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

Christmas Shopping

Only two weeks remain now to complete one's Christmas shopping. It is well to remember that Christmas Day falls this year on Monday...

From whatever point of view Christmas shopping be regarded, the advantage lies with those who shop early. Considered from the humane standpoint, they can thereby show their consideration for the largely increased army of employees whose capacity is tested to the utmost...

There is also the work of the postal employees to be considered, and the necessity of lightening their task as much as possible by early mailing of Christmas greetings and presents.

U. S. Reaction

How skeptical the United States public is about war news, even that originating from its own Capital, was indicated by a survey taken recently by an American publication, which polled its readers on the following question: "Do you believe all, most, some, little or none of the war news items from these cities?"

Table with columns: Washington, London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow. Rows: All, Most, Some, Little, None, Don't Know.

A black mark against the efficiency of German propaganda was the fact that 59% of the U.S. people believe little or nothing from Berlin. Other black marks against Dr. Goebbels' machine:

- Only 6.3% believe the German story that Athens was sunk by the British. 0.9% believe that the Germans deliberately bombed noncombatants in Poland. 22.7% believe that revolution in Germany is rife.

A Scheme That Failed

The Saint John Telegraph-Journal has a crow to pick with the Winnipeg Free Press, and picks it quite effectively. Recently the Winnipeg Liberal paper, commenting on the defeat of Hon. A. P. Paterson in the New Brunswick general election, attributed to Dr. Paterson the holding up of the program of the Dominion Government under which the Provinces were to surrender to the federal authorities all control of amendments to the British North America Act.

Our Saint John contemporary replies: "It was not Dr. Paterson who opposed the proposals of the Dominion Government at the provincial conference at Ottawa. It was Hon. J. B. McNair, attorney-general of the province, who voiced the objection. Up to that time, Quebec had been regarded as the champion of provincial rights. However, Hon. L. A. Taschereau succumbed to temptations that were put in his way, and not only abandoned his previous opposition to indiscriminate amendments to the B.N.A. Act, but thanked the Dominion Government for being so generous to Quebec. Apparently Mr. Taschereau had been apprised as to just what treatment Quebec might expect."

When Mr. McNair asked for the same information that had obviously been passed along to Mr. Taschereau, he was told that after New Brunswick gave her support to a policy that would give the federal authorities a free hand in amending the B.N.A. Act, his question would be answered. Mr. McNair, as a representative of the people of New Brunswick, did the proper thing when he refused to walk up any such blind alley. Far from being the only province in Canada to protest against this sort of thing, New Brunswick's stand was later approved by the provinces of Alberta, Ontario and Quebec under a new government."

What was the bribe held out to the provincial governments by the King administration at that time? It was in the form of a resolution moved by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, for the enactment of legislation for the Provinces to levy indirect taxation in the form of sales taxes. The resolution passed over Conservative protests in the Commons, but was fortunately defeated in the Senate. As Senator Meighen pointed out, competitive provincial sales taxes would have the effect of tariffs, separating the provinces into individual economic entities and leading to the disruption of Confederation.

Why The Delay?

The Financial Post is authority for the statement that no programme of "war" buying so far as munitions are concerned has yet been authorized or implemented in Canada. It adds: "No one seeks to underrate the difficulties faced in planning a cooperative war effort between Canada and Great Britain. Our own unpreparedness prior to September 1, the unexpected nature of the war itself, are but two of

the hurdles to be surmounted. The fact that important deals have already been accomplished in respect of bacon, base metals, mine sweepers and several other essential items, indicates that considerable progress has been made. Most serious delays have been in making use of our highly developed steel mills and machine shops, capable of turning out shells, guns, equipment and other munitions of modern mechanized warfare. To date there has been little to allay the fear that precious moments are being wasted by failure to create in Canada a secondary source of supply for Allied war munitions. "Canadian industry cannot be put on a war-time basis overnight. Yet as the days go by there is increasing questioning as to why so little action has been taken toward permitting Canadian industry to prepare itself for making a worthwhile contribution to the Allied war effort."

EDITORIAL NOTES

In Ottawa they are lying low until the by-elections are safely over.

Milton born this date, 1608—"And if I give thee honour due, Mirth, admit me of thy crew to live... with thee."

The Sydney Post-Record, which has a distinguished Islander as its Editor and Managing Director, thinks Prince County could do much worse than choose a distinguished Nova Scotian as its representative in Parliament. So do we.

A traveller who has crossed Canada from Vancouver to Halifax many times, but visited here for the first time this week, expressed his pleasure at the beauty of the Island even in its late Fall aspect, and gave the assurance that the Charlottetown Hotel was "the finest, bar none, he had stayed in—there being a personality and comfort about it which immediately attracts and delights the visitor."

Mayor La Guardia has started a campaign to make people stop throwing their chewing gum wads on the footpaths. He says it costs the city hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to scrape used gum from public places. Some of the manufacturers have joined forces with him and will, after Jan. 1, print on the wrapping of all their gums: "Save this wrapper for disposal of gum after used." A warning slogan is also being sought to advertise with their gums.

Writing to a newspaper correspondent from Juriel, Switzerland, Herr Fritz Thyssen, German industrialist who helped the Nazi party achieve power in Germany, said that "threatened consequences" of his opposition to the Reich Government's present policies "forced me to leave Germany." As a member of the Reichstag, I expressed myself emphatically against the war and the present policy of the Reich Government," Herr Thyssen declared. "This political attitude threatened to cause consequences which forced me to leave Germany." Herr Thyssen, a German iron and steel magnate, indicated that he might have more to say about the German Government later.

Here is something for our hard hit apple growers to put up to the Finance Minister on his visit. Why not follow the example of the Washington Government and ease the burden of this year's crop surplus, due to vanishing export markets. The Federal Government surplus commodity agency has purchased 900,000 bushels of New York apples for distribution to needy persons since the harvesting season began early in October. The purchasing program is continuing, with prices paid for the apples ranging from 50 to 75 cents a bushel.

Here is from the Hon. W. D. Herridge and who shall contend he is mistaken?—"You hear it said that time is on our side. That is not true unless we usefully employ each hour of each passing day. We dare not think that there is any comfortable way to victory. We will go through hell before we win this war." The next step to national effectiveness is to set up the machinery for full mobilization of Canada's human and material resources, he said, and this must be based on equality of service and sacrifice among all classes. He said the state now commands in Britain and it seems that universal conscription of manpower, industry and finance will soon prevail there. "Canada has not even approved the principle of universal conscription," he declared. "Without conscription of manpower, industry and finance, it will not be possible to do our best... With the help of conscription we will go swiftly on to perfect our war machine. No normal Canadian can cry halt to that ambition. To those parasitic groups who feed on Canada but will not fight for it, we should point out that Canada already is committed to this adventure beyond any chance of reservation or retreat. We are in the grip of world events to be mastered or to master them."

The general level of wholesale prices in Canada at the outbreak of hostilities in September 1939 was approximately 22 per cent higher than in 1913 and 19.6 per cent above the average in August 1914, at the onset of the first World War. Between August 1914 and September 1939, retail prices had risen, on the average, about 17 per cent. The factors underlying these advances are reviewed in the December Monthly Letter of The Royal Bank of Canada which includes a comparison of the prices of representative commodities at the outbreak of war in August 1914 with those which prevailed for the same or corresponding products in September last. The article concludes: "Should the present conflict develop into a war of long duration, many heavy and pressing demands upon existing supplies of essential materials will ensue; in some instances production may be stepped up to meet the increased requirements; in others, the accustomed utilization may be curtailed or met by the substitution of other materials. Under such circumstances, some advances in prices must be expected but with adequate measures for regulation and control instituted by the Government without any appreciable delay after the actual outbreak of hostilities, the upward trend will proceed in a much more orderly manner than would otherwise have been experienced and intermediate gyrations will be reduced to a minimum."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Insomnia, says a psychologist, may be an imprisoned idea trying to break into your consciousness. Or it may just be picked herring just before bedtime.—Sherbrooke Record.

The German people have not forgotten how Der Fuehrer rose to power by crushing communism in Germany. It must be difficult for many of them to fathom his changed attitude towards Red Russia. Perhaps the Munich beer cellar explosion was in effect a protest against Hitler's newly discovered friendship with a former bitter enemy.—Kitchener Record.

What does the calm Englishman do when aboard a ship and it is torpedoed? Sir Harold Austin gives the answer. He was aboard a boat that was attacked by a submarine. Asked what he did he answered with some surprise: "Why, one just goes to one's cabin and puts on what one wants to go away in."—Windsor Daily Star.

"When the time comes we will act. We will win by deeds, not by our mouths," Marshal Hermann Goerring was quoted as having declared in a recent speech. Judging from the above, it might almost be inferred that modesty was one of the virtues to which Adolf Hitler's adviser was going to lay claim on behalf of his fellow countrymen.—Quebec Mercury.

Hans Makart, the distinguished Viennese painter, was an extreme tactician man. One day an Englishman desiring to gain the artist's favor, followed him to his favorite place of recreation, a certain inn, and with some clever strategy managed to engage the artist in a game of chess. For a time there was no sound, but the moving of the pieces. At last the Englishman made the winning move and exclaimed, "Mate!" Instantly Makart arose and stalked out, saying to a friend who inquired the reason for his early leave-taking, "Oh, I can't stand playing with a chatterbox!"—Christian Science Monitor.

There is a shortage of coffee in Germany. So, British airmen have been dropping bags of coffee on Nazi cities. There is just enough coffee in a single bag to make one cup. The dropping of the "bombs" serves a double purpose. 1. It shows the Germans that the British flyers have been over their city and they have dropped real bombs which they choose. 2. It shows the Germans that there is plenty of coffee in England, although there is a desperate shortage of it in Germany. That sort of bombing won't have the shattering effect that real bombs would have on German nerves, but it should help to make the Nazi morale.—Clark in Windsor Star.

Automobile horns cause more annoyance to hotel guests than any other noise-maker, according to a survey by the Hotel Association of New York city. Steam whistles cause the least. And of the other 18 contributors of noises studied 41% were connected with motor vehicles and four with radios.

Probation department officers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, find that free Toy Loan Centers in high delinquency areas have brought about a remarkable improvement in the attitudes and interests of the younger generation of Milwaukeeans, it is reported by Joanne Dimmock in the Rotarian Magazine. "Children who have suffered 1,398 hours for their free time are not likely to roam the streets looking for amusement, nor will they visit the 10-cent stores in gangs to raid the counters," Miss Dimmock writes. "Balls, skates, scooters, wagons, tricycles from Toy Loan Centers take them instead to Milwaukee's famous parks during their leisure hours." This Wisconsin city has 15 centers which have made 310,000 loans to 25,000 subscribers, and the attendants at these Centers receive the respect and admiration which might be accorded Santa Claus by their youthful clientele. Pupils seem to study better after a round of fun with Toy Center fun makers, and lessons are learned in keeping track of borrowed toys, treating property with care and consideration. In addition to providing a realm of happiness for boys and girls using the Centers, sponsors of the idea find they foster friendship, forestall truancy, petty thievery, and the inexplicable feelings of inadequacy which prompt children to misbehave.

We are beginning to lose patience with people who get fed up with politicians. Too many people who sneer at them do nothing but sneer. At their best, the politicians are the bulwark of our democracy and the men and women who make democracy work. To be a successful politician of the better type is much harder than being a good lawyer, doctor or newspaper editor. It takes a keen mind, courage, imagination and the faculty for making and holding friendships, to say nothing of vision and tenacity. Of course, we don't expect you to show all these things. If you only had the gum qualities it would help. If you should decide to run and be successful, we are sure you would be in for a series of pleasant surprises. You would find it rather pleasant to be a member of the city council, the public parks board, the city health committee and various other bodies. But perhaps more important than anything else, you would be serving your fellow-citizens and doing your share to make this a better city in which to live. Then, a half-century hence, your grand-children could stroll down a fine driveway or through a splendid park and say to each other: "My grandfather built this for Winnipeg."—Winnipeg Free Press.

After you've had a professional loss is a mighty poor time to find out that you were under-insured or that there was some feature about your insurance that wasn't clearly explained to you. "Take it from me, I refuse to run any chances. I want my insurance written by a man who is able to prescribe protection just as a doctor writes a prescription for medicine." The agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford showed me a lot of things about insurance that I might not know now, before any loss teaches me an expensive lesson. It's a comfort, by jimmie, to look at my home and realize that it's safe."

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Shop - Keeping In Pioneer Days

THE STORY OF BEDEQUE'S FIRST STORE By E. S. D.

From the Day - Book of William Schurman, merchant, ant. "on the Island of St. John," begun 1784

(Continued from yesterday's Guardian)

Grain crops mentioned include barley, first listed in 1788 when it sold for six shillings a bushel, and oat, not listed, rather strangely until 1800 when for the next, fifteen years Schurman bought it from the farmers at two to three shillings a bushel. Only once is the variety of wheat and blue, it was York oats. Potatoes do not appear on the pages of the Account book until 1791 when three bushels sold for \$1.50. Probably Bedeque's first export of the tubers is recorded in the following item: "May 18, 1793, Mr. Cambridge Dr. to William Schurman to potatoes, 182 1/2 @ 1 shilling and received on the account, 11-6-4."

These potatoes were likely sent to Charlottetown where John Cambridge the Island's most prominent ship builder from 1800-1825 was at this earlier date one of Charlottetown's merchant - traders. The potatoes were used for the staple during the whole of Schurman's business career, the spuds selling from 30 to 40 cents a bushel. In the use of electricity charged fence have been avoided. The price of the hay pressed had used reason-ably care in this configuration could have been avoided. The word limit in a bale of hay is unnecessary and inexcusable; the average horse would much prefer to munch his hay in the dock rather than take the risk of electrocution in some lonely barn. This should be sharply dealt with. Another threat is in the use of electrically charged fence wire; careless farmers will be cutting and baling this wire among their hay, and any horse not equipped with rubber teats will receive at least unpleasant shocks if nothing more serious.

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Sir:—I presume that it will be taken for granted, at any rate until they have been shown to be incorrect, that the facts contained in my two previous letters are based upon a fair analysis of agricultural conditions on this Island. In the matter of education, there are of course many Island farmers who can hold their own with the best farmers in other provinces. The very unsatisfactory conditions of our agricultural products are, however, in a different category, and which have an adverse effect upon all who are tilling the soil without exception. At the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Free Gardens Association last winter our highly honored Lieutenant-Governor, Honorable E. W. LePage, was in the chair. Mr. LePage at that time occupied the important position of President of the Provincial Council and on the occasion of the meeting Honorable W. H. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture, who was unable to be present. Mr. LePage in his opening remarks made use of words to the effect that, "Fifty percent of the farmers of Prince Edward Island annually are going in for the most further twenty-five percent are not making a decent living."

There were in the hall that evening many persons well informed regarding farming conditions and during the discussions that followed not one look exception to Mr. LePage's serious statement. Later in the season the question of Farm Rehabilitation, based upon a plan carried out successfully in the United States by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was brought to the attention of the government; and, after careful consideration in the Cabinet and the Legislature, the Farm Rehabilitation Act was placed upon the statute books and the Government announced that, as a matter of precaution, they would have survey made of the Island's agriculture; and if the need warranted, that the Act would be put into effect.

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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.

MUSSEL MUD VS. LIME

Sir:—I was interested in seeing a letter in the Guardian from our minister of agriculture re mussel mud in place of lime now subsidised by the government. The mud shows good results on the land for years, whereas the lime only for a few seasons. The winter season depending on ice and roads etc. conditions, is the only way in which this valuable fertilizer can now be procured. Why not use the dredger to land the mud for the farmers, as the Quebec government is doing? That would be more helpful to the farmers in the vicinity of China Point, Orwell and surrounding districts than dredging around wharves that are seldom or never used. I am, Sir, etc., FARMER

"DEFECTIVE WIRING"

Sir:—I note the following item in the Charlottetown Patriot of Dec. 2nd: "About 9 o'clock last night the firemen were called to Buntain & Bell's wharf where a fire was discovered in the hold of a freighter about ready to sail. The blaze originated in pressed hay, from defective wiring it is alleged."

It is quite apparent there was considerable carelessness in the manner in which this hay was baled, and if the electrician in charge of the hay press had used reasonable care this configuration could have been avoided. The word limit in a bale of hay is unnecessary and inexcusable; the average horse would much prefer to munch his hay in the dock rather than take the risk of electrocution in some lonely barn. This should be sharply dealt with. Another threat is in the use of electrically charged fence wire; careless farmers will be cutting and baling this wire among their hay, and any horse not equipped with rubber teats will receive at least unpleasant shocks if nothing more serious.

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