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

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Old Home Week

Our citizens will extend a cordial welcome to the many visitors who are making their home in Charlottetown this week. The Provincial Exhibition and Old Home Week has always been a big attraction...

More Liberal Chickens

Liberals are blaming the C.C.F. for their party's defeat in Ontario, and judging by the expressions used in some quarters they are feeling pretty sore. But as the Globe and Mail recalls...

Women's Service Forces

The 27,000 women already in the Navy, Army and Air Force have proven what a wide variety of duties women can perform capably in the services.

The fact, of course, is that jobs like driving trucks and tractors, operating signals systems, coding messages, manning operational rooms, staffing equipment rooms, photography, and all kinds of clerical work, can be done just as well by women as by men.

The new pay regulations for service women just announced help to eliminate any financial obstacles which may have been holding some women back from enlisting.

This new, increased pay schedule is a definite improvement, and was justly due to the thousands of women in the forces who are carrying on essential jobs so the men can go on to do the actual fighting.

Air Crew Shortage

The shortage of recruits in the Air Force is now admitted in government quarters to be extremely serious. The Financial Post, discussing the matter, asks what, if anything, is being done to meet the situation.

To save the air training plan from creeping paralysis and early death because of the lack of recruits, the first step obviously is for Air Minister Power to make very certain indeed that he is now making the best possible use of all the men he has got.

Are there too many "penguins" in the force? Are there men at air force desks and in administrative jobs of one kind and another who can be turned into air crew?

"Here is the army Mr. Ralston now has. He

has 200,000 in the overseas army of which some 60,000 are understood to be reinforcements. He has about 250,000 in the army in Canada of which some 80,000 are on operational duty.

"What this means is that Mr. Ralston has 60,000 reinforcements overseas, plus 80,000 reinforcements training in Canada or 140,000 for an overseas army of 140,000 only one division of which is yet in action.

"Crux of the whole situation, of course, is that the Administration, after almost four years of war, still has no real manpower policy; that it still refuses to look at the facts of our manpower situation, then to adopt and carry out efficiently, courageously and scientifically a real policy of national selective service in which each Canadian does that wartime job for which he is best fitted and in which there is sober and informed distribution of manpower between the four armies of total war: the fighting army, the industrial army, the farm army and the essential home front service army."

EDITORIAL NOTES

"All aboard" this week for both Navy and Exhibition.

Our population this week is swelled to the greatest extent in history, the city and environs sheltering some 20,000 people, including sailors, soldiers and airmen.

Premier Thane Campbell used to take credit for providing the uniformly good weather for Exhibition and races; let us hope Premier Jones will follow suit.

Premier Harry Nixon has demonstrated at the cost of his own premiership, how right he was in calling an Ontario election this summer remarks the Gazette. A cabinet less representative of public opinion than his own could hardly be imagined.

John Wilson Croker, British Statesman and author, died this date, 1857; was the first to introduce "Conservatives" as a descriptive name for the constitutional party in England as opposed to Whigs or Radicals as applied to what afterwards became "Liberal"; wrote a striking condemnation of Keats's "Endymion" for the Quarterly Review; also was author of "Stories for Children From the History of England", on model of Scott's "Tales of a Grandfather"; "We (constitutionals) have always been conscientiously attached to what is called the Tory, and which might with more propriety be called the Conservative Party." Quarterly Review, January, 1830.

Mr. A. H. Bence, Progressive Conservative member for Saskatoon City, has obtained from the Government a statement of the cost of printing speeches delivered by Prime Minister King and other members of the cabinet since the commencement of the war.

The number of individuals who paid Canadian income tax in 1941 was just over 300,000. The number who paid the 1942 tax is estimated as nearly two millions. This year's Federal income tax payers will be at least 2,000,000. In self-protection, the Government has decided to raise the 1942 tax to \$36,170. The printing of nineteen speeches by other cabinet ministers was on a somewhat cheaper scale but amounted to \$10,984. Was it necessary to spend nearly \$50,000 of the taxpayers' money on the printing of these addresses? ... Something close to \$50,000 may not seem much to a government which is spending billions but to the individual citizen who is being called upon by this same government to scribble and save in order that he may pay his taxes and invest in Victory Bonds, it is quite a lot of money. What did the country get for it?

Federal Agriculture Department officials announce that assistance of farmers and rural school children is being enlisted to gather milkweed for use in rubber experiments by the National Research Council. Dried leaves are needed and farmers are being urged to strip plants by hand and dry the leaves by spreading them in the sun and then pack them in bags and ship to Ottawa or to cut them with binders about eight inches from the ground and dry in stooks. The department has sent out circular letters suggesting that school children should start collecting milkweed leaves now and dry them keeping their supply until the schools open in September. Shipments will be made in bags supplied to the schools. Payment for dried milkweed is being made by the Federal Agriculture Department at the rate of three cents a pound for hand-prepared leaves and \$30 a ton for binder cut leaves, with a small bonus for leaves particularly well dried and free of weeds.

A glimpse of the future revealing the prospective role of the airplane in the life of the average man is reported by the Consolidated Vultec Aircraft Corporation, with the weight of Mr. William B. Stout's name behind this latest projection of laboratory ideas into the promised reality of the past-war world. Mr. Stout, a pioneer in the design of airplanes and other types of transportation, has offered three airplanes for everyday use, all of which encroach on the field today occupied by the automobile. One is the "helicopter", a streamlined helicopter for family service. Another is the "aerocar", a better-like metal and plastic automobile with detachable wings that is predicted to be capable of seventy miles an hour on the road and one hundred miles an hour in the air. The third is called a "roadable airplane", a vehicle with four wheels and foldings wings that Mr. Stout offers to the business man who wants a light delivery truck that will do thirty-five miles an hour on the road, 120 miles an hour in the air, and has a flying range of 400 miles.

Notes By The Way

Unrest is everywhere. Cases are lately reported of lions elephants and baboons running away from zoos to join people. —Winnipeg Tribune.

"I am always up and having my porridge with the lark," confessed a Scotman. Ornithologists will probably deny that lark eat porridge. —London Punch.

In the far north of the Russian front, reindeer are hauling bombs, gasoline and other supplies to the aerodromes. So there is a Santa Claus. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Germans are wearing paper clothing. If this sort of weather keeps up, we wouldn't mind having a paper suit ourselves, providing it was made of perforated player piano rolls. —Des Moines Register.

Joseph von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, is reported to be dicker for a villa in Switzerland. This projected deal is complicated, no doubt, by the zoning restrictions raised against Axis activities by President Roosevelt. —Exchange.

The U. S. Office of Price Administration having abolished price control on the cutting and maintenance of lawns, trimming of hedges, etc., is now becoming legal to pay the neighbor's boy as much as the owner pleases or the budding industrialist asks for the job. Before the abolition it was illegal, which proves that governments do strange things when they begin regulating civilians' lives. —Montreal Gazette.

They won't rust they won't wear out. They don't need painting, they never need mending and a flick of the wash cloth will wipe them clean. This isn't a housewife's day dream—it is a new kind of plastic window screen, rather lovely to look at, the fine plastic mesh is misty-white in tone, and the material itself is slightly translucent so that more light pours into your room than through the wire screen. —New York Times.

The chances of survival are greater for the married than for the single, much more so among men than among women. Not only does marriage select the healthier lives, it also creates a more healthful environment. The market advantage of married men over bachelors in respect to mortality persists throughout life, and is greatest at 700 years of age. The period during which they are raising their families. At these ages the death rates among the married are just about half those for the single. —Metropolitan Life Bulletin.

Without making any all-inclusive or unreasonable complaint, it must be said that the average product of Ontario education is of a secondary nature—in this day and age is not distinguished for his or her ability in either writing or spelling. Education is a matter of the primary or the error of supposing that, because English is a pupil's mother tongue he must be proficient in it as a matter of course. The misuse of words, the language of common school subjects dispels the notion. For English composition, at least, there is no satisfactory substitute for the written lesson in the classroom. The schools would do well to pay more attention to the subject. —Brantford Expositor.

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We in this island owe to Gen. de Gaulle a debt of honor. I am well aware that de Gaulle is not an easy man and that in his desire not to be regarded as a tool of Britain he has said and done many things which have delighted his enemies and disappointed his friends. But there was a day in June, 1940, when all believed that this old ship which had weathered the storms of the world was at last doomed to founder. De Gaulle stuck to the ship and hoisted on a yard-arm the Cross of Lorraine. Others who had greater cause to know the nature of British pride and resilience deserted the ship, fled to America, and there used their talents to decry this country and to prophesy its fall. Such men are now creeping back to Algeria, where they don the uniform of patriots. —Harold Nicolson, M. P. in London Spectator.

Calianisetta, Sicily, now reported to be in the hands of the Allies, is the centre of the great sulphur industry of the island, and is the site of the Royal School of Mines. The sulphur mines extend between Calianisetta and Agrigento and through the area to the south, an area conquered by U. S. forces. The largest Sicilian sulphur mines are probably the Campobelliana, Zolfara Lucia, Crocca and the Clavolotta. These are now all in American-held territory. In normal times such mines were producing annually from 300,000 to 400,000 tons. They were the world's principal source of sulphur until the Louisiana and Texas mines began to produce in quantity. American production is now well over 3,000,000 tons a year, enough to meet our needs of the Allies. Germany particularly will feel the loss of the Sicilian sulphur when its stockpile supplies are gone. England, perhaps, may now use Sicilian sulphur. Science Service points out. Much cargo space from the United States would be released for other materials and English ships taking vital supplies to the Mediterranean area would have return loads. Miners would be employed and thus kept off relief rolls. The sulphur would partially compensate for food and clothing that must be furnished the Sicilian civilian population. —Exchange.

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(Halifax Chronicle)

Visitors to the Parliament buildings at Ottawa are often shown the beautiful rotunda of the Library of Parliament, only to learn that this is the only part of the original edifice to escape the disastrous fire of the First Great War. Only, that is, unless they are fortunate enough to meet Mr. F. A. Hardy, who has for some time past been Assistant Librarian. For Mr. Hardy, who happens to be one of the first Canadian, has a love and appreciation for his work which makes out of a routine rubberneck tour of the Parliament buildings something of an intellectual treat.

The Ottawa Journal recently carried an article describing at length some of the problems of overcrowding which the Library of Parliament is experiencing. The half million volumes which are housed there are beginning to tax the capacity of the stacks to the full. Clearly, the erection of a National Library building, which is one of the major tasks to confront Parliament after the war.

But meanwhile the matter of a Parliamentary Librarian remains. Since the death of the Hon. Martin Burrell in 1938 Mr. Hardy has been in full charge and the courteous and efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties has won for him the high esteem and regard of all those who have occasion to seek his advice and assistance. The Journal suggests that the appointment of Mr. Hardy to the post of Librarian of Parliament would add stature to the Prime Minister's reputation as a picker of men. We know of no one else who could bring to the post such experience and understanding and indeed we know of a good many members of the House of Commons who will be not a little ashamed if one of their number gets the call over Mr. Hardy.

With such sentiments the Halifax Chronicle is in full accord. Here, surely, is a golden opportunity for Mr. King to demonstrate to the world his oft-expressed belief in the merit system of civil service appointment, and to secure for an important and highly specialized post one whose experience, knowledge and past service place him head and shoulders over any other likely candidate. The appointment of Mr. F. A. Hardy to the post of Librarian of Parliament could be done now. It would add to the prestige of a new library building. And it would at the same time be an appointment which would commend itself warmly to the people of Nova Scotia.

Ration Book No. 3

Distribution of the No. 3 Ration Book will take place in the city on August 25, 26 and 27. It has been decided following a meeting of the Charlottetown Local Ration Board. During the same week the four other Local Ration Boards will also distribute their books throughout the province.

Coupled with the announcement of the campaign to place new ration books in the hands of approximately 35,000 Queen's County residents, was an urgent appeal by the board chairman, Mayor B. Roy Holman, for volunteer workers to assist in the distribution. In the last campaign, which took place about six months ago, a total of 34,776 books were handed out at the various distributing centres in the county. A total of 21,183 of these were picked up by citizens at the centres in Charlottetown.

Queen Square School annex has been chosen as the distributing centre for the No. 3 Ration Book distribution campaign. On the last occasion there were two centres, one open to the public in the daytime and the other at night. This time, however, there will be only one centre in the city and this will be the place to get their new food ration books. The Great Queen Street entrance to the school will be the one used.

Quite a number of patriotic citizens have already sent their names to the secretary, Maj. W. H. Poole, at the Local Ration Board headquarters in the City Hall signifying their intention of helping in the distribution drive. Others wishing to do so are asked to contact the secretary as soon as possible.

As well as the centre at Queen Square, other convenient centres are being arranged for in the Royalties and throughout the Counties. MAKES 'EM INDIANS OXFORD, England — (CP) — This rural district council in Suffolk warned against bathing because the village sewage runs into the river. Some people insisted, so the district medical officer ordered a brown dye to be dumped in the river upstream and now bathers come out looking like North American Indians.

Old Home Week Accommodation

A number of citizens of Charlottetown have offered rooms for our guests who will be here during Old Home Week but more rooms are very apparently going to be needed. If you can take guests will you please phone in to the City Hall phone number 53 or to the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau phone number 1100.

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