

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

Morning Daily (Founded in 1887)
President: Lieut. Col. W. Chester S. McLure
Vice President: J. R. Burnett, F.J.I.
Secretary: Lieut. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O.

Subscription Rates
By Mail in P.E.I., \$4.00 per year; \$2.50 for 6 months
\$1.25 for 3 months; 50c for one month

The Charlottetown Guardian may be obtained at
Hotelling's News Agency, Times Square, New York; Old
South News Agency, Corner Mill and Washington

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

A Split In Quebec?

It is openly claimed that the Federal Liberals are in jeopardy in Quebec—now that Mr. Lapointe is no longer available to direct tactics. The appointment announced from Ottawa of Mr. Edouard Tellier as federal Liberal organizer for the province of Quebec has set in motion the whole machinery of political speculation as regards the relations between the federal and provincial Liberal parties, and the question is arising whether the two branches of the party, hitherto proclaimed to be one and indivisible, are at the parting of the ways, and the provincial Liberal party to follow in the footsteps of the one-time Conservative party in the province of Quebec.

2,300 Cargo Ships

The Maritime Commission at Washington has just announced that contracts have been awarded for the construction of 23,000,000 deadweight tons of merchant vessels during 1942 and 1943. Such a mammoth programme of shipbuilding has never been approached by any country in the world. These contracts call for delivery into service of nearly 2,300 cargo ships and tankers before the end of the two-year period. They do not include, however, some 700 other craft, such as tugs, wooden barges, and small power boats, for which the Commission has also placed orders.

Railway Operations In 1941

Operating revenues of Canadian railways for the year 1941 amounted to \$533,332,774, the second largest revenue earned in any year and only 4.6 per cent below the peak year of 1928. The increase over 1940 revenues was \$108,511,877 or 25.5 per cent. Freight revenues were up \$86,736,801 or 26.2 per cent and passenger revenues by \$17,218,548 or 40.8 per cent. Operating expenses amounted to \$399,313,548 as compared with \$331,592,246 for 1940 and \$437,976,704 for 1928, thus producing the highest net operating revenue on record of \$134,019,226. For 1928 it was \$120,040,637 and the 1940, \$99,930,887.

\$207,443,080, an increase over 1940 of \$31,724,514 but a decrease from 1928 of \$10,337,094, and the operating income was increased from \$31,865,095 in 1940 to \$48,501,003. The United States lines showed an increase in operating revenues of \$7,323,390, raising the system revenue to \$304,376,778 as against \$247,527,225 in 1940 and \$304,591,268 in 1928. System operating expenses were increased from \$202,519,813 in 1940 to \$237,768,437 and the system operating income was increased to \$55,626,577 from \$35,964,408 in 1940.

Gross revenue of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company increased to \$222,502,517 from \$171,535,474 in 1940 and were exceeded only by \$230,406,354 in 1928. Operating expenses at \$158,655,358 were greater than in 1940 by \$31,095,767 but less than in 1928 and net operating revenues of \$63,847,159 were the largest to date. The operating income increased from \$35,639,439 in 1940 to \$45,957,535 as compared with \$51,694,452 in 1928.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Mackenzie King is no longer a "ca-cannier," but an "out-and-outer."
"The School Master is Abroad" again in our Province—may school attendance henceforth rise from the cellar to the cupola.

The Campbell government have been the champion borrowers of all time in our province, some \$5,000,000 since they came into power. And the farmer must pay the interest annually off the 6 to 12 top inches of top soil.

The Labour Minister has issued a warning to the effect that exemption from compulsory service in order to maintain production, applies only if agriculture be the main occupation of the person concerned as at March 23. The exemption does not apply to industrial workers who leave their industrial employment to enter agriculture after March 23.

In days of old hogs were bred for their bristles no less than their bacon. Competition with China and Asiatic Russia, where porkers are allowed to run loose like cattle out west, made the maintenance by British and American farmers of hogs to an age when their bristles were ready for harvesting, not worth while. At present, however, lack of shipping and other handicaps prevent export of bristles from these Asiatic countries, and in consequence, our Wartime Prices and Trade Board have shut down on the export of hog pelts. The bristles are used for making brushes especially shaving and artists' brushes.

An Order-in-Council has been passed renewing the agreement between the Federal Government and the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board for the year 1942-3 providing for the purchase of evaporated apples. It is estimated that the maximum amount which will be required by the Minister will be \$4,207,250, none of which will be required before October 1, 1942, and that of that amount approximately \$1,804,200 will be offset by sale of the processed product to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food, leaving an estimated net expenditure of \$2,402,960.

The kingdom of Denmark, the smallest of the northern European States, invaded by the Nazi forces this date, 1940; the attack was wholly unanticipated, the Danes being at peace with their neighbour, and no preparations having been made for defence; the invaders therefore met with no effective opposition, and took possession of the capital and the whole country without a blow being struck; the King, Royal family and leading members of the government escaped, and established a Free Danish Government in London.

Already, says the Windsor Star, there are indications that a lively business is being done in stealing tires and selling them by bootleg methods to the public. It is to the interest of all motorists to wipe out this traffic as promptly as possible, and the means of doing so lies in their own hands. Any person who buys tires from a "black market" operator is a criminal. He cannot help knowing that he is aiding and encouraging the trade in stolen rubber, and heavy penalties should be inflicted on any such buyer apprehended.

Soliciting patronage by taxis is forbidden. Taxicab operators have been warned by the services administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board that unless all non-essential use of their cabs is eliminated, steps will be taken to reduce the number of cabs operating. "It is hoped that the operators will control this matter themselves," he said. "Failure to do so can only be interpreted as meaning that there are more taxicabs operating in the community than the essential purpose of the community requires. In that event steps would be taken to reduce the number of taxicabs operating and impose further restrictions on them."

Writes Mr. Lloyd T. Spalding, President of the Ontario branch of the Navy League: Think of France—of that once gay and proud country. Think of the days before capitulation and of the decadence that was rife. Statesmanship bowed before politics. Lust for power dominated patriotism. True leaders were defamed and discredited by unscrupulous interests and quislings. Any government had a short life and certainly not a merry one. And these conditions led to discontent, to a lack of confidence in leaders of the state. The sequel to all this is tragic history. Must Canada go the same way? Or can we act in time and set our house in order? I ask this question, because to my mind, conditions in this country of ours have a disquieting similarity to those which existed in France just prior to its fall. The leaders of national life in this country—those whom by the laws of tradition and democracy we should respect and trust are bedeviling and criticizing each other—tearing down the confidence the people should place in them. The country cries leadership—leadership—but there is no leadership. Let my meaning be misinterpreted, these condemnations are applicable to members of all recognized political parties in Canada today.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Greeks starve, yet keep their price. In their sleeve, says an American traveler, they carry a German; they look through him as if he wasn't there. When Mussolini attacked them they were the only 42 million people to our 6 1-2 millions. But one Greek is better than five Italians, so the odds against us are not so bad. Some 4,000 British soldiers it is thought, are still at large in Greece with a price on their heads. The Greeks risk death to hide them, to feed them and see that they get medical care. —New York Times.

In this fantastic "war of islands," Madagascar emerges as a new arena to the United Nations. Japan, reaching ever farther with greedy hands, is already tingeing the great island of Madagascar. Is it to become a second Indo-China, yielding up to Vichy? There appears grave danger that the day of September, 1940—when Vichy made certain demands on craven Vichy and proceeded to transform French Indo-China into the springboard for the offensive that would Malaya and Singapore and opened the gates to the Netherlands East Indies and Australia—is to be repeated in Madagascar. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Wine stocks are getting low even at the London clubs. Most of them are rather proud of their cellars, but the expectation that they would be their proud "treasure" has proved just so much wishful thinking. French and German reserves are almost finished, and these, of course, cannot be renewed. Dominion wines came to the rescue for a bit, until steiner demands on shipping space and less frequent. A fair amount of port still arrives from Portugal, and there is still some sherry—of that sort, of course, which set their faces sternly against the black market, which still has considerable stocks of wine. —Bristol Post.

New Zealanders and South Africans are fighting side by side in Libya. The United Nations suggest that relations between the two Dominions are likely to become closer than ever. New Zealand and Australia had had the links of neighborhood and many common interests since their earliest days. There was never the same close association with the troops from South Africa, fighting on the western front, though New Zealanders going to, or returning from, the war zone experienced kindly hospitality at South Africa ports. So similar associations had not the opportunity to develop. The veterans of the Libyan campaign will have much in common that is never likely to be forgotten. It will be better realized that even if the South African people are not unanimous on the war issue—a fact Mr. Blackwell frankly admits—the Union is playing a great role as partner in the empire's struggle. The links should lead to deeper friendship, and I will share the Blackwell's hope that they may. —Newcastle News (New Zealand).

Seafarers the world over swear by Clyde-built, but even a Scots engineer admits that "Canada-built" deserves equal honors in the shipbuilding world. The Fort Ville Marie, first Canadian-built ship to come off the slips on the other side of the world, has impressed the British crew that manned her on her maiden voyage to this country. This 10,000-ton ship was built after the severest test a century Canadian fortress of that name built on the site of what is now the Fort. The crew pressed the early settlers beat off the raiding Iroquois Indians. That fighting tradition will be carried on by the Fort Ville Marie, as she helps to maintain the Atlantic life line against Nazi raiders. But there are other links, too, with the Clyde-built ships, who built the Fort Ville Marie. The firm that built the ship, for instance, presented a radio set to the officers' mess, and among the crew brought across with him a duffle bag packed with stocks of another kind—namely, stockings, mufflers, woolly helmets, and cigarettes all given to A.W.S. Hunter. For the past several years, growers in all parts of Canada have been testing and reporting on a group of new varieties originated by this Division. On the basis of this test it has been possible to choose four which appear to be widely adapted. These have been named Borden, Louise, Mackenzie and Tupper.

Borden is a midseason variety. The fruit is large, bright coloured, attractive and of quite good quality. It is firm fleshed and holds up well in size throughout the season. Borden is very vigorous grower, but it does not set numerous runners. However each plant bears a heavy load of fruit and the yield per acre is well maintained. Mackenzie has Premier as its pollen parent and resembles that variety in some respects. It is of about the same season as Borden or a day or two earlier. The fruit is large, dark, conic in shape and attractive in appearance. It is vigorous and a good plant maker. Louise is a very late variety and it is also one of the highest quality we have ever grown. The berries are medium to large in size, very regular in shape, attractive in appearance, and firm fleshed. The plants are vigorous and healthy, with thick dark green leaves. This number contained many very promising early, midseason and late sorts. They will be propagated and put through a series of tests at Ottawa. Many will be discarded in the process, but the most promising will be multiplied still further and plants sent to selected growers all over the Dominion. On their recommendations, the best will be named and eventually introduced to the trade.

LATE COMERS
The last states admitted to the Union were Arizona and New Mexico.
LOSS FROM SMUTS
The loss to Ontario farmers last year through smut and other seed-borne diseases is estimated at about \$4,000,000.
CIGARETTES BUILD WARSHIPS
Chile has levied a special cigarette tax to help pay for naval vessels.

COAL
We are now receiving a regular supply of the following Coals:
OLD SYDNEY SCREENED ALBION ROUND ALBION NUT BAYVIEW SCREENED DOMINION COKE BRAS D'OR LUMP INVERNESS SCREENED
Prompt and careful deliveries for C. O. D. orders, etc.

W. D. Gillis & Co.
Phone 176.
The role of a minority party in the making of a government is to define. It is simply to join wholeheartedly in the task of winning the war. All personal and partisan considerations must be subordinated to this objective. This does not mean, however, that the minority party must necessarily approve every act of the majority party. It is the duty of the minority to criticize and to suggest if the majority fails in any particular to do its utmost to bring about victory. But there is a further obligation which rests heavily upon the minority. The majority has been heard of the appeasers and

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"The ordeal through which we have to pass will be tormenting and protracted, but if everyone bends to the task with unrelenting effort and unquenchable resolve, if we do not weary by the way or fall out among ourselves or fail our Allies, we have the right to look forward across a good many months of sorrow and suffering to a sober and reasonable prospect of complete and final victory."
Winston S. Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

QUEEN'S CANADIAN FUND

Sir:—On the first birthday of the Queen's Canadian Fund, and as the Fund reaches the million-dollar mark, the Chairman and Executive Committee wish to offer their profound gratitude to the people of Prince Edward Island for their generous and consistent gifts to aid the civilian war victims of Britain. The subscription lists from your Province have shown that all sections of the community have contributed. A fair amount of money has been most ingeniously and varied. It is clear that the people of Prince Edward Island appreciate the value to those in distress of spontaneous sympathy and that they realize the importance of maintaining the moral of the civilian defenders of the fortress of Britain. I am proud to convey also the grateful thanks of Her Majesty the Queen, as expressed to me recently in London, to those who have subscribed towards the splendid contribution of the Queen's Fund. I am, Sir, etc. John G. McConnell, Chairman.

THE MYSTERIOUS EGG BONUS

Sir:—Pardon me, since I am obliged to appeal to the Columns of your valuable paper for a solution to the above. In order to encourage the production of Grade "A" eggs, the Dominion Government has offered a bonus of 3 cents a dozen. Inquiries to date have failed to elicit where or when it will be paid. One grader told me it was covered in the price of the eggs, which does not seem logical, since it is only for Grade "A's", and they are only two cents higher than Grade "B's" just as it was before the bonus was granted. In order to make the situation clearer to the producer, there should be a difference of five cents in the two Grades. An Agricultural authority recently said it was only paid on eggs that went to Britain. This would leave a producer out in the cold if he did not happen to sell to a dealer who shipped eggs there. Now I am appealing to the "Public Forum" in the hopes our Hon. Minister of Agriculture will explain the matter fully to many puzzled producers. I am, Sir, etc. "PUZZLED"

NEW OTTAWA STRAWBERRY VARIETIES

(Experimental Farm News)
New varieties of strawberries are constantly in demand. Requirements in change, different diseases, insects and disorders become important and the growing of strawberries spreads to new districts. It is the job of the strawberry breeder to try to satisfy these ever changing demands. The creation of new strawberry varieties is one of the most important fruit breeding projects of the Horticultural Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, states Dr. J. H. Hunter. For the past several years, growers in all parts of Canada have been testing and reporting on a group of new varieties originated by this Division. On the basis of this test it has been possible to choose four which appear to be widely adapted. These have been named Borden, Louise, Mackenzie and Tupper. Borden is a midseason variety. The fruit is large, bright coloured, attractive and of quite good quality. It is firm fleshed and holds up well in size throughout the season. Borden is very vigorous grower, but it does not set numerous runners. However each plant bears a heavy load of fruit and the yield per acre is well maintained. Mackenzie has Premier as its pollen parent and resembles that variety in some respects. It is of about the same season as Borden or a day or two earlier. The fruit is large, dark, conic in shape and attractive in appearance. It is vigorous and a good plant maker. Louise is a very late variety and it is also one of the highest quality we have ever grown. The berries are medium to large in size, very regular in shape, attractive in appearance, and firm fleshed. The plants are vigorous and healthy, with thick dark green leaves. This number contained many very promising early, midseason and late sorts. They will be propagated and put through a series of tests at Ottawa. Many will be discarded in the process, but the most promising will be multiplied still further and plants sent to selected growers all over the Dominion. On their recommendations, the best will be named and eventually introduced to the trade.

PAN-CAKE MAKE-UP
A new kind of make-up created by Max Factor\* Hollywood... it seems to create a new complexion... it imparts a velvety-smooth, youthful look... helps hide tiny complexion faults... stays on for hours without repowdering.
THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN?
THAT'S what counts. And it makes a difference also when you know there is a long and honest record behind.
HICKEY'S BLACK TWIST
10c PER FIG
Manufactured by HICKEY AND NICKOLSON Tobacco Co. Ltd. Charlottetown
149 Great George Street



A PERSONAL BENEFIT... A Patriotic SERVICE

BANK OF MONTREAL
"A BANK WHERE SMALL ACCOUNTS ARE WELCOME"
Modern, Experienced Banking Service... the Outcome of 124 Years' Successful Operation
Charlotteville Branch: A. I. B. BELCHER, Manager

SAVE for Victory
The last states admitted to the Union were Arizona and New Mexico.
LOSS FROM SMUTS
The loss to Ontario farmers last year through smut and other seed-borne diseases is estimated at about \$4,000,000.
CIGARETTES BUILD WARSHIPS
Chile has levied a special cigarette tax to help pay for naval vessels.