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

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Liberal Criticism

The shortage of doctors is becoming a matter
of increasing concern, both to Ottawa and to
the various Provinces. The reason for this is
not far to seek. The total supply of
Canadian doctors is roughly 9,000. 800
of these are in the armed services overseas,

The Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) takes
leave to doubt this statement. It cites numerous
instances of lack of co-ordination and bluntness
charges Ottawa with having followed a
"short-sighted, blundering and dangerous policy
in the disposition of national medical resources."

"Anyone who makes any inquiry at all knows
that the country is now dotted with doctors in
uniform who are, to put it most moderately,

"Prominent among the advocates of the present
policy, or lack of policy, at Ottawa, is Hon. Ian
Mackenzie who, while building up his own
department of pensions and national health on the
one hand, blithely introduces to a committee of
the House of Commons a draft bill for a national
medical and hospital service, the first effect
of which would be to make enormous demands
upon existing medical skill and hospital facilities.

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issue," asks the London correspondent of
the Montreal Gazette. "Frankly, they don't
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changed by a people's war into a people's country.
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time living looms as an urgent problem."

\$21,708 For Rugs

Liberal cabinet ministers and members are
defending the King Government vigorously
against the suggestion that too much money has
been spent, during the war, on rugs for
government offices. The clamor threatens to
detract public attention from the real issue.
The fact is, says the Ottawa Journal, that the
trouble over rugs was only one incident in a series
of incidents which ended in Col. Thompson giving
up the post of Office Economy Controller,
but it happened to catch the attention of the
public and of Parliament, and General LaFleche
and Mr. Fournier, by trying to prove that there
was no extravagance in the purchase of rugs,
seem to be trying also to convey the impression
that Col. Thompson had no grievances.

So we have Mr. Fournier making a return
to Parliament that in three years the Department
of Public Works spent \$21,708 for rugs.
(Though this return according to Col. Thompson
does not include any rugs purchased for
the new Navy and Air Force buildings in Ot-
tawa, or the Prices Board.) The public may
agree with the Government that a certain
amount of luxury is necessary for officials who
have private offices, but it will seem strange,
for example, that the Chief Page of the House
of Commons should need a rug at all, much less
one costing \$60, that seven presumably rugged
offices of the Department of Labor should have
been allotted rugs at a total cost of \$1,214 or
\$173.50 each; that costs should have varied so
greatly.

Col. Thompson did not resign, however, over
rugs alone. He did not resign after he wrote
Mr. Fournier for a list of rugs bought, and had
his reply from his own minister, General La-
Fleche, who said why this information was
required. That ended the Economy Controller's
rug inquiry, but he did not give up until there
had become very clear a general tendency to
ignore his authority, to buy all sorts of things
and present the Controller with the completed

transaction for his approval. Col. Thompson had
been appointed to check extravagance and if he
could not have a reasonably free hand he felt he
should get out. He might understand that officials
coming to Ottawa in government posts for
the duration sometimes at a considerable sacri-
fice, would want offices to match their im-
portance, but he had also the intense conviction
that money was needed for more vital things.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One trouble with the City Council, they adopt
resolutions and then do not enforce them. How
many citizens failed to clear their footpaths after
the recent snowfall?

The City crossings are not looked after properly
in thaws and bad weather, especially at
Zion corner where it is necessary for pedestri-
ans to circumnavigate to get from one side of
the street to another.

Hugh Fleming, M.D., son of the late eminent
scientist, engineer and public man, Sir Sandford
Fleming, born this date 1871; enjoying an exten-
sive practice in Ottawa, he joined up and
served as captain in the Army Service Corps
during the last Great War; returning to Can-
ada, he retired from private practice; has one
daughter, Viscountess Hardinge, whose hus-
band was A.D.C. to Lord Willingdon, Govern-
or-General.

Investment in War Bonds made easy. The
National War Finance Committee announces
special arrangements would be made for farmers
who wished to buy bonds in the forthcoming
Fourth Victory Loan campaign. The farmer
would be able to make a deposit of a minimum of
10 per cent of his purchase of three per cent
bonds, and would undertake to pay off the re-
mainder of the purchase within six months
with accrued interest at the rate of three per
cent annually.

The Canadian Army in Britain is organizing
legal aid bureaux at all formation headquarters
so soldiers will be able to obtain private legal
advice on confidential matters. This aid is
available for civil legal problems and does not
apply in criminal offences, disciplinary action,
or other matters such as pay and allowances
which can be dealt with through other channels.
The legal aid bureaux at formation headquar-
ters will consist of a panel of regimental officers
chosen from serving solicitors and it is hoped
to have one officer from each unit of the formation.
Service on the panel is voluntary but it is
likely that all soldier-solicitors will offer their
assistance. Soldiers who want legal aid may be
given permission to consult any officers on the
legal-aid panel of their formation.

Mr. Wallace Reyburn, war correspondent, has
written a book on the Dieppe invasion. Mr.
Reyburn spent 6 1/2 hours ashore with the Can-
adians during the Dieppe raid in which he, Ross
Munro of The Canadian Press and A. B. Austin
of The London Daily Herald were the only re-
porters actually to land. Mr. Reyburn had to
swim for safety before being picked up. He
writes that many lives were lost because in-
vasion barges were not fitted with ropes by
which troops in the water could climb aboard.
Mr. Reyburn said he himself was one man who
did not have the strength to clamber up the flat
side of a barge, rising four or five feet above
the waterline, while under constant machine-gun
fire. The man next him was shot and killed.
"it would have been a simple matter to have
ropes netting suspended from each side of the
landing craft and it would have been no trick
at all for men to have climbed up it." Wise after
the event.

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An interesting fact is that Chinese Industrial
Co-operatives sprang up during a critical phase
of the war in response to a pressing demand for
manufactures. During the period of transfer
and organization of industry in the interior, af-
ter industrial centres on the coast had been cut
off, a method of industrial organization had to
be improvised to provide consumer goods particu-
larly textiles, chemicals, pottery and similar
materials. These co-operatives are regarded as
an effective means of achieving local self-suffi-
ciency by promoting small-scale industry. In
the western sections of Free China they have
been organized in the heavy industries and are
producing munitions of war. Approaching the
battle zone industries become more mobile and
it is reported that a considerable number of
such co-operatives are actually behind the Ja-
panese lines. They co-operate with guerrilla
bands providing them with food and clothing as
well as small weapons and ammunition. They
have been adapted to the circumstances existing
in particular districts and are aided by Govern-
ment grants and loans. Contributing to the
Chinese industrial output and also providing for
the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers are spe-
cial groups of co-operatives which provide dis-
abled soldiers with training in a trade, with em-
ployment during the period of convalescence and
with a possibility of future earning power.

Notes By The Way

The bonds of matrimony draw
quite a lot of interest in the di-
vorce court. —Guelph Mercury.

If they had "pleasure driving," we
don't suppose it will apply to the
fellow whose wife pilots from the
back seat. —Ottawa Citizen.

Italy would like to know how to
get out of the war. Well, she started
it with a stab in the back. —
Brandon Sun.

There are horrors still to come. A
new style of music is predicted for
after the war. And the styles get
worse and worse. —Vancouver Province.

The Duke of Windsor may not be
numbered among the world's great-
est philatelists, but he knows his
stamps. With collapse of the tour-
ist trade, the Bahamas were experi-
encing a deficit for 1942. So the
duke ordered a Columbus anniversary
stamp, over 100,000 of them. The
stamps have yielded nearly
\$160,000; the Bahamas have a sur-
plus of \$72,000. —Philadelphia Record.

Letter writers can save a great
deal of wear and tear on cancella-
tion machines in the post office by
putting on letters side by side,
side instead of up and down. The
frazzled nerves of postal employees
would have a chance to quieten down
as well. With the new postal rates
in force as many as three stamps
may be needed to pay postage. The
cancellation machines extend only
one inch down an envelope. To can-
cel stamps running north and south
the men must turn the machine on
its side. So stamps should be fasten-
ed to an envelope in such a man-
ner as to parallel the cancellation.
—Winnipeg Tribune.

The call to the country's armed
forces, is admittedly an attraction
outweighing everything else. But
whether she enlists in active ser-
vice or stays actively engaged on
the home front at present, the
nurse is a vital and important asset
to the country in war and peace-
time alike. An attribute peculiar to
her profession is the maintenance
of her usefulness long after she ceases
to be an active worker publicly
in her vocation. In the nursing pro-
fession the key to individual and
national health and consequently
the key to a normal, happy mode of
life. —Regina Leader-Post.

One of the anomalies of war was
noted in a recent news story tell-
ing of renewal for one year of the
fishing agreement between Russia
and Japan. —between our valiant ally
and our hated enemy. Sole reason
for the agreement is very probably
the inability of either power to as-
sume further military commitments
at this time. There is little possi-
bility of genuine alliance between the
two powers, whose mutual distrust
dates back to the Sakhalin incident
of 1905 and was heightened by the
Japanese attack on Port Arthur in
1904 — two days before a belated
declaration of war. —Kingston Whig-
StANDARD.

There is a spicily bit of news about
Pierre van Paassen making a public
apology to the Duke of Hamilton,
whom he charged in one of his
books with collusion and collabora-
tion with Rudolph Hess. Van
Paassen and his publishers were
both in for two suits of \$100,000,
and the amended were very prompt.
The facts, as revealed are that the
Duke of Hamilton did not know
Hess, had never had letters from
him, and had never had any con-
nection with the Nazi Government.
The Duke has been doing his share in
the Royal Air Force. It is a sensa-
tionary thing to have this sensational
globe gossip hunter set back on his
heels. —St. Catharines Standard.

People in England are loud in
their praises of a New Zealand
division under Gen. Freyberg which
played a dashing role in the out-
flanking movement that drove Rommel
from the Mareth Line. These
New Zealanders are good. Their
fighting in Crete. Their general
fighting at Gallipoli and on the
Western Front in the early days
of the war, and the fine record
of several wounds the fine con-
duct always to mention the fine con-
duct in battle of Dominion troops.
Characteristically, less is said in
London of the equally fine record
of units from the British Isles. But
Americans are interested in both.
The fact is that side by side with
the New Zealanders, the Scots of
the 51st Highlanders, also stand
the breach at El Hamma. Their
Soots are good, too. —Chicago Daily
News.

The light which has for some time
been a part of the life-jacket used
by the Merchant Navy has been fur-
ther improved, and improved, British
Electricians have taken it out. Not
only is it now more efficient, but
it can be made. The light
can be attached to the shoulder of
the jacket, or to a spring clip which
cannot be washed off. The light
is switched on by inserting a cap-
pable plug into a socket on top of
the done with two fingers, and the
instructions are necessary. The
light can be seen over great dis-
tances at sea, and many lives have
been saved by it.

Kanshien is the No. 1 city in
South China, says a report in Asia
Magazine. Chiang Chin-kou, the eld-
erly son of the generalissimo, has his
headquarters in Kanshien. Chiang
is the head of the fourth administra-
tive "hsien" which covers a total of
1,600,000. He is concurrently the
magistrate of Kanshien. In the past
we have heard so much about "mod-
ern" Kanshien really de-
scribes the name of a "model dis-
trict," Chiang has a "model dis-
trict," namely, to enable fivefold
to have (1) work to do, (2)
homes to live in, (3) clothes to wear, (4)
education. This three-year-old pro-
gram is all based on the funda-
mental idea of protecting the weak
exploiters and the social parasites
laborers and poor people but
friendly to profiteers and the break-
ers of the law. He is a friend of
the common people and he receives
go to him to voice their opinions and
air their grievances. At the entrance
of the city park, there is a box
marked "secretary's office" in which
anyone can drop to him anything
that he might not otherwise hear.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion by correspondents of
issues of interest to the
Charlottetown Guardian does not
necessarily endorse the opinions
of correspondents.

SALARIES PAID TO
CONTROLLERS AT OTTAWA

Sir.—The item in the Guardian
dated April 8 Ottawa, states that
several controllers serve without
salary, but also says that Ralph
B. Reynolds is receiving a living allow-
ance of \$25.00. This is undoubtedly per
day and would total for the year \$9,125.00.
If this is not a salary, the Eng-
lish language is wrong. In addition
to his traveling expense would be
paid by the Government, which
of course would be in order. The
other controllers without salary
most likely working under the
same conditions. Why must the
Government endeavor to cover up
these salary accounts and treat the
people who foot all these bills, like
ten-year-old children?
Another matter of importance to
the citizens of Canada.
Senators who are actually paid
employees of the Tax Payers of
Canada, are the judges when
they are supposed to be. This was
witnessed, a short time ago when
bills totalling around \$825,000,000
were up for discussion and only 22
out of some 90 senators were present.
But they still receive the salary,
etc., etc.
Such doings savor of an Expen-
sive Club, where a small staff carry
on the work of the club, and the
tax payers of Canada, if 22
senators can look after the dis-
posal of \$825,000,000.00 of the Tax
Payers money at times like the
present, then the men who are
supposed to do the work at all times.
Why must the Citizens of our
country be taxed for all this unces-
sary expense?
Every controller at around \$4,000.00
each per year comes to well over
\$300,000.00 and their expenses, etc.,
would probably total over half as
much again.
That Governments al-
ways consider the expending of the
citizens money as free and easy
business without any regard for
proper business account?
I am, Sir, etc.

CITY SNOW REMOVAL

Sir.—In the report of Monday
night's City Council meeting car-
ried in Tuesday's Guardian, there
is a recommendation of the Coun-
cil that the City Engineer be re-
quested to make a careful study
of the various letters appearing in
the local press of late written by
Mr. H. K. S. Hemming, giving
details of a concrete proposition for
the removal of snow from the
streets of the city, the entire dur-
ation of each winter in the future,
and closely following each and every
snowstorm, done by modern mach-
inery and equipment supplied and
to be acquired by the city, the
cost of such to be equitably spread
over and assessed to all citizens and
occupants of the homes in Char-
lottetown. The cost to each house
occupant in this case would be but
a trivial amount to cover the en-
tire winter, in fact hardly notice-
able. The result however would be
that within a couple of hours after
each snowstorm, the city's
sidewalks would be cleanly shovel-
ed, in machine thoroughness, and
uniformly over the entire city.
It goes without saying that the
citizen or home owner who does
not and clears his own section and
has to wade through a heavy ac-
cumulation of snow in front of his
neighbor's place will at once ap-
preciate the progressive and mod-
ern system now proposed by Mr.
Hemming. Under our present hit
and miss and spasmodic shoveling
by a few laborers while others
flout the by-law, including the City
itself on property owned by it is
antiquated and out of date. Char-
lottetown, like all growing cities,
must plan to adopt modern
and advanced systems of sanitation
and cleanliness and right here is
a good way to begin.
I am personally glad to see that
Councillor McKeen thought well
of this proposal and advanced
a motion for its thorough investiga-
tion, also that Councillor McKee
from whom many practical and
sound proposals have been ac-
cepted to the city's betterment, sup-
ported and seconded Councillor Mc-
Donald's motion.
I am, Sir, etc.

Rug Ratings At
Ottawa

(Ottawa Journal)
(According to a return tabled in
the House of Commons in three
years of work the Department of
Public Works spent \$21,708 for rugs)
What is your rug rating? That
is the question of our top
Government has bought or what
paid for them that interest us. Sit-
ting on our feet planted squarely
on our carpets—carried linoleum,
we want to know how comes it that
Minister of Defence Raiston went
on a rug costing \$76.65, while Air
Commodore Johnston, up in the
Jackson Building, up in the
\$124.40; and Air Minister Power, in
the same building, on one at
\$26.97? Is that what the air force
does to people—sharpens their sense
of value, gives them a truer idea
of what a Wilton (or maybe an
Oriental) should look like?
In fact, going over this rug list
we are puzzled entirely to see how
we are the tastes—or ratings—of our
flight officials vary in this matter.
Here we have Air Vice-Marshal
Croll with a \$132 rug, while Com-
modore Canler, a navy walks
over one at the insignificant price
of \$34! What's wrong with this
mar?
Oddly enough (or is it?) we don't
find anything in this rug saga
about Mr. Flaley.
We used to think that in the Civ-
il Service they rated people by
grades. After this we're going to
rate them by rugs.

War 25 Years
Ago To-Day

(By The Canadian Press)
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took over command of Allied armies
in France. Germans captured Neuve
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ed over publication of Emperor
Karl's letter acknowledging French
claims to Alsace-Lorraine.

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TANKS FROM STEPPES

MOSCOW (CP)—With all
their difficulties, the people of the
Soviet steppes have contributed
more than 1,500,000 rubles for a
tank column for the Red Army to
be called "The Collective Farmer
of Salsk."

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UP

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The Poets' Corner

FROM: "WHEN THE HOUNDS
SPRING"
When the hounds of spring are
winter's traces,
The mother of months in meadow
or plain
Fills the shadows and windy
With lip of leaves and ripple
rain;
And the brown bright nightingale
amorous
For the Thracian ships and
The tongueless vigil, and all
pain.
For winter's rains and ruins
over,
And all the season of snows
sins;
The days dividing lover and love
The light that loses, the night that
wins;
And time remembered is grief for
begotten,
And in green underwood and
Blossom in blossom the spring
begins.
—Algernon Charles Swinburne

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