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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

A Gigantic Task

Speaking at Toronto on Monday, Mr. James S. Duncan, retiring Acting Deputy Minister of National Defense for Air, warned against entertaining any feeling of complacency with regard to the progress made in air training.

Mr. Duncan paid warm tribute to the calibre of the trainees. "What a melting pot of young manhood," he said, "this British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is!

Mr. Duncan found it stimulating to reflect that this serving together in a common cause, this discipline and loyalty, will carry through the war into peace.

Adjustment Badly Needed

The ills which afflict the farmer were thus diagnosed by H. H. Mannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, at the annual meeting in Toronto.

The need for an adjustment between agricultural and other commodity prices was strongly emphasized in the brief presented to the Dominion Government by the Federation on Monday.

"Not Neutral"

According to a Washington correspondent a mildly humorous sidelight on the "preparedness" struggle is provided by Senator Wheeler.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Here is the wording of the last Christmas Card sent out to Scouters by Chief Scout Baden-Powell: "Stick it out! Play up to the scouts' slogan—sleeves up! And, with tails up, go to it to win the war! And, after that, bring about peace with goodwill and happiness to all."

A new type of resilient pavement which will minimize the destructive force of bombs striking airport runways has been announced by the Western Asphalt Association by Mr. J. R. Keane, president.

Bertrand Russell, disturbing British philosopher, who has preached pacifism all his life, now announces, says the Gazette, that he is convinced for the first time that freedom cannot be preserved without military struggle.

The Victoria Cross for valour instituted this date 1856. May be conferred on officers and men of all ranks of the British Army and Navy for personal bravery.

Pictures have their victims as well as bombers. Scores of Toronto children are recovering from the effects of gas fumes which spread through the Loric Theatre on Bloor Street west during an afternoon matinee.

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Lieut. Col. Ralph C. Bingham, D. S. O., who has raised such a furor by declaring in a letter to The Times that the middle, lower middle and working classes had fallen down on the job in providing officer material for the new army, has been called upon to resign his command of an officer's cadet training unit.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Says a writer on problems concerning animals in parks: "Why anyone should want to take a lion is beyond understanding."

Roosevelt's declaration that those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety turns out to have been a quotation from an anonymous British pamphlet published in London in 1790 and attributed to Ben Franklin.

The suggestion that Hitler is bombing Europe preparatory to an invasion also comes from well-informed sources, but this appears to be a bewildering manoeuvre.

Throughout the Northwest States you will see placards and advertisements these days urging the people to "Buy British."

This question of feeding the children who are being evacuated in the United States is a matter which is being discussed in the Quakers.

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At the first sign of a cold—go to bed and stay there. This excellent advice, so difficult to follow and remain friends with employer and the State Public Health Service, so the citizen can do naught but obey.

To the lowly soy bean the German High Command attributes a great deal of the success of its Army ration. The basic components of canned meat and sausage which featured the world war ration have been replaced by soy beans.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of local news and public affairs.

AEROPLANES

Sir—In the Guardian of the 23rd in the letter by Mr. George D. Warren, Howland, R. R. suggesting an aeroplane from the people of Prince Edward Island.

In December steps were taken by the writer to bring into being a fund in which all Prince Edward Islanders everywhere would be able to participate and send overseas a Prince Edward Island Hurricane, which would be manned and operated entirely by our Island air-men.

After enquiries being made, it was found in order to comply with the War Charities Act that certain regulations had to be adhered to. These necessary information and forms having been forwarded by the Department of National War Services, Ottawa, from there we have been waiting.

A fuller outline will be given through the press at a later date. I am, Sir, etc.

—JOHN, "THE LILACS"

Aircraft Production

(Globe and Mail) For obvious reasons, details cannot be given of the existing state of aircraft production. What can be said, though, is this: That measured by our objectives of six months ago, and tested by reality, the production is a mess.

And that isn't all. A far more serious thing is that the sort of planes we need are going to need increasingly this Spring and Summer—advanced trainer planes. These are not turning out at all. This after sixteen months of war!

Yet it is Mr. King who, in the last analysis, will be held responsible for any "boggling down" or faltering or stalling that may come in the production of the Air Training Plan. It is not the Government, which has not been entirely satisfied, it is not the Air Force, which has not been entirely satisfied, it is not the Air Training Plan, which has not been entirely satisfied, it is not the Air Force, which has not been entirely satisfied, it is not the Air Training Plan, which has not been entirely satisfied.

Health — all substances necessary for building up the body, including water, hydrates, protein, fat and mineral salts. — Frederick Gleason.

Selective Cutting vs. Clear Cutting

By H. D. LONG, PROVINCIAL FORESTER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Today, the growing of trees has become a science just as much as the growing of other crops. Trees are no longer considered a resource to be exploited, but a valuable crop requiring good management.

This Province with its present volume of timber is capable of supporting a fairly sizeable lumber business if good management of woodlands is practiced. This business, when developed, would provide work and wages for a considerable part of the population and would mean higher prices for good sawlogs and a steady income to the farmer who managed his woodlot wisely.

1. Practice thinning to increase wood production. 2. Practice selection cutting to ensure a sustained yield. Before discussing the merits of selection cutting and wastefulness of clear cutting, it may be well to define each. SELECTION CUTTING is the direct opposite of clear cutting. It means the cutting of selected trees throughout the stand as opposed to the concentrated cutting of one part of the stand.

Selection cutting is concerned only with merchantable trees and separate thinning in a selection cutting, a definite number per acre of the largest trees are removed. This number depends on the stand and upon the size of the trees. If the stand is being managed for sawlogs, the trees are cut out when they are about 15 inches in diameter. If the trees are allowed to grow larger than this, the owner will be losing money except in cases where the extra price for the larger logs will cover the cost of growing the trees the additional number of years.

On the other hand, if the trees are cut much before they reach the age when they are most valuable and the smaller trees are allowed to remain and grow until they also have reached their greatest value. Thus it can be seen that the maximum value is obtained when selection cutting is practiced. Clear cutting on the other hand yields the minimum value.

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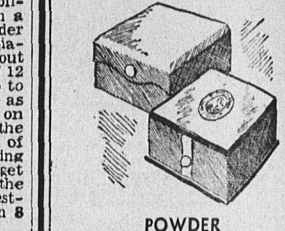
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