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

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New Conservative Leader

Prince Edward Island once boasted of having a Farmer Premier. Today the Conservative Party in Canada has a Farmer Leader who in all likelihood is destined to be Canada's next Prime Minister.

Early in life Mr. Bracken achieved international fame by his experiments bearing on adaptation of grains and other field crops to certain soils.

Besides outstanding success as an agriculturalist and statesman, Premier Bracken has another distinction. He is undoubtedly the most outspoken Premier in Canada in favour of an all-out war effort.

Latest From Miss Dennis, Litt. D.

For many years now Miss Clara Dennis, Litt. D., has been the outstanding lady journalist and author in the Maritime Provinces. She has in her blood, being the daughter of such distinguished parents as the late Senator Dennis, Editor and Publisher of The Halifax Herald, and Dame Dennis, C.B.E., M.A., still happily with us.

The Winnipeg Convention

A study of the press reports of the National Conservative Convention at Winnipeg reveals one fact of great significance. While there was apparent division of opinion over minor matters—such as the adoption of a name and methods of procedure—there was no division over essentials.

This is no departure from sound Conservative tradition. Those who recall that the Bennett Government was defeated chiefly because of the opposition of the Big Interests to its policies for social and economic improvement—policies which today are conceded to be absolutely necessary to post-war stability—will not be surprised at the stand taken by the Conservative delegates at Winnipeg this week.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Finance Minister, Ilsley has given a favourable reply to a delegation from Halifax City Council asking a grant of \$200,000 in lieu of taxes on Government property in that city.

In Montreal they are determined to eliminate risks in munition plants through cigarette smoking. The next three months will be spent at hard labor in prison by Ernest Sherbert Hubbell, 52-year-old laborer, who was convicted by Judge Leonce Cliche for having smoked in a Montreal district munitions plant of Defence Industries Limited.

Capt. J. A. McCordick, recently released from an internment camp in French West Africa by United States soldiers, declares that Canada is the most popular country in France.

Here is practical patriotism, the kind that begins at home. At a board meeting of the Maritime Women's Club of Montreal at the home of Mrs. A. D. Ross, Westmount, the members, after setting aside various sums to be distributed to different war charities unanimously voted to still further their war activities by adopting, for the duration, the 30 boys (ages ranging from 18 to 24) comprising the crew of the British trawler H. M. S. Magdalen.

They should worry! Britain's food supplies are assured for months ahead, Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, declares. "We are in no danger," he said, "as I have got them in this country."

The executive of the Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers Association declared 10,000 Ontario farmers are dissatisfied because the Government allegedly has not announced any decision on winter milk prices.

Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, inventor and civil engineer, died this date, 1849; born in Normandy, was expelled during the French Revolution on account of royalist opinions; settled in United States; established an arsenal and cannon factory at New York; went to England in 1799 and was employed by the government; his greatest undertaking was the construction of the Thames Tunnel, where the shield system, invented by him was first used; the shield is constructed of cast-iron frames, and is divided into compartments, to allow excavation at the working face and the passing back of material; a lining of brick or cast-iron is used and the shield is brushed forward by screws as excavation proceeds; in his great undertaking Sir Marc was assisted by his son, Sir John Brunel who was later raised to the peerage.

We are told Canada is facing a "serious" shortage of fats and oils for war industries, necessitating an immediate nation-wide salvage campaign for fats and bones which must last for the duration of the war.

This is good news if true. The Government is determined to prevent any further increase in the living cost and to achieve this it will not be sparing in its use of fiscal measures and subsidies. That is one point made plain by Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley at a press conference in the Minister's office, at which most of the talking was done by Mr. Ilsley and Mr. Donald Gordon, head of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, while Mr. J. G. Taggart, head of the Food Corporation explained the butter fat situation and Mr. Hector B. McKinnon, head of the Commodities Stabilization Corporation, threw light on the workings of the subsidies.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Real good times are the kind you get out and have, not the kind you buy.—Brandon Sun

The Italians desire for peace at this time is better than not coming at all. The present system of armaments can expect after the treacherous and bloodthirsty attitude at the outset of the war is difficult to figure out.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

War emergencies have not re-arranged a sensational resumption of the horse-and-buggy traffic but that does not prove that there will not be a return to the salubrious atmosphere between the United States and its neighbours below the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea.

Of "imperialism" and particularly of "British imperialism," we hear much these days and almost always in connection with the title of the gains which at least partially offset the disadvantages of the war.

Are those Spars we read about the same Coast Guard Reserve we remember that was provisionally organized in the Warcocks? There is almost need for a little pocket dictionary to identify the growing number of new acronyms and abbreviations.

It's a bad day for Adolf Hitler if the news goes to him that the Army This, it may be, is that secret weapon which he has been so anxious to keep hidden from the world.

The familiar line, "Every day'll be Sunday bye and bye" must have been written in ignorance of the fact that Sunday is observed as a day of rest by some peoples of many nations.

The already-hungry inhabitants of a small English town saw in their local station freighted with potatoes being shipped to Germany.

The recent reference to the use of gold coin in North Africa calls attention to the value of gold as the one universally recognized medium of exchange.

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Imaginary Conversation With Mr. Wendell Wilkie

(P.D.R. in the Ottawa Journal) Mr. Wendell Wilkie's avowed some days ago that he was "shocked" by Mr. Winston Churchill's phrase, "What we have will hold."

Mr. Wilkie:—"Yes, surely." Interlocutor:—"You are shocked, Mr. Wilkie, at Mr. Churchill's phrase that 'what we have will hold'?"

Mr. Wilkie:—"Certainly not." Interlocutor:—"Well, perhaps, but what about Porto Rico, Mr. Wilkie? Porto Rico has two million inhabitants, Spanish or black, should the United States retire from Porto Rico?"

Mr. Wilkie:—"Well, the Suez Canal is a geographical fact. It is not a creation of the United States. It is a geographical fact, and it is a geographical fact."

Mr. Wilkie:—"No, no. We got the panhandle by treaty, and what we have will hold in the panhandle."

Mr. Wilkie:—"New you are talking about a panhandle." Interlocutor:—"Well, maybe, but perhaps we're just getting a little ahead."

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PUBLIC FORUM

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RUSSIA AND HER CRITICS

Sir,—Mr. K. S. Rogers' letter in the Public Forum of your issue of December 5 explains that speeches dealing with National or International matters are not allowed to be broadcast over CFCY or any other Canadian Radio Station until subjected to the censorship of the Department of National War Services.

It does appear that what senseless criticism we hear of our grand ally is pro-Nazi in its origin rather than anti-Russian—which of course leaves it none the less objectionable.

Does Mr. MacArthur know that Premier Macmillan in a despairing comment on Nova Scotia's \$11,000,000 drink bill said: "The situation is out of control." Does he know that the Dominion Government received more representations on the subject of national liquor restrictions in the last year than on any other subject in recent years?

Obviously the gentleman is not aware of these facts. If he doubts the power of liquor interests, let him recall that Canada has waited since Sept 12 for Mr. King's special cabinet committee to report on the restrictions. Meanwhile Mr. Thorson, chairman of the special cabinet committee, has been promoting Mr. Lafche's plan.

These touching letters between an English woman who lost three sons in the war and a Russian woman whose only son was killed are reprinted from the London Sunday Dispatch.

THE LETTERS OF TWO WAR MOTHERS

DEAR LADY MACROBERT:—These lines, written to you from the U.S.S.R. by a Soviet teacher whose son also fell for his country.

Several references have been made to "the Nelson touch" and "the United States fleet" which smashed the Japanese so badly in the recent night engagement in the Solomon Islands.

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