in every British county and the head offices of the Big Five Banks have been set up in the form of liaison officers appointed by the banks to work with War Agricultural Executive Committees.

David Livingstone, missionary and African explorer, born this date, 1813; graduate of Glasgow Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons; appointed to mission field by London Missionary Society; settled in Bechuanaland, in the midst of South African heathendom; began exploration 1849; discovered Lake Ngami; traversed Lakes Shirwa and Nyasa; also the watershed between the Rivers Loangwa and Chambeze; the first European to traverse the whole length of Lake Tanganyika; was thought to be lost, and discovered by Mr. H.M. Stanley of the New York Herald, who greeted him with the historic salutation: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume," published three important works on his explorations; was honoured by Church and State, and at his death was buried in Westminster Abbey among the immortals.

The British Solicitor General, Sir William Jewitt, was reading aloud in the House of Commons an amendment to an agricultural bill concerning the pasturing of cattle on the King's Lands, when he paused at a word. He quizzingly regarded Sir Joseph Lamb, the father of the amendment and said: "I've never seen this word spelled before."

It throws a charming light on Finns and Finland that they should have celebrated, as a national holiday, the anniversary of a foreword to a book of poems. The poem is the national epic, Kalevala, or Land of Heroes, the date was 1835, the author of the foreword, who had compiled the epic from the unwritten ballads of his people was Dr. Elias Lonnroth—or, as it is sometimes spelled, Lonnrot. What Kalevala did for the Finns was to make them conscious of themselves as a race with a culture, traditions and a history, living in a land that had lovely and distinctive qualities.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the interesting things in this sanction this morning was the perusal of a letter from Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, written on both sides of the sheet. When Ottawa is sending out three, four, five and six notices for the same thing, what a crime in waste.

Farmer near Penetang actually seized the bull by the horns to save his brother from being gored to death. He was about putting this hero in charge of departments that are behind schedule in Canada's war effort.—Kitchener Record.

Addressing his troops General Wavell, hero of Libya, said: "Have you ever thought what a world we could make if we put into peace endeavour the energy, self-sacrifice, and co-operation we used in the wastefulness of war?" That's something to think about when the war is over.—Chatnam News.

Formerly the harvest excursions to Western Canada carried thousands of men from the eastern provinces to the prairie wheat fields, but now there is talk of moving farm workers from the West into Ontario. This may seem passing strange, but it is satisfactory to those who are in charge of departments that are behind schedule in Canada's war effort.—Kitchener Record.

If onions are once again to be the staple of the winter vegetable diet, it is a fairly safe bet that tomatoes will be the scarcest of all market produce during the coming season. In 1940 the time in 1940 excellent Canary tomatoes were selling at eightpence a pound; this year the only tomatoes available in the English hot-house at one-and-sixpence each. This is a clear warning, I think that every gardener should plan to grow at least six times, and if possible ten times, the quantity of tomatoes he grows in a normal year. Even this is not too much.—London Spectator.

The ministry of health have given me such a nice transparent shield for my nose and mouth. It makes me immune from your coughing (or spitting) and you from my coughing (or spitting). I have seen the minister of health, and they will tell you just how many germs you spit on to your trousers sitting in one half-an-hour's talking. You should wear this shield, at first people may laugh at you, but I can tell you, when you get into the process, and in shelters, where people are already getting used to the idea of wearing a shield, you will find it a very special cigarette holder or churchwarden pipe, but I can tell you, when you get into the process, and in shelters, where people are already getting used to the idea of wearing a shield, you will find it a very special cigarette holder or churchwarden pipe.

One deduction that most observers have drawn from Mr. Matsuzaka's decision to go to Germany is that Japan will go no further with her plans for a South Sea empire, and that she will not make any further commitments in Indo-China and possibly Siam, until the Foreign Minister has heard all he wants to hear from the Japanese. It does not seem likely indeed that anything spectacular will happen until the return to Tokyo, when the information he brings back with his military and naval colleagues, Germany's decisions are not dependent upon any one man, but since a synchronized Axis effort is highly desirable, even though not essential to Hitler's plan to conquer the world, it is not surprising that German effort will be made in the Occident until the Japanese-German conferences are over. The war field may rest easy beneath their poppies. The torch they tossed to other hands burns as brightly as ever.—Detroit Free Press.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor's Association does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A FISH-EATING CRANE?

Sir,—Mr. J. J. Larabee, Inspector of Fisheries, at the recent Fish and Game Association meeting told of a farmer who shot a "crane" and when it was opened ninety-seven trout were found in its stomach.

This is certainly a great fish story but I challenge Mr. Larabee to prove it. He certainly cannot do it.

If this is the beginning of a campaign against certain birds, it certainly will be better to stick to sober facts.

I am, Sir, etc. FAIR PLAY.

The Battle Of The United States

The enactment of the lease-lend bill by the United States Congress will have a range of effects greater than coal, because it will praise them. The people who are in a death grip with Hitlerism will estimate the consequences chiefly in terms of physical reinforcement to the forces that are holding the tide of savagery in check, and they will be glad to see the immediate moral effects of equal and perhaps for the moment of greater importance.

The possible direction of its development has been the spectre, foreboding shadow, at all the Axis feasts. Their effort to neutralize and devices of infiltration have been stupendous; but they have not completely failed, they have only delayed their progress.

Where in the European countries, as it had its source, the Nazi propaganda system was not much in evidence under its own flag in the United States it worked its cover, bringing its influence and its money to the support of native movements that it hoped could be manipulated to support the Nazi cause.

The United States looked like a country which had been made a victim of the Nazi propaganda system. For twenty years it had been dominated by the Nazi propaganda system.

This campaign, which began in earnest about last June after running into a series of minor disasters, crashed like a Nazi murder plane under the fire of a Hurricane when the United States Senate, by a vote of 60 to 31, approved the lend-lease bill.

This profound change in United States opinion is mostly the achievement of the Naz's themselves—they have done it with their propaganda, their best performances, their points, their intentions and by the revelation of their intentions and purposes. The Axis chiefs are realists.

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The Use Of Wood For Fuel

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The fuel value of wood is not generally appreciated by many people. Almost everyone burns coal and takes it for granted that coal is superior to wood as a fuel and much more economical. This is due to the fact that wood has not been given a fair trial.

The fuel value of wood is roughly proportional to its air dry weight, i. e. the heavier woods are superior to the lighter woods in fuel value. The hardwoods, as a rule, are much superior to softwoods for fuel. Tests have proven conclusively that 1-1-3 cords of good air-dried lumber such as beech, yellow birch and rock maple are equal in heating value to 1 ton of Scotch Anthracite. Thus, if the average home owner burns 6 tons of Scotch Anthracite per year, he could, by substituting wood, get by with 3 cords. With Scotch Anthracite at \$16.00 per ton and hardwood at \$8.00, anthracite would cost \$96.00 for the year, while wood would cost \$24.00. Thus a saving of \$72.00 per year would be effected by burning wood.

Besides being more economical, wood is also much cleaner, and gives a much quicker heat. It is necessary, if wood is to be used, to have a wood furnace installed, since the average coal furnace is not suitable for wood. A furnace with a long fire box is recommended so that large sticks can be made to last all night long in a wood burning furnace, whereas smaller sticks will burn out quickly.

In buying fuel wood the consumer should follow these rules: 1. Insist on air-dried wood, that has been dried under cover. Wood that has been dried out in the open unprotected from periods of wetting and drying, soon deteriorates in fuel value and may be very poor when it reaches the consumer.

Insist on good hardwoods such as yellow birch, rock maple and beech. Do not pay the same price for wood like poplar, red maple and white birch. Poplar cannot compare with the better hardwoods as a fuel.

Insist on large sticks of hardwood. Small sticks will burn up quickly and do not show up as well as larger ones.

Fuelwood should be graded as to size of sticks. Wood containing a high percentage of small sticks should not be accepted by the consumer for furnace wood.

Insist on honest measure. A cord—128 cubic feet. Do not accept the dealer's word that his pile of wood contains an exact cord. Many so-called cords are of 120 or 125 cords. It is a good idea to pile your wood and scale it before making payment.

The fuel dealer should buy his wood a year ahead and dry it up when it is thoroughly air-dry.

An increase in the use of hardwood fuel would benefit the province greatly. Much money would be kept in the province instead of going outside for coal and the farmers would have a chance to sell a little wood each year and make a few dollars. There are extensive stands of hardwoods in the province, which would make ideal fuel wood and which at present are standing idle, many of them rotting and being a nuisance to the province.

This will be the moral effect of the United States action; and as we have already said, it may even outrank in effectiveness the contribution in material to the Allied war effort for which it provides.

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MORE DISCUSSION LESS ARGUMENTS TULSA, Okla., March 17 (CP)—What the world needs is more discussion and less argument, asserts Mrs. Rebecca Nelson, coordinator of family life education in Tulsa public schools. "We have not developed the art of discussion without argument," she believes. "Democratic demands group solution of group problems by group thinking." She sees a "hopeful sign in the

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