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Priority For Veterans

The Minister of Labour, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, has placed on the Federal policy of giving priority in employment to veterans with overseas service.

The Minister's statement is worthy of special note:
"The satisfactory reinstatement in civil life of those who, with considerable personal sacrifice of time and opportunities, served in our armed forces is of vital importance."

"They need advice on personal problems, information on the Government's vocational training program and about other rehabilitation provisions, also help in finding jobs and accommodation."

"It is my desire that our employment service shall be brought to the highest possible degree of efficiency. Your committee can help us to attain this objective by urging employers to keep the local office informed as to their needs, and by encouraging veterans to keep their registration up to date."

Disturbing Farm Picture

Judging by the statements of our legislative members, the most common complaint throughout the country at the present time is with regard to the shortage of farm help.

This condition is apparently general throughout Canada. According to a report from Saskatchewan, the average age of farmers in that province is 53 years, and 5,000 farmers are over the age of 68.

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Tribute To Islander

This fine tribute to a noted Prince Edward Islander, the late Mr. J. A. MacLeod, chairman of the Bank of Nova Scotia directorate, appears in the Halifax Chronicle.

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thoroughness his guiding star it is not surprising that Mr. MacLeod's chosen career was destined to be eminently successful.

"J. A. MacLeod was a sound banker and so recognized and regarded by his contemporaries throughout Canada. He brought distinction to his calling and honor to the name of his native province of Prince Edward Island, for which he cherished a great and abiding love."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The first signs of Spring let both the poets and politicians loose.

A long pull, a strong pull, a pull altogether is now necessary to put the P. E. I. Hospital drive over the top.

Free passages for emigrants from Britain to Australia are announced officially in London and Canberra.

Thirty streamlined first class passenger cars, longer than those in use now but with fewer seats, have been ordered by Canadian National Railways.

Withdrawal of the Canadian Army Occupation Force from Germany may be completed by the end of July, it was indicated in a statement by Lt.-Gen. Chris Vokes, Canadian commander in Germany.

With all their discoveries of atomic energy, cosmic rays, etc., scientists have failed to discover how to prevent a bronze monument turning green.

"Shortage of newspaper has prevented the British people from forming a proper conception of current world affairs" says Mr. Christopher Chancellor, General Manager of Reuters Limited.

Sales of country general stores were nine per cent higher in January than in the same month a year ago, but dropped 34 per cent compared with the seasonally high level in December.

Civic improvements worth noting are the inclusion in this year's estimates of a sum sufficient to sand all the streets in winter, the addition of a tractor to the street equipment, rearrangement of the rest rooms in the Market building, erection of a new bathing house at Brighton, purchase of new fire fighting equipment, re-marking of street parking lines and improved lighting on Great George Street.

Not the least of Mr. Churchill's battles is the one he has been waging unceasingly for plain English. The most recent anecdote about his activities was his reaction to an urgent notation on a file that a certain official paragraph had to be rewritten because one of its sentences ended with a preposition.

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The Poets Corner

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Notes By The Way

With four-cent postage on ordinary mail seven cents for an airmail and 10 cents for special delivery the Post Office Department at Ottawa is continuing to collect the highest possible return during the scantiest season of the Postmaster-General's promised lower postage rates and better service.

"It is an ancient adage now," says a contemporary writer, "that didn't-know-it-was-loaded gun is much to be feared." The tragedy in such cases is increased by the fact that about nine times out of ten there is no real need for anybody involved to even have a gun.

British shipping firms are rushing from the quayside craft intended to bring to their post-war merchant fleet all the latest improvements in marine architecture.

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The Axis paid most heavily. Germany lost 3,250,000 men. Japan's military deaths ran to about 1,500,000. Italy's losses were between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000, and the Nazi satellites including Romania, Finland and Bulgaria lost a total of about 225,000.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

COAL SHORTAGE

Sir.—The Premier is reported in the press to have stated in the Legislature that there are seventy-eight cars of coal on the other side of this Province. The Hon. Dr. MacMillan is reported to have said that the coal should have been moved to the Island during last summer.

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Cost of The Canso Bridge

The cost of a railway bridge or causeway across the Strait of Canso has been variously estimated for figures ranging all the way from \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

The question however is not one of cost, but rather of the need of a safe, adequate and modern railway service to Cape Breton Island and Eastern Nova Scotia.

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When the Athlone Go

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