

Provincial Loan Total Has Passed Two-Thirds Mark

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No that loses anything he has in case, must not speak all his words or see.

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PAYOFF BATTLE IN TUNISIA UNDERWAY

Report Japs Launch New Offensive In China

7,000 Troops Thrown Into Latest Enemy Drive

Are Backed Up By Strong Air Support; Chinese Report Push Is Held.

Potatoes At 7 Cents Each

Potato Famine Reaches Critical Proportions In New York

NEW YORK, May 6 (CP)—The potato famine in New York is reaching critical proportions as city housewives find potato dealers fortunate enough to have supplies. Hoarding practices are being reported, and then only if the purchaser was known to the dealer. Not uncommon were reports of a potato at three cents.

Issue Statement On Potato Shortage

TORONTO, May 6 (CP)—The potato shortage in Ontario is being attributed to a shortage of potatoes in the Toronto area the poor crop last year coupled with transportation problems in the United States.

Coming Events

- Show—Murray River Friday, 5-5-31.
- Talkies—Montague Saturday, 5-5-31.
- Talkies—Souris Monday, 5-5-31.
- Dance, French River Hall, May 7th, 25 cents, 5-7-11.
- Book to arrive Hay, Oats, Bulk Wheat, Book now, McLaughlin & Co., 5-5-31.
- Postponed meeting of the W. Grand Orange Lodge will be June 24th, 5-7-11.
- Number One Barley Meal, Special price \$1.75 per bag, McLaughlin & Co., 5-5-31.
- Dance, Hope River Farmers Club, Friday, May 7th, Music by George Chappelle and the Merry Dancers, 5-5-21.
- Postponed Dance by Victory Club in Vernon Hall, Friday, May 7th, Music by the Vernon Orchestra, Admission 25 cents, 5-5-21.
- Dance, Cardigan Credit Union, Monday, May 10th, Webster's Orchestra, 5-7-11.
- Attend the Concert and Picnic in Mayfield Hall, May 11th, if possible, the following night, Proceeds Red Cross, 5-7-21.
- Vernon River Play in Fort Wellington postponed until Wednesday, May 12, 5-7-21.
- Murray Harbor Shipping Club, Monday, May 10th, D. D. Hinks, Secretary, 5-7-11.

Grand Total For Province Now \$1,669,700

Subscriptions Yesterday Totalled \$103,250

Prince Edward Island citizens yesterday subscribed a total of \$103,250 to the fourth victory loan to bring the grand total for the province to \$1,669,700. It was announced by provincial loan headquarters. The subscriptions yesterday declined somewhat from the previous day when \$156,600 were subscribed.

Goldwell Seeks Inquiry Evidence

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—M. J. Goldwell, C.C.F. leader, supported by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, asked today in the House of Commons that a transcript of evidence taken during an inquiry into last year's Argentine aluminum plant strike be tabled in the House.

Canadian Aid To Russia, China

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—Canadian munitions to the value of \$100,000,000 have gone to Russia, Munitions Minister Howe said in the House of Commons tonight during consideration of the new \$1,000,000,000 mutual aid measure.

Senate Approves Income War Tax Act

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—The senate today gave second reading to the bill to amend the income tax act after the Progressive Conservative Leader, Hon. C. C. Bantyne, and Senator F. B. Black, (Prog. Con. New Brunswick) protested against what they termed "taxation against persons with incomes from investments as compared with incomes from salaries."

Economic Activity Reaches New Peak

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—A 24.3 per cent increase in Canada's national income during the first quarter of this year as compared with the same period of 1942—\$1,700,000,000 to \$2,122,000,000—was reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, with the stimulus of war production listed as the "main impetus."

War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

In that all-important contest between American shipyards and the U-boats Hitler came off second best in April by at least 1,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping. If it could be assumed that April showed a major trend—which would be the case of complacency—it might be concluded that the grim fight was as good as won.

Russians Smash 5 Axis Counter-Attacks

LONDON, May 6 (CP)—Russian troops smashed five Axis counter-attacks on the approaches to Novorossiisk in the Caucasus today and captured a number of important heights in the violent struggle to throw the Germans into the sea, Moscow announced tonight.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

- TUNISIA**—British and American troops, supported by vast aerial forces, broke through enemy lines before Tunis and Bizerte, capturing Masticault, 15 miles from Tunis, as climax to battle of Africa begins.
- RUSSIA**—Red troops repel five fierce German counter-attacks in Kuban sector and throw Nazis back farther to west with their backs to the Black Sea.
- CHINA**—Chinese command announces Japanese have opened new offensive against "rice bowl" of north Hunan and south Hupeh.
- PHILIPPINES**—Japanese Premier Tojo boasts in speech that Japan is ready "to deal a thorough and crushing blow to the enemy."

Howe Says Censors Check Up On Him

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—Munitions Minister Howe tonight told the House of Commons he was "nearly" checked for violating censorship rules in talking publicly of his own department.

TO HELP ON FARMS

SAINT JOHN, N.B., May 6 (CP)—A move towards possibly alleviating the farm labor shortage situation, the city council today adopted a motion that the Provincial Government be approached concerning the feasibility of a women's land army organization in New Brunswick.

City Victory Loan Standing

Monday	\$850,000	\$127,000
Tuesday	\$172,000
Wednesday	\$216,700
Thursday	\$576,850

All-Out Effort Needed During Next Few Days

"Unconditional surrender" is the dictum which has gone forth from the great Allied leaders, and our gallant fighting forces are prepared to see that this order is carried out. In the matter of "Democratic Dollars" however, our own Government has not been under the necessity of issuing any such order. You still enjoy a privilege not granted in the Axis countries—namely that of surrendering your money to your Government for war purposes on "Terms."

Labor Inquiry Is Adjourned Until May 13

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—Hon. L. D. Currie, K.C., Nova Scotia Labor Minister, said today before the National War Labor Board that he thinks it would be wise for the provinces to abrogate some of their powers in labor administration and transfer them to the Dominion Government.

House Of Commons Resumes After Recess

OTTAWA, May 6 (CP)—Spokesman for all parties in the House of Commons today approved in principle Finance Minister Lesley's request for an appropriation of \$1,000,000,000 to provide war supplies as a direct contribution to the joint effort of the United Nations to defeat the Axis powers.

WORKMAN KILLED

PETTIT ROCHER, N.B., May 6 (CP)—Knocked into the Neplisgutt River by rolling logs, George Boucher, 58, was killed at Red Brook yesterday while working on a lumber drive.

Big Offensive Launched At Dawn Yesterday

Wakening Axis Defenders Reel Back Towards Bizerte And Tunis. Enemy Aircraft Chased From Skies.

By William B. King, Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, May 6 (AP)—British and American troops, supported by a crushing Allied air offensive which has chased Axis planes from the Tunisian skies, have smashed through enemy lines before Bizerte and Tunis and captured Masticault, 15 miles from Tunis, a special communique announced tonight.

American troops closing on Bizerte despite strong opposition deeply penetrated Axis positions in a general assault which began at dawn today, the communique said. The weakening Axis defenders reeled back toward Bizerte and Tunis under a savage rain of Allied artillery and infantry blows, and Allied planes hammered the retreating Germans and Italians relentlessly.

PAYOFF BATTLE

An Associated Press dispatch from the front said "the payoff battle" which is a prelude to a European "invasion is under way."

The American troops were believed to be about eight miles from Bizerte and closing on Ferryville south of the naval port. Ferryville's docks and other vital installations already have been knocked out by American artillery and air bombs.

Fighting all along this 40-mile front was going on at nightfall, and the Allied air arm was not giving any rest to the battered Axis troops.

BULLETIN

LONDON, May 6 (CP)—The Moscow radio broadcast a statement today by Andrei J. Vishinski, Deputy Commissar for Foreign Affairs, reiterating Russian assertions that the Polish Government-in-London is "under the influence of pro-British elements" and declaring that Polish officials, press and radio are continuing to circulate false statements concerning relations with Russia.

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High tide this afternoon at 1:25 and tomorrow morning at 2:40. Sun sets this evening at 8:11 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:41. First quarter moon June 12, 5:55 a.m.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden - Leave 9:05 a.m. 1 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Leave Charlottetown - 11 a.m. 3:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown - Summerside - Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.