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

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First Aid Training

A total of 109,313 Canadians were trained in first aid and home nursing in 1943, by the St. John Ambulance Association. The report just issued at St. John House, Ottawa, shows that 88,592 seniors and 20,719 juniors were trained. Included were 23,304 members of the armed forces, 15,021 in the R.C.A.F. alone where the St. John first aid course is a regular part of a flyer's training.

By provinces and special centres, the numbers trained were: Alberta, 3768 seniors and 574 juniors; British Columbia, 7496 and 2090; Manitoba, 2003 and 571; New Brunswick, 2127 and 113; Nova Scotia, 2015 and 707; Ontario, 15,094 and 1373; Prince Edward Island, 355, no juniors; Quebec, 13,001 and 10,843; Saskatchewan, 2282 and 1050; Federal District (Ottawa), 2838 and 140; National Defence, 23,394 and 2900 cadets; Canadian National Railways, 737; Canadian Pacific Railway, 1660; Bell Telephone Company, 1938; Northern Electric, 157; Canadian Industries, 873; R.C.M. Police, 442.

All St. John Ambulance training is now conducted under the St. John-Red Cross Joint Board. During the past year, the cost of training for individuals has been considerably reduced as St. John participates in the funds raised by the Red Cross, under War Services Department regulations. Owing to the shortage of doctors and nurses and the intense activity in industrial plants, there is greater interest than ever in both first aid and home nursing. Plans are under way for greatly expanded training facilities.

It goes without saying that with the current shortage of doctors and nurses in many communities, a knowledge of both First Aid and Home Nursing is of greater value than ever.

Ontario Potatoes

Maritime potato growers had better look to their laurels or they may lose them to the farmers of Ontario, advises the Saint John Telegraph Journal. In that province there is a special effort being made to increase production of potatoes by at least ten per cent over last year. With such an object in view, Potato Growers' 500-Bushel Clubs are being organized, and that in Middlesex County is making a special effort through competition among its members. The London chamber of commerce is giving active encouragement to that club.

The plan was tried in Simcoe County last year and was highly successful. Three growers exceeded the 500-bushel objective and several others bettered the 400-bushel mark. The winners used a ton of fertilizer and dusted the crops nine or ten times in the season. The rows were spaced thirty-four inches apart. With planting equipment it was said an acre could be seeded in forty-five minutes at a cost of three dollars.

Some of the points stressed by agricultural experts in Ontario regarding the prevention of disease in potatoes are to use no second-hand bags for the seed tubers and to clean all plant- ing and cutting machinery carefully.

Donbas Industrial Recovery

Soviet Russia's recovery of the territory known as the Donetz Basin should soon be adding resources of immense value to the Red army, says the Ottawa Citizen. The recent capture of Krivoi Rog has further restored rich treasure trove in the form of iron ore.

There will doubtless have to be much reconstruction work on the Soviet blast furnaces and steel mills in the Donbas, but some have been under repair since last autumn when the Nazis were driven out. As the Germans retreated they demolished industrial plants. They also wrecked mining equipment and flooded the mines. Already, however, according to Edmund Stevens, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor in Moscow, coal production in the liberated Donbas is exceeding the maximum amount produced daily in the years of German occupation. The Nazi invaders conscripted Russian workers, but they were never able to get anything like optimum results.

In the years before the war the Soviet coal mines in the Donbas produced at the rate of 200,000 tons or more daily. When the Germans took over, the daily output dropped to 10,000 tons. The Soviet workers refused to co-operate with the enemy. They employed methods of sabotage although it meant death for many.

New Soviet industries in Siberia were developed to compensate for the loss of the Donbas industries. They have done magnificent work in helping to keep the Red armies equipped. It is a tremendous gain, however, to have won back the 75 coal mines in the Stalino district with a daily capacity of 43,000 tons and the metallurgical works where thousands of tons of steel were produced daily before the German invasion.

The Nazis tried in vain to harness the captured industries, but they were constantly up against Soviet underground resistance. Now the blast furnaces are coming back into production. The turbines are running again in electric power stations; workers are everywhere busy restoring equipment and clearing away wreckage—sometimes under extremely dangerous conditions where the enemy planted mines before leaving.

Along with the reopening of coal mines and industrial plants, progress is being made in the rebuilding of living quarters; schools are be-

ing re-established as well as clubs, theatres and various cultural amenities. This work is being done largely by heroic people who have been living under appalling conditions in ruined houses without even a regular bread supply, during the period of German occupation. It is another indication of the lionhearted nature of the Soviet workers behind the Red army.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is no use talking tunnel now; that is beyond the question. What we must concentrate upon is a ferry steamer immediately, with a secondary one, as Mr. Mutch insists, to help out in summer and provide a stand-by in winter.

The U.S.A. can build an enormous icebreaker in a little more than a year for the Lakes, yet we are told it was impossible to do so for our vital mainland connection. Somebody should be made to walk the plank.

Householders are reminded that the Hi-Y Grads are collecting magazines, waste paper, books, and cardboard containers today. Bundles of these should be carefully placed at door-steps within view of the passing truck.

The Legislature has been consuming endless hours repeating shibboleths to prove to their respective followers that they are genuine party members. This is a time when there should be only one party, an Island Party, demanding our rights.

Farmers, and we all live by the harvest of the soil or sea here, are very much concerned over our transportation situation. They are not talking out loud, only muttering under their breath, but look out for squalls when they do rise to make themselves heard.

His Majesty the King has approved the removal from Buckingham Palace of certain sections of railings and gates as a contribution to the national campaign for the collection of iron gates and railings to be converted into scrap for the manufacture of tanks and other war weapons. About 20 tons of metal will be removed shortly.

Sir Charles Edward Madden, Bart., British sailor, died this date, 1923; specialized in gunnery; was chief of staff to Viscount Jellicoe, his brother-in-law, and took part in the engagements which resulted in bottling up the German fleet, leaving the seas free for the Allies; made second in command of the Grand Fleet, 1917 and 1918, and commander of the Atlantic Fleet the following year; was commended by Parliament, presented with a gift of \$50,000; received a baronetcy from the King.

The reason why Canada's generous offer of 100,000 tons of wheat for India was refused is that the problem of relief for the Bengal famine is one of transport; and wheat can be (and is being) shipped from Australia in half the time it would take to carry it from Canada. This decision was made by the Inter-Allied Shipping Committee. It has been estimated by the authorities that Australia has sufficient wheat to meet all of India's needs. In addition, milk products are being shipped from South Africa. The Government of India is making arrangements to import into Bengal 646,000 tons of food grains during 1944. This is to implement its decision to relieve the Government of Bengal of its responsibility for feeding greater Calcutta. It is expected that the Province of Bengal will approach self-sufficiency before the end of 1944. The importations and the fact that a crop of over ten million tons, against an average of eight millions, is forecast give room for hope that Bengal will not soon have another famine.

Scotsmen do not believe in something for nothing, especially in the way of higher education. Lord Normand, Chairman of the British Carnegie Universities Trust, reported that so far as Scottish universities were concerned, the Trust had received £52,454 (\$260,000) in repayment from 1280 former students. The annual report showed that a soldier serving in Africa is listed among former Carnegie Trust beneficiaries repaying sums received as class fees when he was a student. For £54 (\$250) got in fees he has made repayment of £100 (\$500). In all £4836 (\$24,000) was repaid last year by eighty-two former beneficiaries. This sum, stated the report, far outstrips the return for any previous year. Until now the largest sum repaid in any year was £2606 (\$13,000). An outstanding feature is the number of repayments made by Scottish graduates who have made a career in one or other part of the Empire. A member of the Rhodesian Legislature sent £100 (\$500) in part repayment of fees. Actually the amount he received in fees was £45 (\$225). From Bulawayo a husband and wife both graduates, sent £100 (\$500) to repay 68 pounds (\$340).

When a Scottish aviation expert flew from Edinburgh to Canada and the United States recently, he took with him a message from Mr. Thomas Johnston, M. P., Secretary of State for Scotland, to Colonel the Hon. George A. Drew, Premier of Ontario, alluding to the stream of aircraft from Canada to Great Britain. He referred to the airport at Prestwick, on the coast of Ayrshire, as one of the most important terminals in this country, and added: "We hope that the practical results of this air link between Ontario and Scotland will mean that our young people here can travel to your far land; while many of those in the New World who have as yet only in dreams beheld the Hebrides, will come often among us and see the New Scotland that we hope to make." Colonel Drew, in his reply, stated that he had read Mr. Johnston's letter to his colleagues in the Government of Ontario, and at a public meeting to discuss development of air transport, adding: "I was in Prestwick only a few weeks ago, and I am sure your great airport, which is known throughout the world to all who fly, will in the future be known much better than it is today as the eastern terminal of air routes which will link Ontario and Scotland ever closer together."

Lenten Meditations from The London Times

IN DUE PROPORTION

Among the chief gains which a vital religion should bring to a who possess it is a sense of proportion, a power of distinguishing what is relatively trivial in human life from the important and freedom from the evil consequences which afflict those whose scale of values is wrong, who continually mistake the molehill for the mountain. To some extent the grim circumstances of Lent have clarified the average man's judgment; almost inevitably he knows now that various things which once he supposed to matter very much, do in fact matter very little. Yet he may find it far easier to lift the petty incidents of his life than to apply it in detail when his own affairs are concerned.

The one sure remedy is spiritual. It is to gain the right perspective which Christianity can give, and to see the petty incidents of life in due relation with the great background of life and eternity. This will take time and even out of more serious disappointments such as an undesired business result or a failure to obtain some much-coveted post. While the world's saints vary in many ways, it is evident that they have in common a certain serenity. They are not sensitive; they have not cultivated a stoical fortitude, yet when meeting either the lesser annoyances or grave misfortunes in a way which for them is quite natural because they are in the habit of keeping their eyes on things which are not even happy. There is a secret they have learnt from their divine Master, for he has read the records of his life on earth without being impressed by its serenity. Not a moment has he been lifted from his purpose by seeming failures and disappointments, because always he saw the incidents of life in a true proportion, and not for an instant was he unconscious of that divine purpose which formed their background.

That balance, that peace of mind, can be gained in some measure by every disciple who will allow the faith he holds to become fully operative in the affairs of daily life. Then the small things will no longer assume a false importance because at the moment they are the nearest to the divine purpose immediately before him seems warlike and uninviting; he will see the universe as his own, and from thence will come his help.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of general interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper.

NOT BUSHED

Sir.—Travellers wonder why the bill on the north side of the Hillsborough is not bushed. There was an odd bush on it last winter and the winter before, but none at all this winter.

TRAVELLER

Health Insurance

(Globe and Mail) There are many aspects of the revised health insurance bill before the House of Commons which require careful and expert study. The bill is a complex one, and the draft bill of last year in the manner of financing, and the division of financial responsibility as between the Province and the Federal Government. From the point of view of the contributing public, the question is: How shall it be paid? The present estimates are never the total cost. But, regardless of the amount, the question is: How shall it be paid? The present estimates are never the total cost. But, regardless of the amount, the question is: How shall it be paid? The present estimates are never the total cost. But, regardless of the amount, the question is: How shall it be paid?



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THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Notes By The Way

A wandering, oval-shaped, celestial body has been discovered by astronomers. Gosh! Don't tell us that this was seen at the peace table and heep dictate the terms.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Japs pretend they would welcome a naval battle. But they are just daring anybody to discover their hidden fleet.—Kansas City Times.

It might be a good idea to have representatives of the parents and near relatives who lost robust lads in this war sit at the peace table and heep dictate the terms.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Thirteen members of the Royal Canadian Air Force are sentenced to prison in Nova Scotia for stealing 100 tons of the force's stores and selling the supplies to merchants in Cape Breton. But what hand was behind the robbery?—Hamilton Spectator.

My colleague, Charles N. Wheeler, dropped in this morning for a talk about talk. I ventured to say that I was a talker, but he said, "Not so," he said. "Ever notice that the still and silent pool is full of bubbles and has foam on the top, while the water of the babbling brook is always clear?" This is something upon which I intend to ponder.

That abdominal noun still finds wide usage as a synonym for courage in battle, but it is to be doubted if the courage by that name sounds any more admirable or less vulgar. Courage in modern warfare is too fine a quality, too noble to be coarsened, and the noun in question might well be dispensed with, though the value seems to the issuer.—Hamilton Spectator.

With regard to historic and religious edifices in Italy, the problem is simply defined. If the Germans get out of them, the Allies will leave them alone; but if the Germans stay in them the Allies will blast them out, and in the process some of the scenery is going to be badly denuded.—Brandon Expositor.

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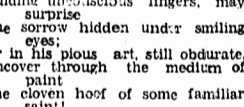
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The ancient peoples were familiar with potteries, which were sometimes used in lieu of more expensive writing materials. Nelson Glueck writes in National Geographic Magazine a boy seized by Gideon wrote down for him on a piece of pottery a list of the chief men of Succoth (Judges 8:14). Business receipts were inscribed on them. Job scratched his boils with a polished (Job 2:8). The Bible is replete with references to pottery. We read in Isaiah 30:14: "And his crash is like that of a potter's vessel shattered beyond repair, so that there cannot be found among the fragments a sherd to bring fire from the hearth, or to draw water from the cistern." Where handmade pottery occurs, it may be possible to distinguish the work of individual craftsmen who, in shaping the vessel, sometimes left their fingerprints on the wet clay. When the vessel was baked, the fingerprints were preserved. The writer has thus held in his hands the fingerprints of potters whose bones have long become merged with the very clay from which they once fashioned their wares. G-men, unearthing such evidence, would be too late, by thousands of years.

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