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

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The Storekeepers' Hours

For sometime it has been current that the Government intended to restrict the hours of storekeepers to 50 per week. It was also suggested that the scheduled hours would be from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. with an extension to 10 p. m. on Saturday or any other night agreed upon.

An agitation in its favour has been espoused by certain stores in large centres of population, only to be met by equally strong opposition from proprietors of smaller concerns.

Certain interests recommended that it be submitted to defined areas, trade by trade, to reach something like an understanding on reduced hours, and when that had been accomplished to apply to the Administrator of Retail Trade to make it mandatory.

Officially the Government takes the attitude that the subject is much too controversial for the Administrator to attempt to lay down any fixed ruling.

This much is admitted, however, where any trade group in any defined area agree upon restriction and the hours to be observed their request for approval by the Administrator would be acted upon.

Wartime Shipbuilding

To illustrate the vast quantities of materials used in Canada's shipbuilding program, the Munitions and Supply department has released some impressive figures. Construction of one corvette, for example, calls for ten miles of piping and tubing. To hold it at anchor, 14 tons of anchor chain are required.

Since the beginning of the war, Canada has launched more than 200 combat ships, including corvettes, minesweepers, patrol boats, base ships and other vessels. In addition approximately 1,000 smaller craft, ranging from lifeboats to motor torpedo boats, have been launched, and 1,500 more are under construction.

With all this shipbuilding going on, isn't it strange that the capital city of this Island Province isn't humming with activity?

How is it that every port in the Maritimes—every harbor and inlet—isn't being utilized in this vitally important phase of our war effort? Years ago, when the Bennett Government was in power, the suggestion was being considered of constructing a drydock either at Southport or Charlottetown.

Conservative Convention Forecast

A dispatch from Ottawa to the Montreal Star forecasts the holding of a National Conservative Convention "late in the fall, quite possibly in November." The Star's correspondent suggests that the recent Conservative Round Table Conference at Port Hope has served to stimulate action among the party stalwarts at Ottawa looking toward the stepping-up of organization work.

"What now seems generally expected," writes The Star's staff correspondent, "is an announce-

—quite possibly in November. Winnipeg is regarded as the likeliest place, because of its central location. It was there that the big convention of 1927 was held. The 1938 convention took place at Ottawa, but no suitable building is now available for the purpose, and hotel accommodation is at a premium every day in the year.

"If the convention is held this fall it would be the belated carrying out of a plan that was developed more than a year ago. The conference last November, which was to have fixed the time and place of the convention, decided, instead, to transform itself into one and chose Right Hon. Arthur Meighen as leader.

While there seems to be a touch of propaganda in this especially prepared Ottawa story, comments the Sydney Post Record, there can hardly be any question that a National Conservative Convention has become an immediate necessity, if the party is to measure up to its opportunities and to go places on the occasion of the next appeal to the constituencies.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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Great Fire of Toronto this date 1868, when nearly half the business section was wiped out: it was the beginning of Toronto's first forward movement, and on the ashes was built up a city second to none in the Dominion for business enterprise and initiative.

Bedouque, which saw the rise of the Anti-Automobile Movement under the Hon. Horace Wright's auspices; championed the Progressives with similar blessing, supported the Labour Party without the blessing, has now inaugurated the C. C. F. Will Mr. Wright extend his patronage, or let leadership in a new cause go by default?

Notwithstanding its "No" vote in the plebiscite, Quebec continues to be one of the greatest beneficiaries from the war. Work of a new \$1,000,000 outfitting yard at inner basin Quebec harbor, designed to speed the outfitting and production of convoy escort vessels will start at once.

A speed-up of mail delivery to members of the R. C. A. F. who are still attached to the R. A. F. is one of the purposes of the Postmaster General. Hon. W. P. Mulock, in his present visit to Britain. He is accompanied by some of his officials, including Lt. Col. E. J. Underwood, Chief Superintendent of Post Office Service.

The religions of the inhabitants of the province of Prince Edward Island at date of the 1941 Dominion Census were as follows, with corresponding figures for 1931 in brackets: Roman Catholic, 42,743 (39,105); United Church of Canada, 24,005 (21,977); Presbyterian, 14,724 (14,813); Anglican, 5,739 (5,074); Baptist, 5,143 (5,066); Church of Christ Disciples, 1,115 (596); Pentecostal, 268 (188); Christian, 265 (794). Approximately 55 per cent Protestant and 45 per cent Catholic. The total population of the province in 1941 was 95,047 as compared with 88,038 in 1931.

Malta's National Day is celebrated on September, and last Tuesday, Viscount Gort, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, issued a statement in which he said the inhabitants "look forward with confidence to the day . . . when we shall welcome the Mediterranean fleet on its return to Grand Harbor." Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet, responded with a message expressing the Royal Navy's admiration for "the magnificent defence for your island home which has such an affectionate place in all our hearts."

Cash income from the sale of farm products in Canada during the first six months of 1942 totaled \$399.2 million as compared with \$343.3 million in the corresponding period of 1941 and \$259.3 million in 1940. The most important feature of the 1942 cash income was the substantial increase which occurred in the returns from livestock and livestock products. Income from wheat was sharply lower. This reduction was due to the abnormally large proportion of the 1940 crop which was marketed during the early months of 1941. Income from the sale of individual products was as follows, with figures for the first half of 1941 in brackets: wheat, \$28,014,000 (\$77,964,000); oats, \$5,692,000 (\$5,858,000); barley, \$4,256,000 (\$4,063,300); cattle and calves, \$76,012,000 (\$53,836,000); hogs, \$89,267,000 (\$62,761,000); dairy products, \$97,426,000 (\$70,242,000); poultry and eggs, \$31,

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the "surprise weapons" used by the Maritime Regiments at sea against attacking enemy aircraft is the rocket apparatus carried by the rocket armed merchant ships. These rockets are one of the weapons most dreaded by the Luftwaffe. They carry up into the air long wires supported by parachutes, so that they remain in position for an appreciable time, and the method of using them is to time and place their discharge so that the attacking bomber must either swerve away from his bombing position or become entangled with the wires and be destroyed by them.

At a small social gathering recently I asked for a secret vote among the guests as to incomes between £1,500 and £2,000. For what were they longing most after victory and peace? Ten men and eight women voted for the £1,500 and £2,000 range and seven men for the £2,000 and £2,500 range. Men and women voted equally (nine men and nine women) for the £2,500 and £3,000 range. Little interest was displayed in social security "at a certain cost of cash and luxury to the £1,500 and £2,000 range." Letter in London News-Chronicle.

The essentially Italian coranto is a dance that begins with the sixteenth century or thereabouts. Perhaps the most entirely appropriate dance for modern Italy would be the tarantella, which set up a madly characterized first by wild activity and then by melancholy and stupor. The tarantella has long been a part of the folk life of Italy; the tarantella might help to expel the poison.

At lunch or dinner the awed visitor may see the great and the near great of this little political world. Much had been made during the five cabinet ministers at a table. They are fresh from a council meeting and heavy with instructions as to the preparation of his eggs. In another corner there may be a group of Conservatives. Leader of the Opposition is dining with his usual constitutional around the buildings. The grey-topped Crerar of Mines and Resources is leaning over the buffet picking out a selection from the delicious spread of cold dishes and salads. Power of the Interior is conversing with two senior Air Force officers. Family of Finance gathers around him for a few minutes from the strain of financial debate.

It may be perfectly true, as Lady Astor says, that the Russians were not worrying about opening a second front to ease the pressure on Great Britain, when the Germans put on the blitz in September of 1940. At that time, the Russians were in a desperate straits, and it was their fighting for their own lives. But they are also helping our side to fight for all our lives. As a leader of the opposition, he is trying to get the public opinion on the Russian side. It is possible that Lady Astor is flying a kite of appeasement. She is trying to get the public opinion on the Russian side. It is possible that Lady Astor is flying a kite of appeasement.

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Those who prefer the dirt road to the dusty street may be only like the soldiers serving in North Africa or while men on either African coast, clinging to a mood that enfolds us. It is a yielding to a tie, often not lovingly, sometimes in suffering. It, too, keeps us, willingly, fettered in a way that may seem strange but is not paradoxical.

SNAKES—BUT HARMLESS
LONDON—(GP)—Superintendent G. M. Vevers of the London Zoo has assured the world the reptile house at the Zoo is open to visitors although all poisonous snakes have been destroyed because of risk of their getting out and mixing-up with the public during air raids.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Let us bear in our hearts the high hope that after we have made the sacrifices we must make, that mercy and truth, righteousness and enduring peace will reign again." —Leonard W. Brockington, K. C.

Canada's "R. B." In House Of Lords

(Canada's Weekly)
The House of Lords is generally recognized as one of the greatest deliberative assemblies in the world. Many people say the greatest. It is so largely because included in its membership are men who have shown high capacity in the ranks of statesmanship, diplomacy, agriculture—national and local, and agricultural and industrial concerns. Last week the House realized how great an acquisition has been made to their ranks in the person of Viscount Bennett, who for five years was Prime Minister of Canada. The subject under discussion was international reconstruction. One noble lord advocated the immediate creation of an international commission to set out the terms of future world government. Another noble lord pleaded that the British Government should initiate a new and enlarged League of Nations. Other noble lords had similar British proposals to apply to the postwar international situation.

At a stage Lord Bennett made two most pregnant comments. One was that, interesting as many of these suggestions are, they can only be regarded as suggestions of the British Homeland. No proposals could possibly gain validity unless they also had the fullest support of Dominion men such as Canada, and most notably of those other powerful partners of the Allied cause, the United States and Russia. The House of Lords is generally recognized as one of the greatest deliberative assemblies in the world. Many people say the greatest. It is so largely because included in its membership are men who have shown high capacity in the ranks of statesmanship, diplomacy, agriculture—national and local, and agricultural and industrial concerns. Last week the House realized how great an acquisition has been made to their ranks in the person of Viscount Bennett, who for five years was Prime Minister of Canada. The subject under discussion was international reconstruction. One noble lord advocated the immediate creation of an international commission to set out the terms of future world government. Another noble lord pleaded that the British Government should initiate a new and enlarged League of Nations. Other noble lords had similar British proposals to apply to the postwar international situation.

African Paradox

(Winnipeg Free Press)
The distaste men serving in North Africa come to feel for cities is thought to be a strange paradox. Mr. Cecil Beaton comments on this, when writing in the Illustrated London News, after a four-months' trip taken for the Ministry of Information through the Middle East. "He saw men survive the desert battle line unwilling to take a leave to Alexandria. He thought it unusual that Allied soldiers in the ground services or the Air Force, should shy from going back into the cities after being for a long time out in the desert." Nothing, though, is so strange in Africa. White men, who in the army or in the civil life do not have to "go bush" to feel themselves taken into the bosom of Africa. For some to be absorbed by the desert is known as "becoming sand-happy," but others who serve Africa only to revile her, while slaving for her, cannot break from her when the time comes to go.

White men who give themselves to the seductiveness of Africa in her infinite variety may by circumstances be wrenched from her, but they never forget her, and are never quite free men ever afterwards. Lady Canadians who went down her Nile before Canadians trooped to wars abroad, survived under a spell that held them to a national health service for all sections of the Union's population.

It is so everywhere north of the Limpopo, which draws the line between the rational calm of South Africa and the emotional plaques of the rest of Africa. Africa does something to men who go to her. She binds with fetters to her men who come to hate her while they serve her, but loathe leaving her when free to do so.

Perhaps other lands draw men in ways that are paradoxical, or where the hard mapes grow whose contentment knows nothing of the romance of life where spreads out and perhaps only the soft maple sheds its leaves. There are men and women who live in the freshening, uncluttered, untroubled of our country who do not become bewitched into thinking the cities more attractive, more enlightening.

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NOTICE

A. R. P. Sirens will be tested in the City of Charlottetown every Thursday at twelve o'clock noon by one straight blast.

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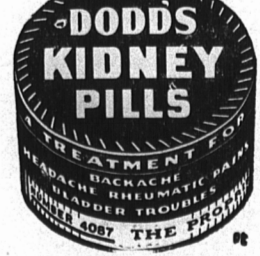
NEW YORK, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper damaged its hull by striking an uncharted reef off the American coast recently, it was disclosed today with the arrival of the flying boat, its hull packed with 1,500 pounds of concrete. None of the 27 passengers and 13 crew members were injured. Passengers and cargo were taken to shore in small boats.

The story of the incident was approved by the United States navy. While initial damage was not severe, the approach of an equatorial storm caused Capt. William A. Winston and the crew to re-board the Clipper and tax it off the reef, causing additional damage.

The mechanics equipped with improvised diving helmets were flown from New York to do the underwater job which necessitated pouring concrete between the clipper's inner and outer skins along the tip extending from port to starboard just forward of the clipper's escape hydro-stabilizer, or step.

Passengers continued their trip to the United States aboard another clipper. The damaged craft was flown here with only two men.

CAPE TOWN—(GP)—A commission has been appointed by the government of the Union of South Africa to inquire into the provision of a national health service for all sections of the Union's population.



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