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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Farm Production

A further appeal has been issued from Ottawa by Agricultural Minister Gardiner, urging Canadian farmers to concentrate on the vital factor of food production.

It is also important, says Mr. Gardiner, that farmers should not change at this time from cheese to butter production.

The Minister states that as the general situation becomes clearer, provincial organizations will be mobilized to guide and stimulate production in accordance with known needs.

Wool For Uniforms

With the mills short of wool for soldiers' uniforms, the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Limited, announces that it is doing all it can to see that the wool in its possession is made available to the mills.

The government seems to have acted fairly enough, and with wool urgently needed for the manufacture of uniforms for the troops, it will be very surprising if there is any holding back of the wool supply for a higher price.

The government is also criticized for not having laid in a large supply of wool at the going price, as the British Government did before the war.

The U-Boat Menace

While it is natural that the loss of British ships and men through German submarine attacks should cause widespread regret, there is certainly no need for an alarmist attitude. In this regard we in Canada may well take an example from the fortitude shown by the people of the Old Country.

During the last war the British navy alone sank 178 enemy submarines, in addition to those destroyed by Allied fleets or lost through natural causes.

Depth charges first came into use at the end of 1918; the original models being steel cylinders

for all the world like oil drums—filled with 300 lbs. (136 kgs.) of explosive and fired by a line which ran out as the depth charge sank.

There is no doubt that the fear of depth charges prevented many attacks and the modern depth charge—underwater bomb in Germany—is an even more potent weapon than its predecessor.

That this anti-submarine war is a silent war does not make it less effective. The success of Britain's campaign to rid the seas of these underwater killers will be measured in the decrease of British tonnage destroyed.

Grace Darling, famous heroine who rescued the shipwrecked crew of the Forfarshire at Farne Islands, died this date, 1842.

The early touch of winter makes us realize what our soldiers have to endure without the comforts of home.

We have reason to believe that no decision has been reached as to the despatch of the First Division overseas, and is not likely to be until the return to Ottawa of Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, head of the First Division.

How happy we are in this blessed province, able, as we are, to exist without either a Premier or President of Council to direct our affairs.

Over 25,000 men are to be trained in Canada for the Royal Air Force, and according to Lord Riverdale, head of the British Mission sent to Ottawa, the training will begin this month.

The absurdity of the Quebec political campaign is self-evident when we know that both Mr. Lapointe and Mr. Duplessis are pledged anti-conscriptionists.

An election, or not an election, that is the question that is now disturbing Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Shall he make good Mr. Lapointe's pledge to Quebec should Duplessis win, or merely throw the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Labour, and the Minister of Public Works to the wolf pack and continue to carry on.

Russia officially has taken no notice of Col. Lindbergh's pro-Nazi campaign. Ever since his remarks disparaging the Red air force after as it is complained he enjoyed Soviet hospitality, Col. Lindbergh has been denounced repeatedly as a Nazi agent, a Fascist spy, and many other uncomplimentary descriptions from the large and vigorous Soviet storehouse of invective.

At Sherbrooke, Mr. Lapointe said the reason he had entered the Quebec election race was because Premier Duplessis and his henchmen had brought the fight into federal terrain.

The Jap-Chinese war is being overlooked due to menace nearer home, but a despatch from Shanghai dated Monday 16, indicated the Chinese had won a great air victory at Hankow in which 100 Jap airplanes lying at the airfield were destroyed.

As election day draws near Quebec politicians are becoming more and more excited. At Three Rivers the Liberal Leader, Mr. Adelaire Godbout charged that the Provincial police were spying on him.

"Demobilization" of local units of the Internal Security Force may possibly coincide with the departure of the 1st Division, Canadian Active Service Force, for training in England.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Mr. Churchill, back in 65 in the same post that he held with such flair at 40, cannot help with such outstanding front bench personality of this War Ministry.

This week Kansas City has held the spotlight of medical science for some eight states. Outstanding men of the profession told the stories of their research in the year.

Is it not time to realize that the higher prices of food is the gaunt skeleton of the nation? They have to tighten their belts and pinch their purses to pay the higher taxes and higher prices for what they eat.

Not only can Franklin D. Roosevelt have the Democratic presidential nomination for the asking next year, he is the candidate with which his party can hope to achieve victory over the Republicans.

Switzerland produces most of her own guns, and it is reported that her anti-tank infantry gun is one of the most effective pieces of defensive machinery yet produced.

Two years ago a distinguished Reich army chief, visiting in London, spoke prophetic words: "You can easily see that the upper ones of our cards are being played, but you can't begin one that way."

When war industries are demanding men and materials now used in the luxury industries, we can cut down on luxuries without disrupting business.

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The old saying is that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Make it two a day and help a lot to keep the wolf away from the doors of our apple producers.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlotetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

PROFITEERS OR PATRIOTS?

Sir,—You will find both of these in every community. One to be admired, the other amongst the shameful exhibits of grasping greedy nature.

In my years of business I was a large dealer in farm produce and had learned to regard the farmer as the average of our citizenship. I still think so.

When some of them imagine that they are the only victims of the depression, would that they could open their eyes and see the vast multitude of God's creatures, just as deserving as they are, who have agonized and suffered.

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Then he married the daughter of one of America's richest and most respected families, Anne Morrow.

ECONOMIST

The Poet's Corner

Great names of the great captains and great names of the great poets. Beat of our blood, who have that blood of thee.

Lindbergh Scored By U. S. Writer

(William LaVarre, Fellow of the American and Royal Geographic Societies, in the Montreal Star.)

I am one of the very few writers of the United States—if not the only newspaper feature writer—who has never written a word about Charles Lindbergh.

Charles Lindbergh's life, so far, is a saga of strange incidents. He has always posed as a public figure, yet publicity is the only reason why the world still knows his name.

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Americans were grief-struck when the news came that their baby son

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had been kidnapped. During hectic days millions of people listened to radio, read newspapers—hoping the baby would be returned.

Then suddenly the people of the United States were told that Lindbergh had thumbed his nose at his native land.

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But something went wrong with this idyllic episode. We next heard from England. They were going to take up their home in Berlin.

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