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

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Post War Planning

All the provinces have appointed post-war committees or councils to study problems peculiar to the individual provinces and to establish co-operation among municipalities and other bodies within the province.

Manitoba has issued a report on rural electrification in the province. The recommendations of the commission, says the Bank report, would involve the electrification of agriculture in Manitoba on as large a scale as is practicable.

The post-war economic commissions of the various provinces are also serving as clearing houses for local projects. A number of municipalities have already reported programmes for post-war employment, and many more are studying their local needs and possibilities.

A detailed programme of suggested water development in the Prairie Provinces has been prepared by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. Eight projects, including the St. Mary's and Milk River developments in Alberta, are now ready for actual construction.

A very important project which has been recommended would involve the control and organization of the waters of the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers to provide power and water for irrigation.

A somewhat similar project has been approved in Ontario. During the summer of 1942 the Dominion and Ontario Governments sponsored a survey of the basin of the Ganaraska River in Durham County.

"It can be seen from this short survey of some of the proposals and plans for post-war development in Canada," says the Bank Letter, "that no single government, company or individual can hope to meet alone the problems of the post-war world."

Mutual Aid

The Federal Government is shortly to determine the kind of organization under which the billion dollar mutual aid program placed before Parliament in February is to be administered.

The United Nations Mutual Aid Act provides for the production and transfer of Canadian-made war supplies to Allied nations up to the total of \$1,000,000,000. The purpose of the Act is to be carried out by a War Supplies Allocation Board which will include five ministers acting as a committee of the Cabinet.

There are to be no strings on the distribution of these supplies, but the plan is open to reciprocal action on the part of the nations receiving assistance from Canada in this way, nations which may be in a position to make some return in the form of goods or services.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Unless the roads improve soon farmers may lose their Nova Scotia potato market.

Tchaikovsky, Russian composer, born this date 1840; there was a tendency in musical circles before the war to regard Tchaikovsky as less characteristically Russian than such composers as Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin, and Mussorgsky; it was an opinion, however, never shared by the Russians themselves, for whom Tchaikovsky has always been a nationalist figure.

Police duties in the Town of Shediac may be taken over shortly by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On announcement at the town council that Police Chief William Gunn plans retirement, the civic body decided to take steps to have the town policed by the Mounted Police.

There is a dangerous lack of urgency in the country on the war. No one but a fool thinks it is won. Yet the spirit of let's-play-for-the-post-war-votes-and-spend-a-pedal-on-fighting-the-war has overtaken our political leaders, says Toronto News.

Mr. G. H. Bates, principal of Staffordshire Farm Institute, in a lecture before the Royal Society of Arts, London, on the maintenance of farming after the war, gave an interesting sidelight on a handicap from which we are mercifully free here, but which may account for the deficiency of farming in Nova Scotia and other industrial provinces.

Major Rev. J. A. Sabourin, O.B.E., spoke in Saint John Sunday night, and according to the Telegraph-Journal the vast public gathering which assembled to listen to this very gifted churchman was highly privileged and all were conscious of the fact.

The daily cost of the war to the British people has risen from \$22,000,000 to \$66,000,000, and it will probably continue on this scale until victory is achieved. It is truly astonishing that some 45,000,000 people who live on a little island endowed with resources should be unable to carry such tremendous burdens, but they are bearing them cheerfully for the sake of the great cause, and it is fortunate that they are.

Apart from the naval coast defence elements, A.A. and Air Force personnel, it is estimated that 25,000 men are needed to assure the defence of the entrenched camp of Bizerta, and it is to be feared that the German-Italian forces are in a position still to maintain effectiveness of this order.

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Notes By The Way

Among the old-established family businesses one may find in quiet turnings near Piccadilly Circus is a shop which has for the last 200 years been selling English flower perfumes blended by successive members of the family.

A large painting in Tokyo shows New York to be in ruins from a Japanese air raid, and the people of Nippon are said to be stirred to a fever of enthusiasm over the canvas represented a just accomplished, rather than just the wish-myth of a propagandist's brush.

British salvage operators, spurred on by war shortages and by increased economic activity, are reaping a rich harvest from the ocean bed around the British Isles. Thirteen thousand tons of scrap metal from the fire-gutted former liner Majestic.

A traveler just returned from Sweden reports that the rapidly-growing district in Germany is stable. Sweden will now only trade with Germany on a basis of exchange of goods; the market is very tight.

A lot of potatoes are likely to be planted this year. In fact, the spud crop is going into the ground. Potatoes constitute one of our best food crops and if you want to raise the best, good from them eat the jackets.

Innocent paper bags have become a civilian weapon in Holland's war against the Nazis. Immediately after the Nazi party came to power in the Netherlands in February, patriots took advantage of the resultant 'tension' to blow up many explosive paper bags during absence from the house.

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Here's an underground story from "We Cannot Escape History," relates Reading and Writing. "Clarendon Robertson of the American Red Cross went to a Paris restaurant where he was said to be still eating well despite the ration system. The waiter shrugged his shoulders and said that he had nothing to serve. Robertson finally persuaded him to prepare an omelette. After one bite of obviously spoiled egg, Robertson put down his knife and fork and called for the manager.

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Leaflets

On The Loan

BY STEPHEN LEACOCK

THE CHAIRMAN'S WALKING STICK

It was pretty well understood by the middle of the Victory Loan Campaign that on the final evening they would present the Chairman of the Committee with a stick. This was a party on the Municipal Buildings.

It has always been the thing in Mariposa to give a man a walking stick in recognition of any public service. They gave a stick to the designer of the historic monument in the Park, and a stick for the Municipal Abattoir, and a stick for the new wing of the Asylum that increases its capacity three to one and definitely put Mariposa on the map as a home for the feeble minded.

Generally when they're going to give a stick the idea gets started and goes round town, confidentially, of course, so that the man himself won't know it. In this case, as a matter of fact, the idea originated in Jeff Barber's shop and it was Jeff himself who first started it. He stopped his scissors one afternoon and rested his elbow on the customer's neck and said: "What about a stick for Jim Heavyside?"

The idea caught right on. And Jeff, you know how a modest man gets encouraged and goes on, said that to his mind, one of these Malacca canes with a band on would be just right. It appears that they sell canes like that clear up to a hundred dollars, and past it, though you wouldn't think it.

Well, that was all settled and the next thing was to raise the money. Bill Landy, -he's the mining broker I spoke of, generally does that because he understands finance. He just gets from each feller what he feels like giving, and keeps it confidential. He gives out nothing except the total. A lot of mining business is done that way. They just tell you what you get.

So that was all settled, and Bill got busy and a couple of days later he was telling a group of us in the 'shop' that he had all the money for the cane in sight, when who should walk in but Jim Heavyside himself. He was leaning on a Malacca cane. You could have knocked any of us down with a club.

One of the fellers, in a chair, who could only hit and miss, called out, "What's the matter, Jim, some lame?" said Jim Heavyside with a laugh, "the boys at the factory gave me a farewell supper last night and this stick as a presentation. 'That's the third stick,' he added, 'that I've got in less than a month. Take a look at it, isn't it a dandy?'"

They passed it round but of course the heart was out of the idea now. They had to think of some thing else. Well, the next day, Jeff said to some of the customers in the shop, "Professor Byron was up here last night yesterday and he says why not give Mr. Heavyside one of these sets of books - what is it, - an encyclopedia?"

"An encyclopedia," said one of the fellers, "Why, Jim Heavyside could never read that. He's no scholar." "You don't have to read an encyclopedia says another. It is for the front room. And when you see them now they sell you a glass case right with them so that you don't have to open it even for dusting. Bert Travers has one - has had it for ten years - and it's in dandy shape, - good as new, - they never open it."

"Grandfather had one," said another customer, "given to him like this when he retired, but he read it clear through and got the good out of it. But he was too old when he started. He died in the letter A. But Jim Heavyside is only sixty-five. He can tackle it."

R. A. F. Transport Command Crossing

The pursuit of speed records over the Atlantic is discouraged by the Royal Air Force Transport Command. It is, indeed, a disciplinary offense for flying personnel delivering new aircraft to Britain or Africa to attempt to beat previous best flying times.

A distinctive performance newly recorded is that of Captain W. S. May, of British Overseas Airways Corporation, operating on the North Atlantic under the R. A. F. Transport Command, Captain May, flying a Liberator with maximum full load of about 56,000 lbs. and up to a tailwind sometimes approaching 100 knots, made a landfall to landfall crossing from Newfoundland (2,200 statute miles) in 8 hrs. 20 mins. He flew on to an airfield inside Britain, registering only 7 hrs. 40 mins. from take-off to landing. He thus reduced by 21 mins. the previous best tarmac to tarmac Atlantic flight of 8 hrs. 1 min. accomplished fourteen months ago by a pilot officer of the Royal Australian Air Force in a Hudson twin-engine bomber. Captain May flew practically the whole course in a dense cloud at about 20,000 feet, and found that he could not get over it even at 22,000 feet.

Another outstanding flight just made is that of Captain S. T. B. Cripps, D. F. C., who flew non stop from Montreal to Britain (3,100 statute miles) in 12 hrs. 51 mins., lowering by four minutes the previous best time put up by Captain G. E. Buxton a year ago on the same direct journey.

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Each thing our eagerness collects From them in passing - joy or sorrow. Defeat or victory - reflects Upon tomorrow.

Or else all moments when the world Stood tiptoe, where the dawn had crossed To touch God's face, to depths be hurled Forever lost!

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