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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Approved Hospitals

Announcement by the American College of Surgeons of 3,253 hospitals in the United States and Canada, which were approved on the basis of 1943 surveys, and which include 264 more institutions than were approved a year ago, proves that hospitals are upholding their part in the war effort.

In announcing the 1943 revised list of approved hospitals, Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, Associate Director of the American College of Surgeons, pointed out the special added responsibilities of hospitals in wartime, such as organizing for civilian defense; training increased numbers of nurses; recruiting nurses in Canada; accelerating training programs for medical students, interns, and residents as required to meet the demands for doctors for the armed services; and training and organizing volunteer workers to relieve the overburdened regular staffs.

The hospitals of this community have served us well during the war years. They merit our continued support and encouragement, with the realization that the splendid service of hospitals throughout the nation in caring for the ill and injured is one of the reasons for our strength and the improving prospects for an early victory.

Dodging National Responsibility

Early in November it was announced from Ottawa that the government was taking steps to facilitate the entry of refugees into Canada from Portugal. The announcement was applauded by Canadian newspapers and attracted considerable favorable notice in the United States.

It now develops, says the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) that the steps which the government took were very small steps indeed. It did send an immigration department official to Lisbon. He has looked over the refugees who have gathered there. He has selected 200 families which he approves for entry into Canada.

In order that these families may be rescued, the government has thrown the entire responsibility for them upon private charity. The Canadian Jewish Congress has been advised that these refugees may be brought to Canada provided (a) that the Congress pay all the transportation costs involved in moving them here, and (b) that it get its members to sign bonds guaranteeing that these refugees do not become public charges during their residence in this country.

As a matter of fact, concludes our Winnipeg Liberal contemporary, the announcement by the government that it was taking steps to facilitate the entry of refugees has done considerable harm. It came just as the Canadian National Committee on Refugees was getting ready to launch its nation-wide petition. The government announcement took most of the steam out of that drive, for the average citizen could be excused for assuming that the government was already doing what the petition asked.

Newfoundland's Status

Reviewing the circumstances that led up to the suspension of the constitution and the institution of Commission Government in Newfoundland, Mr. Emrys Evans (in the British House of Commons), presented the facts briefly and plainly. He is quoted with approval by the Evening News (St. John's, Nfld) as follows:

Financially, the country was in imminent danger of collapse and the evil day could no longer be stayed off by the expedient of borrowing; politics in Newfoundland had deteriorated, and poverty was rife. Those facts cannot be denied, and when it is contended that Commission Government was imposed upon the public, the fact is overlooked that both bodies of the Legislature concurred with the recommendation of the Amulree Report to institute that form of administration until such time as the economic difficulties were overcome.

Exception appears to be taken in some quarters to the provision that the restoration of self-government will be conditional upon the assurance that the country is self-supporting. But in any other circumstances self-government would be a misnomer.

While without doubt more could have been expected of Commission of Government in bringing about a better balanced economy, it

cannot be claimed that when affairs were in our own control much attention was given to such matters," says the St. John's paper.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Children's allowances for Canadians suggested recently at Ottawa have been in force for 40 years in The Salvation Army, and at about the amount suggested—\$9.00 monthly per child.

In two years, Britain sent to Russia armaments valued at £179,000,000 (\$797,600,000)—at the time that she was producing an incredible amount of war material for the use of her own expanding armies—in the fateful months from June 1941 to June 1943.

Plans are going ahead for the establishment of new national Progressive Conservative headquarters in Ottawa. Negotiations are underway for the purchase of a twelve-room house on Laurier Ave. which will be known as "Bracken House." The present headquarters of the Progressive Conservative party is a suite of offices in the Victoria Building.

Since a number of leading sportsmen were called together by the Red Cross and asked to start a service of sportsgear for British prisoners-of-war in Germany, more than 10,000 parcels have been sent out. The parcels are particularly appreciated because they provide what the next-of-kin cannot now buy—boxing gloves, soccer and rugger balls, rubber rings, table-tennis equipment, hockey sticks and so on.

Amherst News and Sentinel celebrated its 50th anniversary, as well as the New Year, by issuing a magnificent 32-page edition. In these days when labour and newsprint are at a premium, our contemporary is due more than ordinary congratulations on its initiative and enterprise. The edition is brimful of valuable articles and pictures, which must make an effective appeal not only to Amherstians, but to Eastern Nova Scotians generally.

George Keith Elphinstone, Viscount, outstanding British Admiral, born this date 1740; served in the American War; present at the Siege of Toulon; shared in the reduction of Cape of Good Hope; defeated the Dutch in Saldanha Bay; suppressed the mutiny in the Nile in 1797; captured Genoa and Malta in 1800, being made Naval Commander in Egypt the following year; in 1803 made Commander of the North Sea and in 1812 of the English Channel; superintended the arrangements for Napoleon's voyage to St. Helena in 1815; died in 1823 in his seventy-first year.

Lieut. Dick Carver, General Montgomery's step-son, has escaped from an enemy prison camp and now is an aide-de-camp to the commander of the British Eighth Army. Lieut. Carver was taken prisoner when serving with the Eighth Army in Libya. Gen. Montgomery married Mrs. Betty Carver, widow of Capt. O. A. Carver of the Royal Engineers in 1927. She died six years ago. Informed of Gen. Montgomery's appointment to command the British armies under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in the European invasion, his aged mother, Mrs. Montgomery was quoted as saying: "I think he deserved the appointment, but I would not be surprised at anything he gets."

The expenditure on war to date has piled up the public debt little short of \$9,000,000,000 at the end of the year, even though Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley has from the beginning sought to keep to a minimum the amount of money to be borrowed from the people. The total money placed at his disposal since the outbreak of war has been over \$10,000,000,000, at least half of it by tax revenue, and the remainder on bond subscriptions and the purchase of war savings certificates. And none of this huge outlay is making much provision for cushioning the nation against the shock of demobilization. But, the National Unemployment Insurance Fund will by the end of another year total about \$200,000,000, which is a tidy sum and capable of taking care of many of the jobless should there be any considerable cessation of munitions making within the next 18 months. The grim fact faces us that the war is yet far from won, that vast expenditures have yet to be made, enormous sums of money raised for the next two years at least, and the prospects of any sizable reduction in the financial burden to be borne by this country are exceedingly dismal.

Montreal's historic Presbyterian Theological College on McTavish street was taken over by the navy on January 1 for use as a barracks for women of the WRCNS, according to a tentative agreement between the board of management and the Department of National Defence, naval division. Negotiations have been in progress for some time over the leasing of the building, which has served as a McGill University student residence since the college and faculty were moved to Knox College, Toronto, by decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Chartered before Confederation, in 1865 by the Quebec Legislature, the college this year marked its 78th anniversary, though actual classes did not begin until 1867. The original building on McTavish street was built in 1872 and considerably enlarged and improved 10 years later through the benefactions of the late David Morrice. At the time of the action by the General Assembly last June, which moved the faculty and students to Toronto at least for the duration of the war, many local Presbyterians were opposed to the closing of the ancient institution and it is still hoped that the college will be reopened after the war. With the navy in the Presbyterian College, all three theological colleges on the McGill campus will have been temporarily occupied by the armed services. The United College houses the RCAF, which also shares the Diocesan College with the International Labor Office and the few students remaining. The army has taken over the university's Douglas Hall of Residence.

Notes By The Way

To establish the whereabouts of our marines in times like these, find a fray and locate the thick of it.—From the Arkansas Gazette.

"More" canned vegetables are promised for February and March. News for a great many people who haven't yet succeeded in buying any.—Ottawa Journal.

A scientist says that "more than a million earthworms may live in one acre of land." Perhaps they may, professor, but they're never at home when we wanna go fishin'—Ottawa Citizen.

In most Canadian cities, the more children a family has, the less is its chance of getting a recently healthy home to live in. This may be sound economics but is damned poor sociology.—Toronto Saturday Night.

It is said that all of the melodies of the world are built on only 12 different notes. If they're as closely related as that, Sweet Rosie O'Grady could be the grand-sound of Pistol-Packin' Mama.—Ottawa Citizen.

Gifts from the Shah of Persia to the President and the Prime Minister are fabulous carpets. This should be explained, the satisfaction of every one who remembers a certain tale of Bagdad, the mystery shrouded means by which they're getting home again.—From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Cairo despatch notes that Mr. Churchill's speech on the radio came to the North Africa conference by sea. Most appropriate, too. The country for which he speaks is still one of the world's greatest sea powers, and this war is still, for all the magnitude of land and air battles, to a huge extent a sea and under-sea war.—Brentford Express.

Use of a newspaper "want ad" by a New Hampshire superintendent of schools, hard pressed to find a way to raise money for an intelligent thing to do. I not only gained him wide publicity needed to draw attention to the wonder of the world, but also secured a certain amount of money for country educational machinery, but it demonstrated that nothing in the daily paper goes unread.—Boston Post.

The story of the creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words; the management of the world contains only 297 words. Lincoln's Immortal Gettysburg Address contained 266 words, the Declaration of Independence required but 1,327 words, and the United States Constitution only 4,543 words. The New York Herald Tribune.

I feel you ought to meet an ingenious young man, who generously shared with me the "chances" in the train yesterday his method of countering the match famine. It is so simple. He merely split the match down with a razor blade so that a blob of brimstone is left adhering to each half. By this means a box of matches is twice as far. The halved matches are used, but too thin to strike without breaking if a little care is used.—Leeds Yorkshire Post.

There is a very attractive young woman who works in the Intelligence Department of a Whitehall. Her duties are important, but she has to show her pass six times before reaching her office. A few days ago she visited an American airfield in this country. In the evening there was a dance. A good-looking captain asked her for a fox trot. "I am sure I have never danced before," said the young woman. "I doubt it," said the captain. "But I even know your voice," she went on. "Surely not," replied her partner. At the end of the dance she wished her partner good night, as he was going on duty. A number of young women rushed up to her to find out what he had said. The captain was Clark Gable. The young woman works in the Intelligence Department, and is very efficient at her job.—London Evening Standard.

Britons have been upset because models and sketches of two of our new "secret" planes were on view for five days at Edinburgh in an exhibition staged by an association of service men's families. Concern over an administrative blunder of that sort is justified, but there is probably a little too much worry about otherwise. The "secrets" are probably safe. At the Paris Exposition before the war, the Germans exhibited the Stuka "plane which was such a terrible surprise" in 1940. Nobody appears to have paid any attention to it. It has often been said that the best place to hide anything is Chicago is at the corner of State and Madison, "busiest corner in the world." New York the Grand Central Station has been recommended as a hideaway.—Chicago Daily News.

Thousands of young women and girls can now dry their tears, for the current crooning idol of this continent has been rejected by the United States army, and will not be taken from them. Frank Sinatra, alas, has a punctured eardrum and has been rated 4-F. He will soon return to his orchestra and to the radio, and the girls may again swoon and shout at will as they listen to his suave rendition of popular ballads. Poor fellow, the doctors found that he was suffering from loss of sleep and rest. The draft board made special arrangements so that he could get through the routine of examination at an unexpected time and thus be saved the onslaught of adoring females. Doubtless he wore dark glasses and entered by a back door. In any case, he needs no more, for the army doesn't want him and he will have to run the female gauntlet on his own from now on. Anyway, isn't it splendid that everything ended so happily? Now, perhaps, we can get on with the war again.—Moral Gazette.

LIKE HEAVY STUFF LONDON (CP)—British readers of war paper services reading The Red Cross reported that since war started 178,500 educational books, ranging from works on bottle washing to tomes on Assyrio-Babylonian history, have been sent to prisoners in Germany.

These Milk Bottle Tops

Something seems the matter with the tops—on the caps—in the milk bottles. There was a time when you could flick the cap out by its flap and pour the milk from the bottle. Nobody can do that easily any longer. Men who thought themselves expert at opening milk bottles today up in despair. The top looks the same as it ever looked, but it doesn't work. When the flap is pulled, as it is meant to be pulled, a skimmy disc of paper peels off the cap still wedged in the bottle neck.

This is all very trying on the human system in the hours of getting off to work in the mornings. Monkeying in this way with these bottle tops is about as aggravating as is milking an udder which won't let the milk down. You get splashed all over without getting the milk.

The trouble folk are having with the tops in their milk bottles was regarded by ourselves as a far too trivial to receive attention while we were lost in thought wondering whether the coal in the bin will hold out till the New Year comes in. But it turns out not to be any mere local nuisance. It sends a sob echoing across the far-flung prairies, and for all we know, it may be skinning men of their culture in the East.

The trouble in Calgary was forced by his family to try opening a milk bottle top in turn with hairpins, can-openers, nails, files, scissors and magnetic rays, but in the end resorted to his own device. He got his penknife, saying he should have used it from the start. The bottle cascaded as the knife was plunged into the cap. It took the family twenty minutes to restore order, and the milk was then they had to calm him down before he changed into his other suit.

Having to cope with tops of milk bottles must not be allowed to make the manhood of the West crazier than usual. Something must be done, as is always demanded when nobody does anything. The tops of a year or two ago could be restored by the use of a hairpin, milk and cork, or the wrath left loose when milk spills these mornings over rugs not yet paid for. The milk will turn sour so long as the tops in the bottles holding it defy strong men and infuriate gentle housewives.

Canadian Army Achievements In 1943

Directorate of Public Relations (Army)

The Canadian Army reflects on 1943—the year it first saw extensive active service in the present war, and looks to the near future when it expects to be even more heavily engaged. One Canadian Corps fights in Italy under the command of Lieut. General Harry D. Creer, C. B., D. S. O. Another waits in England; it is commanded by Lieut. General E. W. Sanson, C. B., D. S. O. A third is reconstituted. Personnel from these formations as they became available were directed into the overseas reinforcement stream and others were detailed to strengthen certain indispensable coast defence installations.

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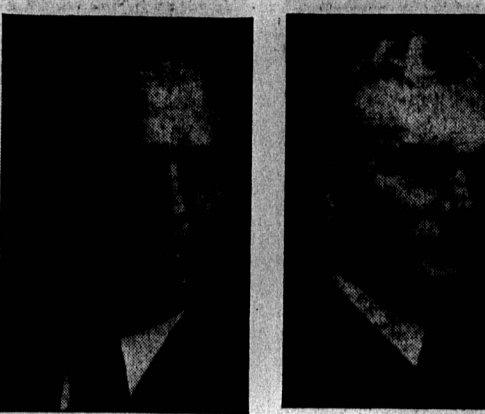
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Mr. Riley is President of The Northern Trusts Company, President of the Canadian Fire Insurance Company and the Canadian Indemnity Company, Vice-President of the Winnipeg Electric Company, a member of the London Board and Chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and of the Beaver Lumber Company Limited. He succeeds his father R. T. Riley, one of the founders of the Great-West Life, who has resigned from the Board due to falling health.

Sees Intensified Action Against Japs

CITTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—A hint of intensified offensive action against the Japanese during 1944 was given in a message from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, made public by Mr. King's office Saturday.

"I take this opportunity to convey to you and your army and people my best wishes for the new year which will not only mark the beginning of the overthrow of our common enemy but also signal the dawn of an era of international co-operation and goodwill," said the Generalissimo.

In another New Year's message made public by Mr. King Syros P. Skouras, President of the Greek War Relief Association at New York, said the 15,000 tons of wheat shipped to Greece from Canada each month last August has "saved half the population of Greece from death through starvation."

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WARSON, England (CP)—Mural decorations consisting of tools and emblems of a miner's life are to adorn the walls of a chapel for miners of this Nottinghamshire village.

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