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

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General Crerar's Warning

A note of warning has been sounded by General H. D. G. Crerar, the commander of Canada's fighting army in the Second World War, in an article which has been summarized in recent press despatches and now appears more fully in the current issue of The Legionary, the official organ of the Canadian Legion.

Briefly, says General Crerar, we must face up to the fact that war is yet, as in the past, an instrument of national policy and that its abolition in the years ahead is by no means assured.

General Crerar argues from these premises that only by universal military training in peace, and the maintenance of the means quickly to mobilize large forces if suddenly required, can this country meet its possible, if not probable, military requirements.

Contrary to the view held by many, General Crerar says, the period of a young Canadian's life spent undergoing compulsory military training can be so organized that it would prove of great personal advantage to the individual in his future existence of peace.

We can all recall what happened over the conscription issue during the war, and it is a safe bet that the politicians will steer as far away from General Crerar's present warnings and proposals as possible.

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Medals Coming

"Medals are coming," the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, said in answer to recent queries from ex-servicemen as to when they might expect awards won during the war.

rise to the enquiries Mr. Claxton spoke of. All these are answered and everything possible is being done at Ottawa to ask the British authorities to hurry the work along.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We are still a long way from "free enterprise" when a company cannot pack baked beans without the say so of Ottawa.

The farmer is already on Daylight Saving Time. He gets up with the sun, earlier in summer than in winter.

Ottawa and Washington are joining up defensively in military matters, on the sound principle that it is better to be sure than sorry.

General Crerar's call for compulsory military service is a voice crying in the wilderness at Ottawa. It is not politically expedient to heed his warning.

It is difficult to understand what the Stern Gang hopes to gain by mailing explosive letters to prominent Britons. The realization of their dream of a Jewish National Home is dependent on arousing sympathy and cooperation.

Murder by mail, or the attempt thereof, is even more heinous than ordinary murder, as in nine cases out of ten, the victim may not be the one intended.

Congratulations will be general to Stuart Ford, son of the respected manager of the Bank of Montreal here, and Mrs. Ford, on winning the \$500 Waterman Pen Limerick contest.

Thirty years ago an asphalt road was built in the grounds of the Alberta parliament buildings which is reported to have maintained its original smoothness and firmness with no maintenance work.

The Massacre of Lidice this date 1942; the Germans completely destroyed the Czech village of Lidice, every man being shot and all the women and children being sent to concentration camps, because of alleged assistance to those who shot Heydrich and other hostile acts.

The Supreme Court of New Brunswick has released a sixteen year old boy from a two years' sentence, because neither the jails nor penitentiary are fit for boys or men to be incarcerated in.

What these Government films are costing us. When does a travelling expense account become something other than a travelling expense account? asks an Ottawa correspondent.

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Notes By the Way

Lately added to our repository of daydreams is one in which we strike oil, become fabulously rich, dress up like an Arab and tell off the U.N.—Winnipeg Tribune.

In England, men who helped with the housework during the war, says Woman's Magazine, found it wasn't half so bad as women pictured it; actually, most women love housework, because they can come and go as they like.

Opportunity merely knocks — temptation kicks the door in. — Kitchener Record.

Roads and highways are owned by the people and it is a motorist's privilege to drive on them. To abuse this privilege is to rebuke a common trust. It is being abused and not enough is being done to stop it.

Essex County naturally does not advertise mosquitoes as one of its tourist attractions, but the word gets around. It should make sure that adequate publicity is given the impending campaign to eradicate the pests through spraying in Point Pelee National Park.

The problem which faces the High School Board at Chesterville will be repeated in many other small communities across the province this summer. At Chesterville, five out of seven teachers have tendered resignations to the board, apparently because they can get better-paying positions elsewhere.

We have it on the authority of a delegate to a dentists' convention in Chicago that the dentist suffers just as much as his patient does, says The St. Thomas Times-Journal. Of course, modern dentistry is almost painless, the customer's sufferings being more mental than physical, and are experienced before treatment, not during.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery says there is too much pessimism over the prospects of a peace settlement. Thus: "I don't think the peacemakers are doing so badly. I would far sooner take a bit longer to win a good peace than patch up a bad peace quickly."

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPEAL COURT

Sir,—I read in the Guardian of June 8th that a party interested in the appointment of a fourth Judge of the Supreme Court is "at it again". I also note how he signs his name "For a Square Deal".

Your correspondent takes a dig at the Legislature. The members are quite capable of looking after the business of this Province, and rendered their verdict in no uncertain terms at the last session.

DEAL SQUARE

Here daily is distilled a poet's lore. More pass it by than read it, that is our wish. Devoutly though we wish it were not so.

POETRY COLUMN

There is, then, no compulsion to be read. In what is printed here. All men may choose. To risk the lance of Beauty and its scars.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

EARLY CRIMINAL TRIALS

At this time (1792) the population of the Island was about four thousand persons. The officers of the Supreme Court were: Peter Stewart, Chief Justice; Joseph Robinson and James Curtis, Puisne Judges; Charles Stewart, Clerk of the Court; Joseph Aplin, Attorney General; Peter McGowan and Daniel Grandin, attorneys.

One who was found guilty of theft of goods to the value of ten pence escaped with thirty-nine lashes at the "Bellpost". Others who had stolen greater things were ordered by the court to be taken "slowly" along the streets of Charlottetown at the tail of a cart or sleigh on three several days at intervals of one week and on each journey to receive sixty lashes on their bare backs.

When your BACK ACHES...

Backache is often caused by lazy kidney action. When kidneys get out of order excess acids and poisons remain in the system. Then backache, headache, rheumatic pain, disturbed rest or that "tired out" feeling may soon follow.

For Peace in Palestine

General Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner in Palestine, says that terrorism there could be "brought to an end in a matter of hours" if the security forces were allowed "the full power of their weapons."

A committee of the United Nations is now studying conflicting claims to Palestine. As the matter was referred to UN by Britain, the mandatory power, the British Government presumably intends to respect the committee's verdict.

Why does not the UN committee adopt a motion asking that parties to the Palestine dispute do all in their power to keep the argument orderly; denouncing attempts to influence the decision by force or menaces; and declaring that all Governments concerned would be justified in using drastic measures to put down breaches of the peace, or threats to law and order, in Palestine?

Bagpipes & Parliament

In its debate on a Bill of Rights the Canadian Parliament acquired a large volume of incidental information. Among it was the fact that the Scottish Court of Session

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In the year 1746 sentenced a Jacobite named Reid to be hanged for carrying a weapon of war. And what was this weapon of war? Nothing less dangerous than a set of bagpipes.

When Mr. Ian Mackenzie recalled this bit of Highland lore another Reid was listening. Mr. Thomas Reid, member for New Westminster, may be the descendant of that Reid who was hanged for owning a bagpipe.

You will not be hanged for piping but you must pay a sales tax of a hundred per cent if you buy a set of pipes. The present British government does not hang pipers but obviously is trying to discourage them.

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