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

Bacon Market Prospects

The Financial Post expresses unbounded optimism on the prospects of Canada's bacon industry. Noting that our bacon agreement with Great Britain for a minimum of 5,000,000 pounds of bacon weekly, expires at the end of this month, and that negotiations regarding its renewal are under way, the Post says: "With Danish supplies completely shut off and the British appetite for bacon not one whit diminished, it is likely that at least our present minimum volume will be maintained, possibly increased."

This seems like sound reasoning. The Post also claims that the price of hogs is rapidly replacing the price of wheat as a barometer of farm prosperity in western Canada. No informed observer expects that hog-raising can completely replace wheat in western Canadian economy; but it can help, and the present war, with bacon exports running at record levels and while the new wheat crop is piling up, unwanted, in makeshift storage, makes such a transformation practical.

In this section of Canada, where bacon production is a long established industry, our farmers are handicapped by exorbitant feed rates. They are paying taxes to bonus the storage of grain in the Western Provinces which, but for the high transportation costs, could be used here to great advantage in feeding livestock. This lopsided economy is benefiting nobody, yet it seems impossible to get the authorities at Ottawa to move in the matter.

"He Bore The Brunt"

This well considered tribute to Mr. Chamberlain on his resignation from the British Cabinet comes from the Montreal Star:

"As Britain's Premier in the years immediately preceding the outbreak of war, he occupied a position that was more difficult than any British statesman had faced since the days of Pitt. Mr. Chamberlain, who had a detestation of war, strove mightily for the preservation of peace, even carrying his efforts to the extent of admitting lesser evils in the hope that thereby he could avoid plunging all Europe into war. He made the mistake of believing that Hitler could keep his pledged word and honour his promises. In this he was not alone, but when the policy of appeasement failed, and the true character of the Fuehrer was revealed, Chamberlain had to bear the brunt of the attacks, many of them vicious and ignorant, of those who elected to be wise after the event."

"But it was Chamberlain who was wise before the event, as later developments have conclusively proved. We know now that, had Britain gone to war with Germany before the partition of Czechoslovakia, only a miracle could have saved her. The plain fact is that Britain was not ready for any sort of a fight with an enemy who had been feverishly preparing for five years. It is not at all unlikely that the historian of the future will point to Chamberlain as the man who really saved Britain and the Empire, since his policy certainly gave Britain time to prepare."

Where There's A Will

Are we down hearted over recruiting? Read this from Mr. Donald C. MacDonald in the Montreal Gazette: "Do you want a good story?" asked one of the recruiting officers. "We had a young chap come in here this morning, 20 years of age, and mad as a hatter. He declared that he was going to enlist, and pretty damn quick too. But that's only the end of the story, not the beginning." He told the rest of it, and here it is: A short time ago a senior clerk, in a Montreal branch office of a firm that is known from coast to coast in Canada, came in to enlist. He passed his medical examination and then told the recruiting officer that he had a number of friends whom he thought he could persuade to come along with him into the army. A few days later he returned, his ranks swollen to nine—the complete staff of his office including manager, salesman and assistants. They had all decided to join the permanent forces too. Everyone of them had at least a high school education and one year of college, and had been earning from \$40 to \$75 a week. They had exchanged that for the \$1.30 a day in the army, voluntarily and enthusiastically. There was one member of the staff left, the office boy, also serving as a junior clerk and typist. He was left alone. It was rather difficult to fill the positions from manager down to office boy, and after thinking it over for a few days, he got mad about the whole situation and appeared at the recruiting centre determined to join the rest of the boys. "What

else is there to do anyway?" he asked. And he's in the army now. "And what's happened to the business?" the recruiting officer asked him. "I locked the door of the office and mailed the key to the general manager of the company," came the grim reply.

Cheese Prices

Cheese prices now are fixed at 14 cents at shipside Montreal for No. 1, 13 1-2 cents for No. 2 and 13 cents for No. 3. The United Kingdom market is taking all the cheese Canada can spare. In grading cheese 45 points are allowed for flavor, 25 points for texture, 15 points for closeness, 10 points for color and five points for finish. The policy of the Federal Department of Agriculture is to pay a bonus of one cent a pound on cheese grading 93 points out of 100, two cents a pound if it grades 94 points, or better. Cheese grading 92 points gets into No. 1 grade but does not rate a bonus. Last year bonuses amounted to \$600,000 but this year there is a marked improvement in quality and also in quantity. Thus experts in the dairy industry figure bonus payments will be increased almost \$200,000. "The results of the grading this year have been most encouraging," an official of the Agriculture Department said. "Of all the cheese graded up to the end of August, 93.67 per cent graded No. 1 and a large part of it was good enough to draw bonuses. Last year only 90.1 per cent graded No. 1. The improvement this year has been remarkable."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Early frost is not very welcome with the potatoes just being harvested.

By the middle of next month the military air port schools will all be ready for student training.

Einstein has taken the oath as an American citizen. This is his third change of nationality, having been previously nationalized as Swiss, then resuming his German nationality prior to his enunciation of his Relativity Theory to Berlin Academy in 1915.

Edgar Allan Poe, poet and prose writer, died from wounds in an election riot, this date, 1849. Best known poems: "The Raven", "The Bells", "Annabel Lee"; his prose tales include "The Black Cat", "The Gold Bug", "The Murders in the Rue Morgue", "The Masque of the Red Death", "William Wilson."

Members of the government visiting the province these days are as plentiful almost as sparrows in June. Hence hardly any notice is taken of them, and evidently they take as little notice of us. How different in by-gone days when ministers coming were interviewed by party stalwarts, and undertook to do things for the province—not for the individual.

To prevent war-time profiteering in rents the War-time Prices and Trade Board has issued the following order: "Effective October 1, 1940, this order fixes the maximum rental that can be charged for any housing accommodation in the controlled areas as the rate which was in effect on January 2 of this year. All leases are automatically amended in accordance with this order and no further notice from the board to landlords or from landlord to their tenants is necessary. Tenants will consider the January 2 rate as the maximum which they must pay, and no notice to vacate can be given by the landlord for refusal by a tenant to pay a higher rental. Landlords, however, have the right to appeal to the board for a revision in rental rates, and prescribed forms for such applications are in course of preparation." The Hon. Justice Martin administrator will visit various war training areas and investigate local conditions.

An event which may prove to have an immediate bearing on the provincial political situation in Nova Scotia, where five by-elections are slated for Oct. 28, is the coming Conservative convention to choose a Provincial leader for the party at the next general election. This convention is to be held on October 9, and it has been suggested that the leader chosen on that occasion may subsequently be nominated for one of the two seats which have been ticked off for the Conservatives, namely Cumberland or Colchester. If the arrangement is carried out of having these seats filled by acclamation, it would be both good political strategy and also a score in the public interest to have the newly chosen Conservative leader elected to the Legislature so that he might be in a position to strike his radius in the House a year or two before leading his forces in the general electoral campaign. Be this as it may, says the Post-Record, the provincial political cauldron will soon be boiling merrily once more.

When girls have woven the last of some hand-made carpets produced for General Smuts Prime Minister of South Africa, the Royal Wilton Carpet Factory at Wilton, in Wiltshire, one of the rare survivors of handicraftsmanship in Britain, is to bring its 340 years of official (its 500 years of actual) existence to an end. The war has put it out of business. In the office of the brick buildings, dating back to Charles II, is the warden's wand marked "Roger Tarrant, Henry Jeffrey, 1608. That, The London Daily Mail relates, was when William III, gave the factory its charter and the right to style itself "Royal". In the office are piles of patterns of carpets. Carpets made to the designs of Laura Knight and Rex Whistler; carpets for nurseries with houses and animals; carpets whose pile stands an inch above the floor in great bossed designs; even carpets with portraits. The village has seen the evolution of British carpet making from its earliest days under Henry VIII. It saw the collapse of the firm thirty years ago and its salvation by the Earls of Pembroke, who formed a private company to carry on Wilton tradition from Wilton House.

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NOTES BY THE WAY French Soldiers In England

Let's have talk and argument as free as we can. This country isn't perfect, won't be for a long time, and until we get better leaders than we have, change and improvement will only come through open criticism. We should cling to this continent, to that open criticism, with one big exception. The exception is national defence. That is one thing we have all got to be pretty unanimous about. We will probably have to be unanimous about it for the rest of our lives.—Calgary Herald.

The thing that stands out most strikingly from Hon. J. A. MacKinnon's plain speaking about the wheat storage problem is the impression it gives that the Dominion Government was not even aware of the problem until the Western committee got to Ottawa and brought it to the Government's attention. There is still much to be done, but there is, after long waiting, something worthwhile to show something of which the Canadian people are proud. The Government is indirectly these guests represent a newspaper press which can claim some credit for the fact that the King Government, after the war, did get its shoulder to the wheel. What Canadian newspapers were saying in the early months of this year as to the weakness of the war effort, and the apparent reluctance of the Prime Minister to put his foot on the starter. — Montreal Gazette.

The last word, apparently, has been spoken on the question of lifting the British blockade to permit entry of food to German-dominated countries. It was uttered by Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, and it was "No." Britain's firm stand on this issue today has general support, and the policy of the British Government is to help the world, and particularly the United States, have come to see the soundness of Britain's argument that relaxation of the blockade would only mean more food for Germany, and no improvement in the status of the Nazi-overrun peoples it was intended to assist. Germany's military and air attacks upon London have been a factor, too, in undermining the case its propagandists were attempting to build up, with crooked and twisted ground, for the residents of the lands it has so thoroughly looted. — Windsor Star.

Seven tons of strawberry jam has been made for the soldiers by members of Ontario Women's Institutes. This is a sample of how Canadian women are perspiring over a little help in the war. — Kitchener Daily Record.

It is possible to imagine the desperate responsibilities and anxieties of a Winston Churchill these days, with night and day rages, feverish preparations for possible invasion, the stupendous work of the British navy? Surely no man in history has ever had so tremendous a job. — Ottawa Journal.

Many countries now in Nazi thrall will be returned to their rightful claimants. But who will want to travel in Europe for at least a decade? Ruins are depressing. However, we have one consolation: the refrain of which is, "Gott Strafe England!" — H. G. Cone.

Recent recommendations that schools and public buildings display a Canadian flag or the Union Jack should also find a response from the private industry. The flying of a flag should come as a natural impulse because it is a fitting emblem of the cause in which the Dominion and the Empire are fighting. — Oshawa Daily Times.

Directors of the Bank of England are anxious to see the rate of interest below street level when they assembled this week to declare a dividend of six per cent. "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" is still a policy of "all aid to Britain short of war". And still all aid is not being sent. This newspaper has spoken already about the flying of the flag, but it should get a more immediate service to the country, but capable in British hands of carrying the air war on Hitler's communications and munitions factories into the heart of Germany. It is these factories and these facilities which will one day be trained on the United States if Britain loses what there is still no action about the bombers. — New York Herald Tribune.

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Japan And The Pact

Evidence multiplies that Japan is anything but optimistic as to the consequences of the Berlin pact. The authorities of Tokyo have no time in issuing public assurances that this agreement wished upon the Japs by Adolf Hitler, does not mean that Japan is going to enter the Anglo-Axis war or to enter into conflict with the United States. Yakichiro Suma, spokesman for the Foreign Office at Tokyo, has just given out this very definite statement: "We are not going to participate in the European war. We are not going to attack any country."

This looks like putting the new and widely publicized pact in the "scrap of paper" category almost before the ink with which it has been signed is dry. The agreement provides that all three of its signatories will fight any country that might participate from now on in either the European or Asiatic war. But the foreign Office at Tokyo hastens to declare that Japan will not take a hand in the European hostilities, that she does not intend to attack any country.

On the fifth article of the pact—that which states it has no bearing on existing commitments of the signatories with the Soviet Union, Tokyo has no comment to offer. Its spokesman does not venture to declare that exception which robs the agreement of any benefit or it in point of fact this treaty is, says the Sydney Post-Record, in spirit and substance, vitally inconsistent with the pre-war agreement between Hitler and Stalin. But a trivial circumstance like that does not cramp the Fuehrer's style when pulling out these sporadic propaganda stunts. The pact is, however, the jest and laughing-stock of the serious diplomats of all countries. Japan was Britain's ally all through the last war, and never struck a blow in that conflict from beginning to end. In this war she is out of the picture, because, even if she were disposed to help Hitler or to relieve his red-hot chestnuts, she could never get anywhere so long as Britain rules the sea, and American men-of-war patrol the Pacific. Now does Japan wish to attempt anything of the kind. She is just giving Herr Hitler the moral support of kind words that mean nothing.

Somewhat Contradictory

Mr. Wendell Wilkie, Republican nominee for the presidency of the United States is constrained to find fault with the Roosevelt administration. That goes without saying, and we are not concerned with American politics, in any case. But the speech he made on Monday in Detroit, to the National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs, places him in a rather awkward position. Earlier in the day he had extolled the leadership of Prime Minister Churchill, whom he described as a great, vigorous, determined man. "The British people, he added, were not afraid to change from Mr. Chamberlain to Mr. Churchill, so why should the people of the United States be afraid to change horses in the middle of the stream?" Let us elect a Winston Churchill government in the United States!

His chief complaint before the Detroit ladies was that President Roosevelt is bringing the country "ever closer and closer to war." Much of the speech was taken up with a harrowing description of the condition of women in the Third Reich, who are regarded as mere instruments for the provision of soldiers for Hitler's wars of conquest. Decency and self-respect have been taken from their lives, he said. Quite so, and that is why Mr. Roosevelt feels as he does about the necessity for something stronger than oratory to remove this brutal menace to democratic government. To criticize him for virile leadership, because of the possibility that it may bring war, and at the same time to demand even stronger leadership—"Winston Churchill government"—produces a curious dilemma; how can Mr. Wilkie persuade the country that he is the required Churchill while professing such pacific views?

HALF A PRESENT, ANYWAY

OSWESTRY, ENG.—(CP)—Absent from school because she was being married, a 20-year-old girl was fined £1 (\$4.45) instead of the usual £2 (£8.90) for blackout breach. "A wedding present," the judge remarked.



Shatter her beauteous breast ye may, The spirit of England none can Dash the bomb on the dome of St. Paul's, Drem ye the fame of Nelson falls, Fry and comes from the chancel floor, Dream ye that Shakespeare shall live no more. Where is the giant shot that kills, Wordsworth walking the old green hills, Tramp! the red rose on the ground, Keats is beauty while earth spins round, Bind her, grind her, burn her with Cast her ashes into the sea. She shall escape, she shall aspire, She shall arise in sacred scorn, Lighting the lives that are yet unborn. Splendour, Splendour eternal, ENGLAND. (This poem, republished by request, first appeared in the Atlantic Monthly in 1915. It was written as a reply to Lisauer's "Hymn of Hate" the refrain of which is, "Gott Strafe England!" — H. G. Cone.)

seas. The German submarine is surely the sewer rat of sea war. It should be exterminated with no more consideration than is meted out to sewer vermin. — Ottawa Citizen.

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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—(CP)—Municipalities Minister Howe tonight announced the awarding of seven aviation construction contracts, totalling \$268,000 of which work will begin immediately. Largest was a \$104,000 contract for heating systems at the service flying training school at Carberry, Man., to be completed by November, awarded Cotter Bros., Winnipeg.

IS ARRESTED WINDSOR, N. S., Oct. 6.—(CP) In a case under the National Registration Act, a 22-year-old youth was arrested here Saturday on a charge of failing to register. He is to appear for trial tomorrow. The prisoner gave his name as Chester Daly and said he was from New Brunswick. His home town was not announced.

THE FLYING DOCTOR There are instances in Canada where a doctor has flown to visit a patient in a remote part of the country and has on occasion brought the sick person to a centre of hospitalization, but Canada has no established service of the kind, such as, for example, that in Australia, where in Queensland, the saga of the flying doctors is taken for granted. At the present time, for example, plans have been made for territory and upwards of 500 people are served by six doctors whose wings carry them on a 400-mile journey from Hedley, Cloncurry, Broken Hill, Kaigoorie, Wyndam and Alice Springs. The calls come from the 600 wireless stations scattered over this huge area and last year 3,504 called for medical aid. Dr. Abery of the Cloncurry base, who was reported missing last week, has been reported in his plane six times in message in his flight to aid people in remote areas. Risk Lives for Patients—To land where there is no landing ground; to risk his life to reach a patient; to go where no white man has gone before are part of the flying doctor's job. There have been times when, forced down in unknown territory, one or other had to use all his skill to save his own life or the life of his pilot until help came. The service has been the dream of an Australian Presbyterian Minister in Cloncurry. He is known as "Flynn of the island," and at the moment he is nunciate of the Presbyterian Church in Australia. He must be a proud man to be lived to see his dream come true. The cost of the six bases alone is more than 25,000 pounds a year and of this sum the commonwealth and state governments contribute nine thousand pounds. The rest comes from trusts and private donations. Australian Aerial Medical Service—The flying doctor service last year became the Australian Aerial Medical Service. Thanks to the fly-

GHOUISH LOOTING LONDON.—(CP)—Told by the bench that it was a "ghoulish" thing to do, a 49-year-old man was fined £10 (\$44.50) in court here for looting a bombed house after an air-raid.

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