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*"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."*

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Welcome Visitors

Our citizens will extend a warm welcome to the visiting members of the Maritime division of The Canadian Press, representing the Maritime daily newspapers, who hold their annual business convention at The Charlottetown today.

It is several years now since the last CP meeting here, which is understandable in view of transportation difficulties during the war. Worth remembering is the fact that the excellent coverage of news we enjoyed in these momentous intervening years was furnished chiefly by The Canadian Press. Several brilliant CP members, including Bill Stewart (whom we claim as a Charlottetownian by adoption), served as correspondents on the battle fronts and helped to make history while they wrote it.

The post-war years present new problems in news gathering and distribution. The Canadian Press aims to meet these problems and go steadily forward improving its service. That is what brings the Maritime members together at this time. We like to think it not improbable, however, that Charlottetown's fame as a hospitable convention centre, penetrating to the remotest sections of our neighboring sister Provinces—proved a strong inducement.

**The Captains Depart**

Evidence that the nations of the world are pinning considerable faith on the United Nations Organization is indicated in an Associated Press survey of the present status of the armed forces of the world.

The big armies, navies and air forces of the war years are melting rapidly away in most countries. Smaller and more vulnerable countries, in particular, are disbanding their armies because, in any event, they could not stand alone.

Here are some of the present service strengths, compared with those at V-E Day, as revealed by the survey:

- Great Britain: Nearly 5,000,000 men and women released to cut active strength to 650,000 by end of 1946.
- United States: Cut from 12,000,000 on V-E Day to 4,725,000 now. Army to be cut to 200,000, navy to 500,000, and army air forces to 400,000.
- Canada: Army of 25,000, air force of 16,100 and navy of 10,000 as compared with wartime peak army of 495,000, air force of 250,000 and navy of 90,000.
- Russia: Demobilizing several million men, but keeping large proportion of officer corps on active duty.
- Australia: Army to be cut to 133,500, as against wartime peak of 593,510.
- New Zealand: Services cut to 24,000 men.
- India: Post-war Indian army expected to be about 300,000, nearly double pre-war strength of 150,000.
- China: Forces now numbering over 6,000,000 to be cut to 840,000.
- France: Forces to total 548,000 at the end of April.
- Italy: Army being reorganized to include 140,000.
- Belgium: Rebuilding to 100,000.
- Holland: Now approximately 90,000; formerly totalled 300,000 when Germans invaded.
- Denmark: Army now 24,000.
- Sweden: Army, 64,000.
- Finland: Cut to 3000 professional soldiers.
- Poland: Half-demobilized, leaving 250,000.
- Hungary: Wants 60,000, has 30,000.
- Greece: Army now restored to 64,000.
- Turkey: Still fully mobilized at 1,000,000.
- Portugal: Cutting to 30,000.

Thus, with few exceptions, uniforms are being rapidly swapped for civilian clothes throughout the world. As for the western powers, it is to be hoped time will prove it is not too soon.

**Top Much Discretion**

The first and most important right which British Parliaments won for themselves through centuries of struggle was the right to levy taxes and to prevent the King or his Government from levying any tax not specifically approved by Parliament. Yet, to an extraordinary degree, the Canadian Parliament has abdicated this function by delegating its powers to the discretion of the Government in collecting income taxes. This has been done, notes an exchange, by granting to the Government wide powers of discretion in fixing the taxes of individual taxpayers and in disallowing their appeals against what they consider unfair assessments.

The Senate has been told by various witnesses that, with the war emergency over, the broad discretionary powers of the Government that Parliament and not the Government or its

officials should fix, to the maximum extent possible, the exact conditions of all tax collections. The Income Tax Payers Association urges the decentralization of administration. The Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants, after analyzing the present discretionary powers in the hands of Mr. Elliott, Deputy Minister of National Revenue, urges that they be drastically curtailed and limited only to matters over which it is impossible for Parliament to legislate in detail.

The accountants' brief says there are 95 sections of the Income Tax law wherein the minister (which means his deputy) is empowered to exercise discretion. Twenty-eight sections of the excess profits law grant him similar discretions. Finally, important discretionary powers are vested in the Treasury Board of the cabinet.

The field of discretion is too lengthy to be set out in detail here but, as summarized by the accountants, it covers:

- (1) Administrative and punitive powers.
- (2) Powers which make the minister the judge of reasonableness or equity.
- (3) Powers which constitute the minister the judge of the facts.
- (4) Powers to grant or refuse exemptions and allowances.
- (5) Power to approve a pension fund or plan for income tax exemption purposes.

Summing up the extraordinary powers of the ministers, the accountants quote from a publication of the Dominion of Canada Taxation service as follows: "It does not appear that there can ever be a case where the court can review the actual substance of the minister's discretion, even if improperly made, and substitute its own opinion for the minister's."

This argument about discretionary powers leads to the argument for a satisfactory appeal tribunal to hear appeals against the decisions of the income tax department, which appears to be a nation-wide demand at the present time.

**-EDITORIAL NOTES-**

"The local newspaper achieves world-wide news coverage," according to the Federal Communications Commission.

The Province is well represented by its M. P.'s and Senators these days—the force of one good example from Queen's.

Notwithstanding the enormous destruction of human lives during the War, the best figures available today would indicate that the total world population is now at least one hundred million more than in 1939. How is it to be fed other than by the "haves"?

In Great Britain the Government foots the bill almost entirely for radio. From 1937 to 1945, the deficits of B.B.C. over licence receipts, averaged \$10,710,000 which had to be made good by the Government from tax revenue. In Canada it is not so bad as that—yet.

A Quebec M. P. advertising the special claims of his choice of a Canadian flag says it has no representation on it of the Union Jack or Fleur-de-Lis. If it is adopted, he claims, "in twenty-five years we will have complete national unity." Yes, to the same degree that "if wishes were horses beggars would ride."

The Government railway, says a contemporary, is not at present earning enough net even to provide for the Income Tax which it should be forced to include in its accounts. It is not exceptional, alas, in this respect, the Government taking even "the shirt" of not a few enterprises.

Surely if our new Car Ferry Abegweit is to be on duty in September as promised, the S. S. Prince Edward Island could have been kept on the route till then without going to drydock. It is a risky matter being dependent on Scotia I for our regular connection with the mainland.

So oleomargarine got what it deserved in the Senate, the parking kick being administered by that veteran politician, Senator John A. Macdonald of Cardigan, at the instance of P. E. I. Dairyman's Association. The bill will thus never reach the House of Commons, where a warm reception was being prepared for it by Maritime members.

There should be popular patronage of the Women's Institutes Competitive Musical Festival in Prince of Wales College this evening, and again tomorrow evening. It says much for the cultural interests of our Institutes that they should extend their patronage to such a worthwhile objective, deserving of every encouragement, not only from our Provincial and Civic leaders, but from the public at large.

Now Baby Bonusers are threatened with the privilege of paying a "security" tax of 5% of their earnings, big or little. This means for the responsibility of having little ones to nourish and bring up, a man or woman, if he or she survives the ordeal, will get an old age pension, provided he has paid the Government \$5 per annum out of every \$100 he earns from the time he leaves school. Some inducement to become a parent and bread-earner! And the bachelor must pay as well.

The Indian Mutiny broke out this date 1857 in the native army of Bengal; the immediate cause of the outbreak is supposed to have been the introduction into the army of cartridges greased with cows' and pigs' fat, the handling of which was abhorrent both to Hindus and Mohammedans, but discontent with British rule under the East India Co., had long been gaining ground. On the re-establishment of British authority, the power of the East India Co. was abolished, and thereafter the sovereign of England became the supreme ruler of India.

**Notes By The Way**

Medical men say that father's hunches means that his blood is poor or something that the lawn grass is getting long.—Strawford Beacon-Herald.

Russia's claim to one-third of the Italian fleet has been reduced to less than one-quarter. The Royal Navy and R.A.F. did better than that.—Windsor Star.

Whenever you are tempted to scorn women's fashions of the day, just go up to the attic and look at some of the illustrated magazines of 20 years ago.—Christian Science Monitor.

General Crerar's reasoned advocacy of compulsory military training suggests the advisability of instituting it voluntarily before the force of circumstances alters the situation.—Toronto Telegram.

If the Japanese women elected to Parliament who complain that the men won't listen to their views were allowed to vote, they would discover that the masculine parliamentarians will be only too glad to give them credit when things go wrong.—Toronto Telegram.

Now that our hair is turning gray, we daily become more concerned about the younger generation coming to? Fortunately our hair is not gray that we cannot laugh off our concern on most occasions and change the subject to the warty toads of the fables of advancing age.—Calgary Alberta.

The United States is ready to reverse itself, and sign a hemisphere military pact which includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. This state department reversal means the abandonment of the policy of active opposition which we have followed since 1917. But it would be dangerous to assume that our anti-Fascist Argentine policy was a mistake. It is not the policy of opposition to Argentine Fascism which was wrong. The error is deeper, and it is contained in the policy of regionalism, which has made it impossible to take any effective action.—New York Post.

Beyond any question of the value to a firm of a young man of 21, or 22, or 23, as against one of 26 or 27, there are other considerations which should be taken into account. The experience in dealing with men, the development which comes with travel, with struggle, with adversity, with the vicissitudes of life, the ability to protect those very firms which now say he is too old. These firms are to the veterans to value their peace-time rule and to accept, if all other qualifications are present, the veteran who is more than 21.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

There is another thought on the canvas of dreams. It is this: juveniles should never, except under direct supervision, be permitted to have control of revolvers, pistols, rifles or shotguns. There is not only danger of their shooting themselves but of their shooting others. There are times when a youngster starts out with a small rifle and becomes involved in a serious accident. He may cause serious injury to himself or a companion or damage to property. He may be killed. He may be prone to seek for targets. Sometimes a tree will do, but more often the windows of vacant or temporarily unoccupied houses are the marks aimed at. After breaking a window or two, it is only a step to looting or arson. These are the dangers which attend the possession of firearms by juveniles. The Government, particularly in the rural areas, have caused great annoyance by youths with guns.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Mr. Arthur Welsh, Ontario's new trade supervisor, is not only a good man but a good one. He has a questionaire which he sent to the tourist trade in Ontario. He asked the tourists, He asked them what they liked best about Ontario, and their answer was: "the fishing, the scenery and the food. What had impressed them most these tourists said, was the courtesy and friendliness of the people. That is a good point to remember at the dawn of a new tourist season, which may be a busy one for Ontario. Mr. Welsh wants everyone to see that the tourist gets full value for his money, that he is not subjected to a "rip-off" policy, and that he is anything like that. In that way, he thinks we will build up a permanent and friendly tourist trade. He also suggests that a good co-operation in giving directions, and a visitor find a good place to eat, and politeness—about the wartime average—in the stores. Americans in their very presence, to the hospitality and friendliness. They ought to get it in Ontario.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

With the beginning of summer, forests and fields are alive with the hum of insects. Walking in the woods, the wanderer hears their rustling and feels their quick, busy presence. A flutter of leaves betrays a presence lurking near; a parting of the grass tells of fearful scurrying feet. They are omnipresent folk, these people of the woodlands. There is something comforting in their very presence. The green world is filled with charm and mystery. Coming upon their hidden homes and finding their young tucked away, one feels he has intruded into a precious secret, and only a hasty retreat will save him or her from discovery. There is a kinship between the human and the lesser things of creation. Uncon-

sciously the heart of man goes out to these timid creatures, and he feels perhaps something of the sensitive thought of the English Dickcissel. These strangers in a foreign world.

Protection asked of me: "Befriend them, for yourself in heaven. Be found a refuge."—The Cassette, Montreal.

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**Old Charlottetown**

(P. E. I. Magazine, 1902)

The fire engineers—or Fire Wardens, as they were called—were a board of citizens appointed by the City Council, functioning in part as the Fire Committee of the Council as well as having some of the duties of the Fire Department.

The first Board of Fire Engineers, appointed in 1855 from different Wards of the City, comprised men prominent in the history of the Island. They were: George Coles, Chief, A. H. Yates, Charles Welsh, W. B. Williams, Edward Wheelan, William McGill, Frederick Nelson, Daniel Davis, Richard Wright, Thomas Green, John Burns, James Waite, George Beer, William Pettick, T. B. Tremain and Thomas Heath Haviland, Sr.

Each Warden or Engineer carried a red staff about five feet long, surmounted by a gilt ball, as emblem of authority. The officers' emblems were a baton of different color, resembling that carried by a Marshal on parade. The Fire Engine Companies, No. 1 captained by James Waite, No. 2 by Thomas W. Dodd and No. 3 by Elias Bernard.

It appears from the records that the City was well equipped with fire engines up to well into the Great Fire in 1866, but all were hand engines. There were five of these, the most for constant use, the Tremont, procured in 1872. It did good service for several years, but when the mentioned fire, which destroyed the greater part of four blocks bounded by Queen, Gloucester, Pownall and Great George Streets, necessitated a more efficient fire engine; so the first steam fire engine was brought to the city. It was a small one, called the Hillsborough, popularly known as Sibley (the manufacturer's name) was imported in 1874 from Seneca Falls, N. Y.

The first annual report of the Fire Department was submitted to the Council in 1877. Some excerpts follow:

"At the present time with the large and expensive Steam and Hand Fire Engines and apparatus, which are now in use, it is not possible to keep them in good order and watchfulness. Great care should be taken with wood ash, which when hot, should be placed in suitable iron vessels, and proper safety should be used for the preservation of better matches."

"On the 30th of the same month, fire broke out in the grocery store of George D. Wright, the flames quickly reached the adjoining drug store of P. G. Brewer, at the corner of Queen and Richmond Streets. Both were entirely consumed."

"The premises occupied by Hon. William McGill and William Sinclair on the one side, and the house of Mrs. McCarron on the other, were saved in a very damaged condition. The losses sustained may be about seven thousand dollars."

"In sounding the alarm of this fire, the new bell was found to be still operative for a distance of nearly three feet from the lower edge, and it is consequently rendered of but little use for the purpose intended."

"On Wednesday, the 15th April last, a general inspection took place of the whole force of the Fire Department, opposite the Provincial Building, before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and members of both branches of the Legislature, then in session. The force presented a respectable appearance and afforded those present a full opportunity of seeing the present condition of the Department for the protection and preservation of public and private property. Both the steam engines were put into active operation. The stream of water reached the top of the spire of St. Paul's Church, and the Hook and Ladder Company scaled the Provincial Building."

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Sir,—Once more the book of time opens for Mother's Day, and of all great days in the year, could there be any greater? Who is this Mother who has one day set aside for her each year? Who is this Mother that I, like so many other scribbles, try each year to write some feeling words about? Visiting my old home in the country a few days ago where I spent my happy days as a lad; there I found long forgotten by many, we had gathered around the dinner table while Mother, who's hair had turned to silver served us. There too, in those days, I gathered for evening prayers at the close of another long day of fun and laughter.

And it was Mother who kissed us a last good night; it was in those days I learned to love her. I learned to love the breakers to be met of the stormy sea of life, when I would leave the pool of my childhood. From her I learned to be honest and fair in business with others and the same in pleasure.

It is one Mother, the one I write about now, but I have changed around my old country home as I visited there a few days ago. Mother is there no more sitting at her window with her white apron. No more will the tears come to her eyes as we go away. No, she so many other Mothers, she has gone to reap her reward, but is ever that close to her one hour in the day by those she brought into this world. Such is Mother's life and she is ever with us, changed and lovely, but memory lingers on. What a wonderful world this would be if we all realized what our own mothers had done for us. But strange and true, in my travels, I have seen Mothers abused, despised, deserted, in the very same and daughters they suffered to bring into this world. I have seen the hands of sons raised in bitter rage to strike their mothers; I have heard the vile tongues of sons and daughters who cursed their own mothers in battle. The moment have prayed that God would freeze that upraised arm and still for ever that evil tongue.

Now, on this more Mother's Day dawn on us, the little day for mothers everywhere; Mothers who have been in battle, the one who might live in peace; mothers who have been neglected, forgotten and abandoned; mothers who are happy. So let us all, no matter how nasty we may have been in the past, turn to our mothers on Mother's Day and say: "Mother, I will find my old home changed and mother gone. Sunday is Mother's Day, the first practice Mother's Day in years. Let us all remember her."

I am, Sir, etc.  
W. A. O'BRIEN,  
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**The Poet's Corner**

THE PASSING OF APRIL

One robin through the twilight fluted low,  
A rain of petals fell on path and lawn,  
And where a small wind stirred the towers of snow  
Our emptier garden whispered:  
Youth is gone.

Brief was the beauty, brief the blossoming,  
And sweet the rapture Time could never hold,  
For in a little drift of petals spring  
Was lost to us, and all the world grew old.

—Arthur Stringer in The New York Times.

**OLD "TIMES"**

CAPETOWN, (CP)—Original copies of "The Times" giving detailed reports of Nelson's funeral in 1806 were discovered among sheets of paper used by an Indian storekeeper for wrapping. A dispatch heralding Wellington's victory at Waterloo is included in the "stop press" of an issue dated June 22, 1815.

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