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

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Air Service Rates

At the recent annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, strong exception was taken in the report of the transportation committee to the passenger rates charged on the air service to and from Moncton.

This question of through air ticket arrangements to other parts of Canada, and of the application of the statutory 6 cents per mile air rate basis to include feeder points, is one which should be settled satisfactorily.

This is a matter in which our provincial and federal government members should actively interest themselves, in co-operation with the Maritime Transportation Commission and Boards of Trade.

Gasoline Wastage

The need of conserving gasoline in wartime is emphasized in an article in the current issue of Saturday Night by Mr. B. R. Cottrell, Oil Controller for Canada.

A great and worthy contribution to the common cause of winning the war might be made by Canadian motorists through voluntarily restricting unnecessary use of gasoline.

According to the latest available figures, Canada ranked fifth in 1939 as compared with other countries in the total consumption, and second in per capita consumption.

The Farmers' Task

This is part of an address by Mr. K. H. Olive, president of the Montreal Provision Trades Association and is worth quoting as it throws light on the part farmers are expected to play in the immediate future.

quarter of 1940, and some badly informed persons publicly attributed the increase to the operation of the so-called 'middleman' as the wholesaler and distributor is frequently termed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The January zero weather has proved too much for the January thaw.

Reports of spies and Fifth Columnists have been totally discounted by powers-that-be here. The nearest approach was sent to Falconwood.

The footpaths are positively treacherous and accidents frequent. Had this been election year the City Council would have seen that sand had been applied in abundance.

What next? Two young men from Williston, N. D., have set out in their ski-equipped airplane, bound for Goldfields and two or three weeks vacation which they'll spend hunting timber wolves by plane.

The sale of War Saving Certificates is to be pushed vigorously from now on. It is absolutely necessary funds should be furnished for carrying on the war, and the easiest and most profitable way to do so is for the average man in business or in the street to invest in War Saving Certificates for which they get \$5. for \$4.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal Minister of Agriculture, states that in the next few months the call would go out in Canada for trained manpower to man every piece of equipment and every article of armament now being made.

It is refreshing to hear a member of the King Government referring to "Our Empire." It is not so long ago since that word was absolutely taboo in Liberal circles.

Canada has jumped into second place, the United Kingdom being first as an exporter to Bermuda, sending shipments worth £355,720 in 1940, compared to £288,204 in 1939 and £278,334 in 1938.

Where is France's inflation going to end? For the third time since the signing of the armistice in June the Bank of France has increased the total of non-interest-bearing funds available to the Treasury for the purpose of payment to Germany of the costs of the Reich's armies of occupation.

"Chinese" Gordon, British soldier and administrator, born this date 1833. He pacified China in the sixties by means of his "ever victorious army"; succeeded in regulating the Danube navigation among the Balkans, and was asked by the Khedive to undertake the work of pacifying the Sudan.

A former Governor-General, who, like our present one, was married to a Royal Princess, was a book worm as well. Through correspondence carried on between the trustees of the estate of the late ninth Duke of Argyll and book auctioneers of London and Edinburgh, it has become known that this son-in-law of the late Queen Victoria possessed at Rosneath Castle the greatest collection in the world of mid-Victorian authors, some in first editions.

In the train, from a fellow-passenger, I heard this story. He was passing by the front deck area of a town in the West of England "one evening last week when a terrific rail overtook him. The engineer stopped him, forbade him to go forward to or back, and directed him to a shelter. Presently, close at hand a furious fire broken out. He went and offered his help to the men who were working, with hands far too few for the job, to deal with it.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A nice thing about Mr. Hearst, when he was in an artowing mood, was that nothing deterred him, neither price nor size. Like many another art collector he would buy a small, precious item if it appealed to him; but, unlike the others, he would also buy a large, common item on a job lot.

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In a London park there is a great mound of bricks and stone already twenty feet high and fully a hundred yards in diameter. It is the site of a former masonry gateway to the city of London, which has lived for generations.

A respondent of The Ottawa Journal criticizes the failure of the Dominion Government to make any use, much less adequate use of our own resources.

The Italian soldier has shown on many a battlefield that he can resist to the last ditch. Indeed, his glory has been that in spite of his general he has remained a rugged individual fighter.

A prophet who is probably without honor in the land of his fathers, but who will be regarded here as a true seer is George Pantaleoni, former director of the Italian tourist bureau in New York.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the contents of the correspondence.

TEACHING CHILDREN TO READ

Sir,—I am an old retired teacher who is still keenly interested in methods of teaching in Prince Edward Island, and especially in methods of teaching children to read.

I am firmly convinced that, if skillfully used, the old "spell and say" method is still the best one for the vast majority of children.

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miracle. True, his chief object may have been to help the prairie farmers, but we don't mind that rather than we be only too glad to assist. A matter of even greater importance, however, than having the grain brought to this Island is the fact that at long last the Ottawa government has been made to realize that Prince Edward Island simply cannot do without cheap feed.

Our Government may not relish having to pay half the freight rates east from Port William, but this is a matter of secondary importance for the whole future of this Island depends upon our farmers being placed in a position not only to increase the number of their animals but to improve their quality.

Regarding this question of imported grain, there appears in this Province to be a remarkable divergence of opinion. Many farmers, for example, say that they will limit the number of their animals to the quantity of feed that their acres will produce.

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The "Island" CONDITION POWDER

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