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

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Holiday Time At Ottawa

A mainland exchange recalls that it is only a few weeks since the hearts of Canadians were wrung by the picture given them by members of the Dominion Government of the unremitting toil to which the cabinet devoted almost every hour.

It is good, therefore, to know that the war is no longer the heavy burden it was at Ottawa. Things must have improved marvellously since March 20.

Ministerial Chores

The Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) suggests that there is a tendency to waste sympathy on men in public office who like to represent themselves as being overworked.

The explanation, says the Chronicle, is that, in government departments, deputy ministers supported by technical staffs of civil servants do the work.

Our Halifax contemporary forgets the amount of handshaking and backslapping a minister has to do, especially in pre-election years; also the speeches he has to make when the Legislature is in session.

More Fur Farms

Mainly as a result of increased farming of fox and mink, the number of fur farms in Canada increased to 10,455 in 1939 from 9,179 in 1937, reports the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The value of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year was \$8,299,754, compared with \$9,676,431 in 1937.

Misleading Broadcasts

The freedom with which ignorant commentators are permitted to broadcast stupid and alarming interpretations of what is happening in Scandinavia is the subject of strong protest in the Montreal Gazette.

He was taking the allied governments to task for permitting German ships, warships and troopships to reach objectives along the Norwegian coast without interference.

ever ill-informed, comes with rather bad grace. Canadians, of course, says the Gazette, can exercise no control over the mouthings of poorly equipped commentators in another country.

"A Job Well Done"

Under this heading the New York Times publishes a laudatory editorial on British operations at Narvik. It describes the victory as one which "can be studied by future generations of naval officers as a demonstration of how to win success in amphibian operations."

Then follow details of the engagements, so far as they are known. Amphibian operations are described as "the most difficult of all military problems", and though this episode is not regarded as a "major operation", the importance of controlling the terminus of Norway's vital iron ore railroad is stressed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The real opening of the Legislature is tomorrow night, when the Premier brings down his budget and the Leader of the Opposition begins the debate upon it.

Henry Fielding born this date, 1707. Ranks among the greatest of English novelists. He held up a merciless mirror to the people and the manners of his day.

Would not the late Mr. Tanton have been in his element criticizing the new Civic legislation? Why a case against the city 40 years ago in which he was interested is still before the Supreme Court, decision never having been rendered.

The baleful influence of bad example is seen in the City Council attempting to deprive citizens of the right to appeal to the Law Courts when they consider they have been wronged.

Edwin Markham, famous poet, shepherd, farmer, blacksmith, cowboy, teacher, who won fame over-night with one poem "The Man With The Hoe", born this date, 1852.

When you are the anvil, bear— When you are the hammer, strike."

The well-known American authoress, Cornelia Stratton Parker believes in farming for women. She told a meeting of Farm and Home Club in Orono that the woman's place—particularly if she is approaching 50—is on the farm.

There is none so blind as he who will not see. We have shown conclusively from the Public Accounts that the Government has made short provision for the Sinking Fund, yet our contemporary reiterates that it is the Guardian, not the Government that is wrong.

The Sinking Fund—ordinary—amounts to \$203,120, not \$175,615 as shown on Page 47, a shortage of \$27,505 as previously stated. This shortage, added to the admitted deficit, increases it correspondingly.

Mussolini is on the spot, and doesn't like it. Any so-called neutral state in Europe which willingly or unwillingly throws in its lot with Germany or is drawn within the orbit of German aggressive politics will lose its possessions overseas.

Though Denmark is not a willing enemy of Canada, the fact that she offered no resistance to Germany and is now co-operating with Germany whether willingly or not is justification under international law for seizure of ships and other property.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dairymen and farmers in general are interested to note that the cow which appears prominently in the excellent movie, Gone With The Wind, is of too modern a type to have been in existence at the time of Sherman's capture of Atlanta.

A friend breezed in to see me just now. He has recently returned from an Indian tour. As it happened he found, on my office desk, a copy of Kipling's "Kim".

Lacrosse was ruined when it became a game for the Stanley Cup hockey may go to the glory of its name some day. But meanwhile there is a certain section of fandom which appears to want its money back if there is not a good stand-up fight in every major league game.

Fresh impetus will be given to Australia's participation in the Empire air training scheme by Great Britain's gift of nearly a thousand aircraft for the use of our men.

Bedloe's Island is being turned into a beautiful national park. The Statue of Liberty will become a lovely spot for New Yorkers never to go.—Brubaker in New Yorker.

The new Parliament will have only two members, who sat in the House when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was Prime Minister. They are Premier King and Hon. Ernest Lapointe.—London Free Press.

In the last war British seamanship was supreme, but for technical reasons our gunnery was inferior to that of the Germans. Now our sea and air weapons are technically superior; our seamanship remains superior, and above all, our men have the right spirit.

Under that heading the Carmel (Calif.) Pine Cone, a weekly, printed a front page editorial on March 22 which ought to produce results in its bailiwick.

For the western world the fact to remember is that the two (Hitler and Stalin) are together, for better or worse, and their combined death air of death about this embrace of the Nazis and Communists.

A correspondent writing in The New Yorker reports some interesting things from Holland. That little country is unusually busy Amsterdam and other cities are alive with intrigue.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

RADIO PRAYERS

Sir—Every morning I listen in to the short talks given by the Clergy-men under the Ministerial Association.

ONE WHO CARES

War And Commerce

About 90 per cent of our external trade is with British Empire countries and the United States, so that Canada will not suffer to the extent that Denmark suffers by the German occupation of Denmark.

Since drastic economies imposed by the war, the import restrictions introduced by Australia and New Zealand and interruption in steamship services to various countries are bound to have an adverse effect upon our sales to all countries save the United States.

Broadly speaking, Canada will sell more wheat, metals, lumber, meats and other primary products which always have a large market in our export trade.

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Just A Little Better

(Sydney Post-Record) Commenting on the defeat of Miss Agnes Macphail in the recent Dominion election, Toronto Saturday Night says:

"We feel almost as grieved over the disappearance of Miss Agnes Macphail from the House of Commons as we did some years ago over the disappearance of Mr. Bourassa from the same place, and for much the same reasons. We have violently disagreed with almost every opinion which Miss Macphail has uttered, as we did also with almost all of those of Mr. Bourassa. But we have felt also that, for all their wrong opinions, they were a very valuable force in the political life of this country. We sincerely hope that Mr. King will be able to find some occupation of dignity and importance in the public service which Miss Macphail could fill and continue to give the people of Canada the benefit of her great human sympathy, her shrewd wit, and her unquestionable devotion to the cause of the poorer agriculturist."

It is rather a pity the Toronto weekly did not follow up its own line of thought and explain how members of Parliament, whose opinions it found almost invariably wrong, were "a very valuable force in the political life of this country."

Miss Macphail was more harmless than Mr. Bourassa, despite her incurably perverse line of approach to every important public question, but only because she was a little ever, taken seriously in the House or out of it. She was not a destructive force, simply because she was not a force at all. Even her "independence," like Henri Bourassa's, was little more than an incurable prejudice against public men and political institutions that she criticized satirically without definitely trying to reform or correct. If ever there was a purely negative and perversely obstructive figure in Parliament, that figure was Agnes Macphail. Public life is just a little better for their elimination.

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We are not here to have facilities found us for doing the work we like, but to make them.

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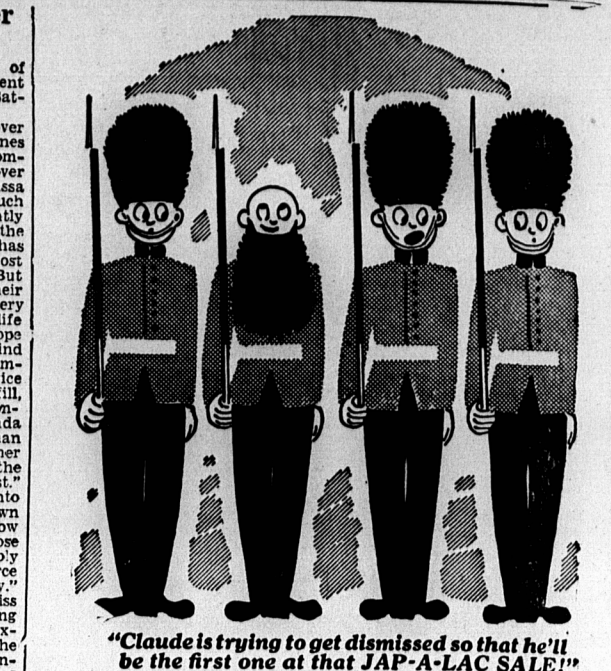
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Anyone driving on provincial highways contrary to this order shall be duly prosecuted. Dated the 4th day of April, A. D. 1940. By order, P. S. FIELDING, Clerk of the Executive Council.

NOTICE

THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

As during the last year the Motor Vehicle Branch of the Provincial Government has opened registration offices in Summerside and Montague, where applications for current year's registrations may now be received.

The license fee for trailers weighing 6,000 lbs. and under is at the rate of 40 cents per 100 lbs., with a minimum fee of \$2.00. P. S. FIELDING, Deputy Provincial Secretary



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