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

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Civic Affairs

There will be contests in only one Ward in the forthcoming civic elections. Mayor Holman and Couns. Butler, Dougan, McKee, Chandler and Sterns, as well as Water Commissioners Webster, Wright and Gillis, will be declared elected by acclamation.

This will be the first occasion since the Warburton administration (1897-1904) that a Mayor has been returned a second time. Congratulations are therefore due to His Worship Mayor Holman, who takes office unopposed for another two years.

His fellow members of the Council have given him good support and cooperation. The Water Commissioners also have evidently given satisfaction, and their last annual report shows that their work, as on other occasions, has been done efficiently.

These commendatory remarks are in no sense to be interpreted as a criticism of the candidates or their supporters who are opposing the sitting members in Ward Five. Their opposition gives a spice of interest to the nominations which would otherwise be lacking.

Do We Need It?

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has announced that importations of canned grapefruit juice will be subsidized by the Commodity Price Stabilization Board so that, despite higher costs in the country of its origin, a can of grapefruit juice can be sold to the Canadian consumer at the old price.

This particular fruit juice, suggests The Toronto Telegram, is, at least, a semi-luxury. Only those with incomes above the average buy it at all frequently.

This action of the board's becomes more incomprehensible in the light of the expressed opinions of authorities that tomato juice and apple juice are satisfactory substitutes, from a dietetic standpoint, for grapefruit juice.

Then, one wonders what the board will do if the prices of oranges in California and Florida go up. Will importations then be subsidized so as to avoid any higher costs to Canadian consumers?

What We Fight For

One of the King Cabinet members for whom the late Hon. Mr. Lapointe professed to be speaking when he declared, in September 1939, that there would be "no conscription outside Canada" was Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Defense for Air.

has burned into our very souls, we are in this war as Canadians, to preserve Canada. We did not declare war for Britain; we are not waging war for Britain, but with Britain; and the outcome matters just as much to Canada as it does to Britain.

"The young men in the Air Force for whom I have a special right to speak—though it is equally true of our soldiers and sailors—are offering their lives to save Canadian ideals Canadian institutions, Canadian territory, in fact, to save all that we mean by the name of Canada."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fact that so little interest is being taken in municipal and other affairs shows the still growing tendency on the part of the public to appreciate the full significance and gravity of the War situation.

Mr. W.J. Lidstone, the old reliable warhorse of Summerside, is once more the civic head of that progressive municipality. He is of the type that if he undertake anything he will see it through or die in the attempt.

Graduate nurses, past and present, married or single, have received the call by advertisement from Dr. Keeping, Provincial Comptroller of Medical Service, A.R.P., to communicate with him at once, with a view to being enlisted for local service in the event of emergency.

Another vacancy in the Senate, but Prime Minister Mackenzie King shows no indication of hurry in filling them. Why should he? He is saving the Treasury a few thousand dollars annually, besides a lot of party rancour, by prolonging the hope deferred which maketh the heart of the expectant sick.

Thomas Carlyle, Scottish historian, essayist and philosopher, died this date 1881; exercised a more powerful influence upon the literary and religious, ethical and political views of his time than any contemporary English writer.

When Mr. Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and was preparing his budget speech, he was puzzled with the number of decimal signs in the statistics placed before him.

Here are the war resolutions of the wives of farmers of U.S.A., according to "The Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife" weekly: "For most farm women the biggest challenge of patriotism will be to do what we are already doing—only to do it better."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Fish and chips in real English style are now available in Iceland. I hear, thanks to new drying equipment installed in Y.M.C.A. canteen there. To add to the homeliness of the atmosphere the counter has been equipped with bottles of vinegar and notes in the corks. This news around the world is being spread by a touring man on leave from Iceland with whom I talked in London the other day.

Ten big science stories and achievements of 1941, selected by Watson Davis, director of Science Service, are: The radio locator of the enemy; the development of a new type of airplane; the development of a new type of engine; the development of a new type of ship.

The Food Ministry's guests who last week sampled 14 different dishes compared the larger of the carrots might have reflected how much happier Nebuchadnezzar would have been, had Lord Woolton dealt with his diet of carrots in this way.

The shortage of skilled men in the factories is causing some odd situations. The other day a colleague heard a manager complain to a police officer against a group of his employees who stood in the dock charged with a series of thefts.

Hitler is undoubtedly planning fresh invasions. He is making an enormous number of gliders, each capable of carrying several tons. He has seized all the silk material he can find in Europe, and he doesn't mind who knows that it is intended for parachutes.

The battles of the Atlantic, of the Mediterranean of Europe, of Africa and of the Far East are yet to be won, and it would be the sheerest folly for the free peoples of the world to take a complacent or lackadaisical attitude.

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OTTAWA LETTER

OTTAWA, Tuesday, February 3rd.—Five speakers made their contribution to the Drift Address debate on Monday evening. Three of them Liberals, one Conservative and one New Democrat.

Mr. Bertrand is a newspaper editor thirty-six years old, a fluent speaker, and said he hoped the people would vote against releasing the government from its anti-conscription pledge.

Mr. King Hazen of St. John, Conservative, and Capt. Leslie G. Hazen, both veterans of the Great War, the latter in uniform and is on the staff of one of the training centres.

Mr. Perley has been in the House since 1930, a typical business man expressing his views plainly and clearly and emphasizing particularly that a vote of the House at the present time would be as good a criterion of present sentiment throughout Canada as any plebiscite.

Mr. G. T. Fulford takes his name from his father who accumulated a fortune and developed a beautiful property at Brockville as a result of the sale of a widely advertised patent medicine.

Remember when I am gone away. Gone far away into the silent land: When you can no more hold me by the hand, Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.

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FACTORY GIRLS KILLED
LONDON — (CP) — Two 15-year-old girls were killed in an explosion at a Linc-Inshire factory.

NAZIS BAR 'BONEY'
LONDON — (CP) — Mention of Napoleon is forbidden by the Nazis in all history lessons in Netherlands schools. Vrij Nederland, free Dutch newspaper published in London reported.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"The future demands of us a sober realization of the difficulties and discouragements ahead and an acknowledgement of the cost to each of us but our own will victory tells us that we shall win."

Best And Worst

Tolstoy's house at Yasnaya Polyana has been destroyed by the German invaders. The houses of Chekhov, the writer of plays and stories, and of Tchaikovsky, most famous of Russian musical composers, have also been wrecked.

The "dark wild, essential devilry" as the writer of a letter on another page calls it, shows an inhumanity that is, indeed, rather devilish than human. It passes by the material

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