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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink."
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The Forgotten Farmer

A writer in the current issue of Toronto
Saturday Night deals trenchantly with the agricultural
situation as it is and as it should be. In
concluding his analysis he says:

"Under the stress of necessity to feed the
people of Great Britain the U. S. A. has embarked on a
gradual transmutation of American farming. Agricultural
Secretary Wickard wants less wheat and less cotton, more
meat, more vegetables and more fruit. But in Canada we
are not only concerned with feeding others, we have the
problem of the greatest agricultural economy having to
concern itself with feeding the farmer through drought
relief, government purchase of unsalable grains, subsidies
for fallow acres. Canada's future lies on and in her
farms. Agriculture should be our basic line of defense
against any dislocations the future might hold in store
for us. If our farmers can support themselves and then,
debt free and mortgage free, sell off their surplus to
feed others, their profits may be on a smaller scale than
boom year returns from wheat mining, but they are assured
as a healthy net."

"Much has been said and written about the
inability of certain farm districts to produce anything
but what is being produced now, the impossibility of
changing wheat land to any other type of farming, of
raising a small domestic crop on range land. But the
growth of mixed farming in Manitoba and Alberta and
even in parts of Saskatchewan has given the theoretical or
political exponent of such hopelessness the lie. One does
not need special acquaintance with the productivity of
poor districts in Europe, where the peasant has for
centuries fed himself and a large family and paid
excessive rents to his landlord, to know that man can
produce his livelihood there where God has given him
land on which things grow—and he has given Canada that
a plenty from coast to coast."

"It is true that the period of transition from
absolute dependence on world markets, and of return to
the farm not as a factory but as a more or less self-
sufficient unit, selling off its surplus and holding to
no man whether banker or mortgage-holder, might be
hard. It is here that an enlightened government policy
can help. But the days of unlimited profits in good years
and support by the rest of the country in bad ones
cannot continue indefinitely."

"There is no doubt that the entire indebted-
ness structure of our western and some of our eastern
farmers will have to be revised, consolidated and made
sound. The interest burden will have to be relieved if
not written off. The Canadian farmer must be helped to
a new start, because improper methods of producing the
wrong thing were not his fault entirely, but were as
much the fault of our big corporations and our national
policies—and maybe more."

"Now is the time for the farmer to adapt
himself to this changing world, and for the government
to continue to help, and help drastically, to relieve
itself of the burden which an indigent farming community
represents to the nation. We must safeguard Canada from
the perils which would face her if her basic wealth, her
population's material and moral stabilizer, should be
crushed through events beyond Canada's control—through
a changed world economy. Just let us look at the older
sections of our country, at the Maritimes, Quebec and
Ontario, at the stability their farming population gives
them and realize that:

Princes and Lords may flourish and may
fade,

A breath can make them as a breath has made,
But the bold peasantry, a country's pride,

If once destroyed can never be supplied."

There are certain qualifications to add to this
otherwise reasonable suggestion, and they have reference
to the comparison with European farmers paying rent
and still making a success of their way of life. The
landlord system with its lease conditions insures that
the farmer will cultivate his soil according to schedule,
and unless he does so must forfeit his lease. If we
here had some system of organization which would
compel occupiers of farms in their own interest to
adopt and follow enlightened plans of cultivation, it
would not be long before loans and mortgages were
things of the past, and all our farmers, as the writer
indicates, would be able to produce their livelihood
and to spare in lean years as well as in fat years.

Poor Publicity

Canada still seems to be in need of proper
publicity across the international boundary line. For
example, during last week, according to Mr. L. S. B.
Shapiro, Washington correspondent of the Montreal
Gazette, the following happened in the United States:

1. A letter in the Washington News
complaining that Canada has not a single day's
compulsory service (this published without comment
by the editors).

2. An assertion before the Military Affairs
Committee by Dr. Gregor Mason, head of New York
University's School of Journalism, that young Canadians
get four months of training and are called upon for
nothing else.

3. An assertion before the Rivers and Harbors
Committee of the House by Labor Leader John L. Lewis
that "Canada is in the war but she is lackadaisical
about it."

4. A challenge on the floor of the Senate by
Senator Tobey to an administration spokesman, Senator
Thomas, to compare the United States' military policy
with Canada's; and Senator Thomas' surrender with
the words, "You have me on the spot."

5. Confession by Senator Claude Pepper (a
great friend of this country) that he is hazy on
Canada's military policy.

6. A letter in the correspondence columns
of the Washington Post asking whether Americans are
aware of the "amazing fact that up to now Canada has
only 30 days of compulsory military training, that
overseas service is limited to voluntary enlistment,
and that Canadian war materials are sold to England
only for cash, with no lease-lend flim-flam."

In the United States, Canada has millions of
friends. Would it not be a good idea, suggests an
exchange, to supply some of them with facts with
which to answer our traducers? After all, considering
our war relations with the United States, the thing
seems fairly important. It was Prime Minister King
himself who more than two months ago promised an
"all out" publicity campaign in the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The prize for the most thoughtful, or most
kicked-around, young fellow ought to go to this one.
On a road miles from home, he was seen sitting by
his bicycle practising on his bugle.

Should the Borden Car Ferry fail to "carry
on" this coming winter, and one of the three
substitutes alleged to be within 12 miles brought
into service, the loading and unloading of coal in
transit would cost so much as to make it almost
prohibitive to the small householder.

With very little variation London papers
recently printed the following admonition in their
editorial pages: "Owing to paper scarcity and
increased cost of postage, it is no longer possible
to acknowledge letters and articles received for
publication or to return them unless stamped and
addressed envelopes are also sent. Brevity is more
than ever necessary."

"Suppose," said an American friend to
Winston Churchill the other day, "Italian planes
should attack English cities in force, what would be
the result?" To which the British Prime Minister
is reported to have replied: "I don't know. I
certainly hope not. I'm very fond of the Italian
people. But if they do, of one thing I'm certain—it
won't be necessary to go to Pompeii to see the ruins."

A photograph of Hon. J. G. Gardiner,
Federal Minister of Agriculture, among an alleged
group of "representative farmers" of this province
was taken in front of the Provincial Building. A
glance at the personnel shows that not a single
"representative farmer" is in the group, only nine
local bureaucrats and the South African Commissioner
to Canada.

Tennyson, English poet and laureate born
this date, 1809. From the very first publication
of his poems his career was a success which was
uninterrupted as long as he lived; made poet
laureate at forty-one. His poetry is richly
decorative and finely finished. His works include
"The Princess," "In Memoriam," "Idylls of the
King," "Maud," "Enoch Arden," "Queen Mary,"
"Harold," and "Becket". "Thou art no Sabbath-drawer
of old saws, Distilled from some worm-cankered
homily."

The motto of Canada is "Carry on" not
"Turn-tail" as some would have it. Nothing is to
be gained, but much lost by discontinuing institutions
and celebrations simply because we are at war. The
secret of Britain's high morale is surely this, that
she refuses to allow any disaster or series of
disasters to discommodate her. She continues her
games, her pastimes, her cattle shows, her fairs
and feteing markets as though they were the most
important things in the world, and that is what is
meant by the policy of "keeping on keeping on."
This province did it during the last war, and never
missed an Exhibition.

Senator Duff, having given his enthusiastic
approval of the Cariboo-Wood Islands route to the
province, means that we have one more friend at
Ottawa to urge our claims for improved service.
There seems to be no reason in the world, except
bureaucratic indifference, why we should not have
the late crossing scheduled. On the other hand it is
the Government we must prod to get additional
accommodation for cars and trucks which Senator
Duff, as well as all who know the conditions,
considers necessary. It should not be left to the
enterprising Northumberland Ferries Ltd., to do
all the agitating—the business interests generally,
and politicians particularly, should become active.

All of our corned beef comes from South
America and a few months ago Britain placed an
order there for more than 500,000,000 pounds.
Recently the United States army ordered 6,000,000
pounds, which means, says the Canadian Grocer,
that Canada may get some of what is left. Corned
beef is coming along in dribs and drabs so that
some stores are going to be out maybe more often
than they will have it in stock. The grocery
business continues to march along, especially from
the standpoint of retailers and wholesalers. Sales
are well up over a year ago, due in part to higher
prices and also to the fact that there is more
money in circulation. Some things are going to be
short, but Canada will always have plenty to eat.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A French ship with her sails set, but with no
one aboard, has been encountered by a Portuguese
lugger in the Gulf of Lyon. R. G. ...

One of Australia's best known commercial
airline pilots, Captain Keith Virtue, has flown
1,250,000 miles between London and Brisbane without
an accident, recently completing his 2,500th flight
on the run, on which he has been chief pilot for
ten years. — St. Thomas Times Journal.

"The trouble with our country (the United States)
is that too many people are talking about subjects
they know nothing about," says Mr. John Cudahy.
He should have spoken of the world as a whole
which is living in a welter of confusion. ...

It is no longer sufficient to keep a potential
enemy at gun-range length from the coast. It has
become necessary to keep him from sending his
submarine-based or land-based bomber airplanes
overhead. When the Administration pursues this
policy, as in the case of the occupation of Iceland,
it subjects itself to critical attacks. ...

The moral support which Churchill brought to
Russia on that dark day when the Nazi legions,
millions strong, broke into Poland, to which Hitler
pledged "peace and happy and permanent co-operation"
has been underwritten by all the nations and all
the people who agree with him. ...

A stranger to the province of Quebec, who
recently required a study of our laws expressed
some astonishment when he found how few of these
laws are restrictive. That is because we live
nearly always in a free society. ...

Two things are happening to the Germans.
They are extending a staggering amount of military
training and training camps on an unexpectedly
difficult campaign. For the first time the German
High Command acknowledges desperate Soviet
counterattacks. ...

Signatures of King Edward VII and Queen
Alexandra in a book rescued to ashes by Nazi
incendiary bombs have been made legible again by
a new process discovered by research chemists of
London's Metropolitan Police Laboratory. ...

Naval strategists make no secret as to what they would do to curb Japan.
They consider it foolhardy to send a lot of U. S.
warships across the vast expanse of ocean to
Singapore or the Dutch East Indies. ...

PUBLIC FORUM

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

BUS FRANCHISE

Sir:—In my letter to you re
Always Taxi—the only part I was
interested in was the threat to
prosecute private cars. Lots of times I
am obliged to go to the Airport
with passengers free of charge as
are many other people, and certainly
we do not want to get into
difficulties doing so.

The Always have assured me
this is not in violation of their
franchise but also state further that
there are private cars operating as
taxis in violation of their franchise,
and these are the ones referred
to in their notice.

I am certainly not questioning
the right of the Government to
grant a franchise to bus service
with adequate equipment and believe
they deserve protection up to a
certain point, but the notice covered
a lot of territory without an
explanation.

Enlistment Facts

(Montreal Gazette)
Newspapers in various parts of
the country are discussing the
enlistment figures and the lessons
they teach. The Toronto Globe and
Mail, in an editorial entitled "How
the Provinces Responded," said:

"While Ontario enlisted more
than twice as many recruits as any
other Province in the recent drive
to raise 32,000 men for Canada's
overseas army, it is not surprising
to find that the old Loyalist
Province of New Brunswick led the
parade when account is taken of
the number of volunteers in proportion
to the eligible population.
"National registration results
published by authority of Hon.
James Gardiner last November
showed that there are in Canada
989,539 single men and widowers
without children between the ages
of 19 and 45, inclusive. It is from
this class that the majority of
recruits should come. ...

Eligible Men Recruits age
Nova Scotia and P. E. I. . . . 57,342 2,885 5%
New Brunswick . . . 36,649 2,477 6.7%
Quebec . . . 291,727 5,573 1.9%
Ontario . . . 309,179 12,534 4.05%
Manitoba . . . 65,877 3,375 5.1%
Alberta . . . 76,494 2,715 3.5%
Saskatchewan . . . 87,293 3,156 3.6%
British Columbia . . . 65,178 1,900 3%
The Government has not made
public a complete report of the
enlistments since the outbreak
of the war. The figures published
above cover the two-month period
from May 15 to July 15 of this
year. Enlistments in the army,
navy and air force in the period
from the beginning of the war until
November, 1940, were as follows:
Ontario . . . 72,504
Quebec . . . 34,953
British Columbia . . . 18,556
Manitoba . . . 16,490
Alberta . . . 13,920
Saskatchewan . . . 10,689
New Brunswick . . . 10,075
Nova Scotia and P.E.I. . . . 18,490
On the basis of the national
registration carried out last year
the Dominion Bureau of Statistics
estimates that the population of
Canada exceeds 12,000,000.

"By provinces, the registration
which included only persons of 16
and upward, showed the following:
of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and
Osaka. They also favor sending the
fleet, plus airplane carriers to the
coast of Japan. — Drew Pearson
and Robert S. Allen in the
Minnneapolis Star Journal.

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totals, with number of males in
brackets:
"Prince Edward Island, 63,018
(31,520); Nova Scotia, 382,599 (188,-
946); New Brunswick, 293,846 (145,-
836); Quebec, 2,152,240 (1,072,924);
Ontario, (2,735,942); (1,368,322);
Manitoba, 500,076 (256,370); Saska-
tchewan, 593,592 (324,100); Alberta
537,890 (293,852); British Columbia
568,768 (314,830).

"The time may come when the
authorities will have to head the
injunction: "Launch out into the
deep and let down your nets for a
draught."

The following day, July 19, the
Globe and Mail followed with an
editorial, Who Fixed Quotas—and
How? which read:
"Announcing that all but three
of the military districts of Canada
exceeded their quotas in the recent
recruiting drive to raise 32,000 men
for the active army overseas, Col-
onel Ralston said the quotas had
been set on the basis of population,
with consideration being given to
the number who had already en-
listed from the districts.

"It is somewhat difficult to
understand the statement that the
quotas were fixed on the basis of
population, for the reason that
Quebec's quota in proportion to the
number of single men and widowers
without children in the age group
19 to 45 inclusive was less than half
the quota of every province in Can-
ada, except Saskatchewan.

"The number of recruits Ontario
military districts were asked to
furnish represented 3.8 per cent of
the eligible bachelors and widowers
of military age. Quebec's quota was
1.7 per cent. Why the discrimina-
tion?"

"British Columbia, with 4.7 per
cent of single men and widowers of
military age without children, had
the highest quota. Its failure to
reach its objective is no reflection
upon the patriotism of the young
men of the Pacific Coast Province,
thousands of whom rallied to the
colors in the early months to hold
civilization's fortress in Britain."

"Saskatchewan, with a quota of
3.1 per cent of eligible young men,
went over the top and exceeded its
allotment by 16 per cent. Montreal
Military District failed by more
than 20 per cent of its quota but
far more than the Dominion Gov-
ernment asked of it.

In the light of the declaration
of Premier Godbout that Quebec
is prepared to make sacrifices equal
to those of the other Provinces, it
is a pity that the authorities at
Ottawa should insult French-
speaking Canadians by asking them
to raise only half as many defend-
ers as the other Provinces were
requested to supply. Discrimination
of this kind breeds dissatisfaction
and disunity."

The Ottawa Journal, for its part
had an editorial entitled "Quebec's
Voluntary Enlistments," which fol-
lows:
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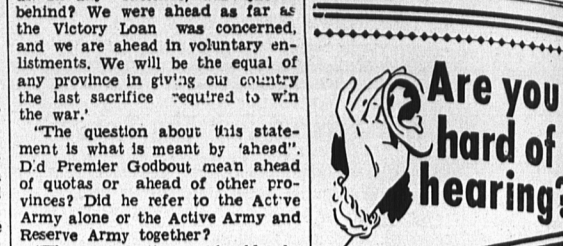
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