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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Farm Producers Worried

At the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference at Ottawa this week it was made apparent that the question of feed grain supply was one of very serious import, especially in connection with the fulfillment of Canada's food agreements with the United Kingdom.

One thing the King Government could do is cut off the supply of wheat and barley now going, at very low cost, to the brewers and distillers.

The wheat growers want, among other things, an initial price of not less than \$1.50 per bushel for the 1946 wheat crop.

Crushing The Middle Class

Noting that liquidation of the middle class is, according to the Communists, one of the very first steps necessary to the achievement of their revolution, the Financial Post suggests that in Canada this is being achieved right now by taxation.

The full effects on our nation of continued high taxation on the middle class, says the Post, have been so far very largely obscured.

For the energetic young middle-class Canadian who has neither inherited money nor married a rich wife, the tax climate in which he finds himself today is stifling.

A Great Achievement

The Dominion Government has presented a bust of the late Sir Charles Saunders to the Administration Building at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

Sir Charles Saunders was the originator—following in the footsteps of his father Dr. William and his brother Dr. Percy—of Marquis

wheat. This marvellous hybrid of the wheat kingdom has been the greatest single factor in placing Canada in a commanding position in world wheat production for the past quarter century.

It has increased enormously the real wealth of the world in the last 10 years (1921). In 1918 some 300,000,000 bushels were grown in Canada and the United States.

Sir Charles searched the world for a wheat which would give a heavy yield and at the same time ripen before killing frosts struck the Western Prairies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mary Queen of Scots born tomorrow's date 1542.

Now is the time to have all the winter road machinery ready for immediate operation.

"There is plenty money in circulation," says a leading merchant, "people are prepared, and even eager, to buy almost anything attractively offered."

Is the almost perfect Spring, Summer and Fall to be followed by an almost perfect Winter? This is provided the wells are filled, and the running water not below par.

It was an English philosopher who said "the perfect guest is he who makes me feel I am a perfect host." Trust the King's County and Charlottetown Board of Trade feel that way today.

Attention is drawn to the Fox Notes in this issue in which the present condition of the industry is discussed, and a proposal made to inaugurate a movement to have Federal taxation schedules amended.

U. S. A. entered the war with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, this date 1941. Without warning, and while her envoys were still negotiating at Washington, with the United States, Japanese bombers attacked the great naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and air and naval bases at Manila in the Philippines.

Ontario and Quebec members of Parliament are worrying over the prospect of losing their long week-ends when the session opens late next month.

The British Council of Churches has raised \$570,000 (\$2,280,000) towards its target of a million pounds (\$4,000,000) for Christian reconstruction in Europe.

There is nothing like having the forward-looking attitude in life. Even before construction work begins on Britain's revolutionary series of Brabazon air-liners, designers and engineers in the United Kingdom are already suggesting their successors for "sometime in the 'fifties'."

Australia as well as Prince Edward Island has a budding litterateur. Australia's latest novelist, 17-year-old Catherine Goskin of Coogee, has achieved overnight success with her book, "This Other Eden," acclaimed by critics as an outstanding sophisticated work.

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Notes By The Way

There are two ways of acquiring old furniture. You can buy it or raise a family.

Most trouble is just a stretch of the imagination that snaps back on you.—Kitchener Record.

Mr. Molotov is reported to be suffering a head cold. We suggest that he try his veto on it.—Peterborough Examiner.

We are quite willing to admit that Scots are thrifty people, but we flatly disbelieve the Guelph Mercury's story about the Scotsman who found a package of corn plaster and promptly went out and bought a pair of light shoes.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Blood transfusions are being used more and more in the treatment of every kind of imaginable disease. An outstanding success has been achieved by a Blackpool doctor in combating rheumatism.

Imagine the union power of a man who can make millions suffer in the United States no work, no pay, no schools. What a travesty in the mind's eye that the war was fought to exterminate Hitlerism and Mussolinism and save the crown.

This is the season of the year when petty thieves make rich hauls from automobiles. They prey on shoppers who leave bundles unguarded in unlocked cars.

We should make some sacrifices to get for ourselves customers abroad who will remain faithful to us in the future. We should deprive ourselves of certain consumer products so that they can be exported and become known and appreciated.

Inviting laymen to confer with them on the administration of justice is a happy innovation by the courts.

The most cheering news we have heard in a long time is the report that the price of bread is declining in many parts of the world.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

SHIPS THAT CARRY GRAIN FROM PORT ARTHUR

Sir—In a previous letter I endeavoured to emphasize the immediate need for feed grain in the railway island most of which has been coming by rail. For to what the bulk of the western grain was carried east as far as Montreal by ship and at a cost much lower than that charged by the railway.

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Agriculture in Transition Period

(Bank of Nova Scotia Review)

In the immediate future price and market prospects for Canadian agriculture are undoubtedly good.

The situation is brought into clear relief by the U. S. farm-price picture. Reflecting the acute world shortage and the removal of controls in recent months, in many cases to all-time record levels, there have been wide fluctuations.

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