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

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Major Strange's Address

No one has undertaken to count the hundreds of pages of Hansard filled with parliamentary debate on the tariff question.

An uncompromising free-trader, Major Strange had nothing but criticism for Canada's participation in the tariff struggle following the First World War.

The result of all this, Major Strange said, was to lower living standards and start the vicious circle of "nationalism" and "self-sufficiency."

After the war it may be possible, in the words of the Atlantic Charter, for all nations to enjoy "access on equal terms to the trade and raw materials of the world."

Change on Farms

Anyone who might think that agriculture in Canada is an unchanging industry has only to glance at the report made to a Parliamentary Committee by Dean A. M. Shaw, head of the Agricultural Supplies Board.

Sunflowers are being grown on hundreds of thousands of acres as an "oil crop"; flax is being cultivated for its oil and fibre; a large area has been planted to a South American species of rape seed.

War has brought changes to industrial plants, many of which are producing goods that are totally unlike their pre-war products.

What Planes Cost

A recent statement by Lieut. Com. H. D. Riley of the U. S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics before the House Appropriations Committee revealed that the cost of military airplanes has risen sharply since America entered the war.

Commander Riley said that in 1941 a standard Navy fighter cost \$74,825. By 1943 this had jumped 50 per cent to \$112,205.

Some of the 1942 prices of planes include: Scout bomber, \$171,415; torpedo bomber, \$214,664; two-engine patrol bomber, \$265,720; two-engine transport, \$220,995; two-engine advanced trainer, \$110,645; primary trainer, \$15,215.

Price of radar equipment ranges from \$2,200 per plane to \$30,700. Radio equipment costs vary from \$2,500 for trainers to \$21,900 for large patrol planes.

Commander Riley said that next year planes will cost 10 per cent less as a result of savings from mass production.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The weather, it is hoped, will favour the Progressive Conservative Leader's visit, as he will be able to see some of the beauty of this adorable though politically sorely tried Island.

During an Allied raid over Rabaul a Flying Fortress was about to make its run when a short-circuit caused the tail-lights to come on, making the bomber a prominent target.

The majority of Prairie farmers are using their increased income to reduce their debts, states Dominion Mortgage and Investments Association.

The Jones Government have won their first Federal victory over bureaucracy in the retention of the second train service.

John Horne Tooke, unwittingly the first of the C.C.F. type of politicians, died this date, 1812; was a scholar and ardent politician; ordained in the Church of England, later gave up clerical work for politics.

Old radio sets are to be ceilinged. Mr. S. Godfrey, administrator of used goods for the Prices Board, has issued an order establishing a maximum selling price schedule based on the age and type of set.

Now is the opportunity for the Jones Government, in collaboration with the Federal authorities, to do something about developing a number of new industries like that of the Irish moss.

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Notes By The Way

Museums of South America, according to a travel item, have a three-day week. But, personally, we prefer our Mondays farther apart than that.

Female welders are now weldists (to rhyme with modiste). Lockheed calls its women mechanics mavericks, charnelites and mavericks.

Winnipeg has had to resort to the "Help Wanted" columns of the newspapers for constables. The caption should be "Police police!"

This story, sent me by an army friend, had the ring of truth. A squad of recruits, from the older classes, was having its first route march and one of the men appeared to be taking rather a hard time of it.

Canadians too often forget they are a maritime people, their heritage on the sea. In the year before the war, 116,000 ships of 90,000,000 tons entered and left our ports.

James Todd, former reeve of Yarmouth, who has just died, was a top-ranking farmer. He was noted as the man who never permitted a ship to be in his farm.

The thrashings of passengers on bus and tram in their unrelenting "move up" is apparently not confined to Glasgow.

More than 40 per cent of the arable land in Southern China is planted to rice.

On the Friday before Mother's Day, a colonel stationed with the 8th Air Force Command in England, wanted to cable some flowers to his mother in the States.

A little bit of the manners that occurred during the battle for the Mareh Line in Tunisia is found worthy of paying cable tolls out of one of the American correspondents.

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MORE JAMAICA SUGAR An expansion of sugar production in Jamaica during 1942 was reported in the annual report of the Department of Agriculture.

Peace With Anarchy

Muddy-mindedness about what things will be like when Allied forces finally succeed in breaking into the European fortress is bad business. Yet it is surprisingly widespread just now.

Others fondly imagine gay and pleasure-loving Italians throwing garlands of flowers at the feet of victorious Allied forces as they march along the Appian Way.

For those whose imagination goes that far, there is a mental image of Berlin trim and spotless, its streets lined with quiet, orderly soldiers awaiting the victorious Allied troops.

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