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

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Gargantuan Spending

Writing recently on England's financial problems, Francis W. Hirst, the British economist, made some comments which with a few minor changes would apply equally well to the situation here:

It has been proved over and over again by the absence of any discussion on votes of credit for the war that the House of Commons as a whole takes no interest in the waste of public money, though common sense tells us that efficiency and economy go hand in hand, and that it is the duty of every officer or official entrusted with the expenditure of public money to see that it is efficiently spent and that none is wasted.

War is in its very nature enormously wasteful. It is impossible to know in advance precisely how many planes or guns or shells or men are going to be required to achieve a given objective. Consequently, the Army and Navy doubtless ask for more of these things than they are actually likely to use or need.

This is a situation that cannot be helped in wartime. But it brings with it at least two dangers for the post-war period. One is that the habit of uncritical acceptance of executive requests for funds may be retained after the war. The other and more immediate danger is that astronomical war expenditures may blind us to the real size of the commitments we may make now for the future, and of the consequent burdens of these commitments on future taxes and production.

Should Be In School

The United States Office of Education estimates that approximately 5,000,000 boys and girls of school age have taken jobs throughout the country this summer. When they went to work most of them fully intended to return to their books in the fall. From past experience, however, school officials know that many—too many for their own good—will fail to do so.

Parents in Canada as well as United States might profitably heed the warnings sounded by the U. S. Office of Education. The country needs trained men and women. It needs them not only in civilian occupations but in the armed forces as well. A job of comparatively good money now may, in the words of John E. Wade, New York City, Superintendent of Schools, prove to be a vocational "hooby trap" after the war; it may lead nowhere, and the young worker, years hence, may find himself performing the same routine, unskilled duties to which he is now assigned.

Planning Shakespeare Quarter

Ambitious plans for a Shakespeare Quarter in London are in hand, and will be carried into effect after the war, writes a London correspondent. The scheme involves an expenditure of about \$500,000, and funds are being raised by an institution known as the Globe Mermaid Association of Great Britain and America.

Five acres of ground have been allocated by Southwark Borough Council for the development of this proposal on a site close to London's river and where the immortal playwright wrote and produced 17 of his plays. The scheme includes a new Globe Theatre, which will be an exact copy, only twice the size, of the original playhouse where Shakespeare acted.

Also there is to be a Mermaid Tavern, built on the lines of the inns existing in the Shakespearean period. No plans exist of the original Mermaid Inn, where Shakespeare "gloried and drank deep", but there are authentic plans of the old Globe Theatre, which was burnt down in 1613. There will also be an exclusively Elizabethan library, the first of its kind ever established. In the Mermaid Inn it is proposed

to have meals served by attendants in Elizabethan costume and so far as practicable according to the menus of that period.

Pertain

Pertinax, French journalist who has been living on this side of the Atlantic since France fell to the Nazis, gives a pithy and searching analysis of Pertain. Here was a man, he writes, who enjoyed a prodigious reputation which others had earned for him; he reaped the further advantage of outliving most of the men who really knew him and his defects.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A United States Congressional Commission visited Charlottetown this date 1868.

The war must be nearing an end, for nine "Conchie's", who have been concentrated at Wallaceburg, Ont., "took French leave" and disappeared. An official at Ottawa said they were being sought by "appropriate officers."

All supplies sent abroad for war purposes, either to Europe or Asia, are henceforth to bear the word Canada marked on them on a background of Maple Leaf. An official at Ottawa announced "Canada" would be printed in Chinese for goods designed for that ally. "But the maple leaf itself is a sufficient designation, even for those peoples who can't read," he added.

Professor W. A. Spooner, English educator, died this date 1930; was Warden of New College, Oxford; famous among undergraduates for his verbal irregularities; announcing the hymn, "Conquering Kings Their Titles Take", early in 1879, he said "Kingquering Congs Their Titles Take"; hence "Spoonerisms", most of which were the invention of Dr. Spooner's friends.

A new form of entertainment of guests has been inaugurated by Mrs. Carrie Jacob Bond of Los Angeles. She is the composer of a number of well known works, including "The End of a Perfect Day" and "I Love You Truly". She attained her 82nd birthday recently, and celebrated it by reading her obituary to some 500 people who gathered to offer her congratulations.

A 17-mile airmail route has been established in Bermuda by the United States Navy—an 11-minute service operated by an amphibian plane from the naval air station to the opposite end of the island where other naval personnel are on duty. The navy claims it is one of the shortest airmail routes in the world and contrasts it with Bermuda's own interior mail service which until a year or two ago was horse-drawn and took one day to cover the same distance.

"An ever increasing need exists for young partners to carry on the farm business. Farmers are getting older. On the other hand, each year thousands of farm boys are confronted with the task of selecting and preparing themselves for their life work. In many cases, a suitable father and son farm partnership agreement is a good means of helping both situations. Now is a good time to encourage able young men to establish themselves on farms." Although this was written for American farmers it applies equally well to Canada. Elton B. Hill, in his bulletin "Father and Son Farm Partnerships" issued by the Michigan State College, discusses the various problems involved in a father-son partnership, and makes some helpful suggestions.

Dr. Ellice MacDonald, of Port Ellice, Sask., director of the Franklin Biochemical Research Foundation at Newark, Del., has announced the discovery of a new anti-cholera vaccine. Easy to produce, the vaccine contains no reaction-producing substances and is inexpensive, the report, published in the current issue of the Franklin Institute's journal says. The fact that only one treatment is required will make the vaccine useful in India and China where illiterate natives are unlikely to return for further treatments after the swelling and pain of the first "shot." Dr. MacDonald, who has been head of the Franklin Institute for many years, is a brother of the late Brig.-Gen. H. F. MacDonald, chairman of the Canadian Pensions Board, and the late Donald H. MacDonald, one-time leader of the Conservative Party in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

On the basis of present trends, it is anticipated that creamery butter production will not reach the objective of 303.8 million pounds set at the time of the Dominion-Provincial Conference in December last; but on the other hand, cheddar cheese production will show a marked increase and production for the year is likely to exceed 175 million pounds. Fluid milk sales in Canada are higher in 1944 than in 1943 but recent regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board limiting the sale of "special milk" will tend to lessen the increase in fluid milk consumption. The Agricultural Food Board is continuing to stabilize the dairy industry by requiring shippers wishing to change from one market outlet to another to obtain a permit before transferring. The dairy farmers of Canada were assured early in 1944 that subsidies on dairy products would continue at least until April 30, 1945, and with this as an incentive are doing all in their power to maintain peak production.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of current events and questions of interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors.

THE JAPANESE BEETLE

Sir,—I recently answered a very interesting letter received from Mr. H.K.S. Hemming re-the Japanese Beetle article. In his letter he inquired if entry of the Japanese Beetle into Prince Edward Island could be made via water.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping indicating that insects and diseases have been carried by the avenues of commerce and travel into the Dominion of Canada.

The energy and brains which have transformed this nation into a major war producer will be more than a match for the problems—and the untold opportunities—of peace.

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"As the place to be when this is over, give me Canada every time. I like the way we do things in Canada... the way we think. You have to go overseas to realize what a really swell country we've got. And we'll have plenty to do when this is over... building cars and refrigerators and homes for ourselves... helping the world get back on its feet. Canada will be a busy place when Victory is won!"

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