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

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Saving Children's Lives

This is National Immunization Week, during which the Health League of Canada cooperates with the health authorities throughout the Dominion in calling special attention to the need of protecting children against communicable diseases...

Infection by the serious communicable diseases of childhood results largely from failure to immunize. Facilities to immunize every child in the Dominion are available if only parents would take advantage of them.

Supreme Court Of Canada

To the average Canadian the government's announced intention of introducing a bill at the present session of Parliament to repeal the act of establishing the department of National War Services, comes merely as another sign that hostilities have ended and that the usefulness of one war department is over.

To this little group—the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, the court officials, and the barristers whose legal qualifications and attainments entitle them to appear before the Dominion's high court of law—the news has a very special significance.

It means that the emptying of the Supreme Court building now occupied by National War Services, the Income Tax Division, and the Army will permit the Supreme Court judges to move into the magnificent \$2,500,000 structure which was designed and built for them, but which with the outbreak of war was pressed into the service of government departments.

Of the seven Supreme Court judges who in 1939 were eager and waiting to move into the new building, only three will occupy places in the new courtroom. Rt. Hon. Sir Lyan Poore Duff, then Chief Justice of Canada, has retired, to be succeeded by Rt. Hon. Mr. Justice Rinfret. Mr. Justice Crockett, retired in ill-health and later passed away. Mr. Justice Cannon and Mr. Justice Davis also have died since the new building was completed.

In addition to the new Chief Justice, the only old members of the court left are Mr. Justice Kerwin and Mr. Justice Hudson. The four new members of the court are: Mr. Justice Taschereau, Mr. Justice Rand, Mr. Justice Kellock and Mr. Justice Esday.

Needy Britain Helps Dutch

The most urgent task in liberated Holland has been the feeding of the Dutch civilians. Before their liberation the Dutch Government purchased foodstuffs and raw materials in Britain, but German ruthlessness rendered drastic measures essential. April 29—the day after the last potato ration was distributed in the Dutch cities and nine days before the final German surrender—R. A. F. bombers began dropping food supplies which by May 8, had amounted to nearly eight thousand tons, apart from nearly three thousand dropped by U. S. planes.

The feeding and clothing of the Dutch was undertaken by the Civil Affairs branch of the British Army and the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad (an Association of British Philanthropic bodies under the aegis of the British Red Cross Society).

The problem of the restoration of the starving Dutch to a normal diet was solved by the so-called "F" treatment devised by a team

of British scientists under the famous dietician, Sir Jack Drummond, consisting of predigested proteins, glucose, and vitamins. After forty-eight hours of the treatment the patients can eat normally. Behind the British and Canadian Armies liberating Holland were three hundred medical teams for the relief of civilians, equipped not only with the "F" treatment, but also with blood plasma from Britain's scanty reserve supplies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

October entered with autumnal chilliness though dry and invigorating; also with more latitude in obtaining something "to keep out the cold."

Disappointment was felt over the collapse of the welcome arrangements on Sunday. We can more than make up for it in the warmth of our reception today.

Now that the bulk of the "Red Patch Devils" have returned, or are on their way home, Prime Minister McKenzie King finds time to re-visit England and the Continent of Europe.

The end of the war has apparently brought little peace or security to North China. During the last six weeks there have been pitched battles between Japanese regulars supported by Chinese "puppet" troops and units purporting to be soldiers of the Chinese Communist 8th Route Army.

It is shocking to reflect that the world faces more hunger during its first twelve months of peace than during the last year-long period of war; yet this is the finding of a world-wide survey of the food situation just completed by the U. S. office of foreign agricultural relations.

Mr. McLure's activities on behalf of this Province have roused the other Maritime members to realize a sense of their responsibilities to their constituents. Too long we have been the Cinderellas of Canada, and it is encouraging to find that representatives of all three parties are now determined to make their presence felt and obtain a measure of justice and fair play in the administration of government affairs.

Disappointment is felt in Quebec that Britain and France have not favoured the substitution of Quebec City for Geneva as headquarters for the organization to succeed the League of Nations. Also it is felt to be a little unbecomingly on the part of the U. S. A. to push the claims of San Francisco on the score of more enjoyable weather.

Major John Andrew (or Andre) British soldier, was hanged this date 1780 for the part he played in attempting to capture West Point; he was the popular adjutant and A. D. C. of General Sir Henry Clinton, and had entered into a secret arrangement with American General Arnold for the surrender of West Point, but in crossing the lines with the papers of betrayal he was seized by farmers and handed over to the American command, which ordered the execution of Arnold by hanging; Arnold however, by the blunder of another American officer, escaped on the Vulture, and the Court Martial ordered that Andrew should take his place on the date fixed unless the culprit was handed over. This could not be done, and Andrew suffered in his stead with heroic firmness.

The whole British Army went into mourning, and after the close of the war his body was resurrected and conveyed to Westminster Abbey for internment. Even in the U. S. A. where the name of Arnold is a synonym for treason, the sad fate of Andrew, excited, and still excites universal commiseration.

"Emergency Shelter" regulations, applied to the whole country, are a complete admission that the Government does not know what to do about housing, says The Letter-Review. As with the prohibition of purchasers taking over occupancy, this does not provide any more housing accommodation, unless the Government is going to force householders to take strangers into their homes. The Government refuses to face facts. There is a shortage of housing. The cost of housing is so high that citizens are hesitant about building for investment, or for their own use. The Government is wasting materials and labour on Veteran's Land Act schemes, which are badly planned and located. The low-cost housing plan has been a failure. The Dominion, Provinces and municipalities are planning to start public works, which would make the situation worse. There is a shortage of labour for lumbering, digging and all heavy work, and a surplus of labour seeking well paid light employment. If the Government does not think that the present level of house prices is correct, then it has to deal with building labour wages. If it thinks that the present level of house prices is correct, then it has to remove rental controls. More power for the Government is not the answer. It is the usual refuge for an incompetent Administration to take more power, to do more things, without exercising its existing powers. We get nowhere in that way.

Notes By The Way

The Ontario Government it is said, may reduce to 40 miles per hour the maximum speed limit in this province for motor vehicles. It would be a sensible step, and cars and trucks being what they are, would save lives.—Ottawa Journal.

The race to see who will be first with the death ray and the Buck Rogers disintegrator will now begin. The scientists aren't apt to regard anything as impossible now that some enemy has been unloosed. Wise humans will evacuate to the moon if even the rumor of another world war is heard.—Los Angeles Times.

No matter how well things may be ordered in the post-war world, most of us will have to work if all of us are to eat, suggests the Star newspaper. That's one thing about the pioneers—they never expected to eat if they didn't work, and sometimes they worked hard and ate scantily.—Lethbridge Herald.

It all boils down to this. If we in Canada can turn out goods of quality and at prices which suit those whom we seek as customers—Canada, if we can't, then no power on earth—not even "the Government"—can do anything to ensure—much less guarantee—full employment.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A merchant up the line was asked what the prospects were for wild berries this year. He looked mournful. "Not so good," he replied, "and I am not taking any orders. One of my best raspberry pickers got a family allowance cheque for \$33 last month, and she tells me that she and her family are through picking berries for all time." Who shall blame her? The girls in her large family would ruin their silk stockings picking berries. To heck with the berries.—Dauphin Herald.

The real remedy for the shortage of houses is to create more of them, not by the dozen but by the hundreds. The country has enough labor—if only the armed forces will release it—the materials and the skill to build houses in great numbers as it built ships, aircraft, motor vehicles and many other articles in volume during the war period, provided there is similar direction and co-ordination given to the effort and the housing program would run the same relieved until such construction is undertaken and completed.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

The appointment of Joseph Westwood, M. P. for Stirling and Falkirk as Secretary of State for Scotland was expected on all hands, and it has been generally welcomed. Mr. Westwood is a man of high ability and is therefore familiar with most of the work. He is said to have no enemies on either side of the House. He is a little more than 50 in Kirkcaldy—until recently he was the tenant of a Council House at a rent of £25 which was a little too high, says British Weekly. It is known that he has had several jobs in his time, including that of an officer of the Salvation Army. He is a little more than 50 in Kirkcaldy—until recently he was the tenant of a Council House at a rent of £25 which was a little too high, says British Weekly. It is known that he has had several jobs in his time, including that of an officer of the Salvation Army.

Litvinoff, visiting the White House, stated that the delicious "Washington Cake" was of white filling and white icing. Rejoicing in the news, he asked a negro dining-car waiter for Washington cake, and the waiter brought some delicious chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. Litvinoff said to the waiter, "The best Washington cake I ever ate." The waiter replied, "Well, replied the waiter, 'in this country we had two Washingtons—George and Booker T. Washington in Philadelphia Record.

Tippling was once the aristocrat's way of showing his lordly pleasure with his humble servant. Nowadays it's a big business running the streets of London. Robert Frowan writes in Pageant. Waiters and waitresses, for instance, share a 50 per cent tip. In the case of club waiters, whose customers are in a freespending mood, often 15 to 20 per cent. In the case of bartenders in the higher priced bars, a bartender at the Stork Club in London, who has a customer who paid a \$10 check with a \$100 bill and told him to keep the change.

Following the revolt of a generation ago against the traditional classical curriculum, the pendulum has swung far in the direction of "practical" specialization. The movement gained impetus from World War I and received another push from the current conflict. For war puts a premium on immediate and direct application of knowledge. Happily for the restoration of balance, a movement toward "liberal" education was under way before the temporary demands of war took over. Not educators alone, but likewise leaders in the professions, came to see that those merely trained technically proved both inadequate in their role as citizens and limited in their own professional progress. Some minimum contact with the "wisdom of the ages"—the common heritage of the experience, the thinking and the creative art of mankind—seems essential for its citizens if democracy is to preserve its vitality.—Providence Journal.

Now that the war is over, it is interesting to look back through the news reports and despatches and note the varied and remarkable things our troops did. I have noted the following: They battered, blasted, blazed, burst, carved, charged, churned, crashed, crunched, dashed, drove, forged, galloped, gauged, hurled, hurled, hurled, jabbed, jammed, kned, kned, kned, lashed, lunged, mauled, plowed, plunged, pounded, poured, probed, punched, plummeted, prodded, rumbled, rolled, rolled, rolled, ripped, ramaged, roared, rammed, rumbled, rolled, slashed, smashed, spurred, surged, snaked, sped, speared, stabbed, stormed, streaked, sprinted, slammed, sheared, swept, swooned, sliced, slugged, shot, toppled, tore, thundered, whipped.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

STAMPS REQUESTED

Sir,—The patients of Baragwanath Military Hospital, South Africa, have a flourishing Stamp Club which is gaining new members all the time as more patients are admitted from the Middle and Far East. Stamp collecting is proving the excellent form of occupational therapy for these patients.

I should be very grateful to you if you would make an appeal through your valuable papers to all readers who can to send as many stamps as possible to the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Baragwanath Military Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa. I may say that most of these boys are Imperial Army with a sprinkling of R.A.F. and others.

I am, Sir, etc.

130 Military Hospital, Baragwanath, Transvaal, South Africa.

SEEKS F. E. I. CORRESPONDENT

Sir,—Probably this will be one of the most unusual letters that you have received, but my business with you is to ask if you could find a correspondent for the Charlottetown Guardian, who would like to write to an Australian girl.

I am almost seventeen and have been working at a Sydney office for nearly a year. For some years now I have been fascinated by tales and books I have read about your Island, and from these I can only presume that it must be a really lovely place. One of all the places I would try to obtain a pen-friend if I have chosen Prince Edward Island.

I am just an everyday Australian girl, fond of the usual things that all girls my age are fond of, and I am so happy if you could manage to obtain a pen-friend for me and if so I will certainly keep up the correspondence.

When I set to work to get this letter into the right hands, I promptly rang the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Office in Sydney and they gave me the name of your paper.

Hopefully you will be able to find an interesting young Island correspondent for me.

I am, Sir, etc. JUDITH BLAKE, 5 Homedale Ave., North Stratford, Australia.

FARMING CONDITIONS

Sir,—Your correspondent, Frederick G. Bergerhoff (Cornwall, P. E. I.) writes a most interesting letter on the subject of farming in the West. While his thought seems to veer definitely to the rural side of the life scale, it cannot be gainsaid that the farmer is decidedly on "the good life."

I am one who believes that rural life is the most desirable and dependable and that, in the long run, their economic interests are identical. Nevertheless I also feel that the farmer is a primary producer and the present leader of the Opposition, Hon. John Bracken, is important in the primary producer's "win their fair share of the nation's income" to which they make so early and indispensable a contribution.

If I may encroach on your valued space with the following references, I would be appreciated. They express what is in this reader's mind exactly, and in better form than I could. (1) "I want emphatically to deny the belief which has become too common, that it is right for the primary producer to receive a lower reward for his work and enterprise than those engaged in secondary or other industries. The principle of the pyramid of life—wealth away and civilization would collapse—would be appreciated by the Minister of Agriculture in the Churchill administration."

(2) "At a C. W. A. C. poll taken in Saskatchewan, I was told how many young women wanted to go back to the land after the war. It was a long time ago, but I like to do so. Can you blame them? After farming for 42 years in Western Canada, I have seen this country for a long time. Who is to blame? It is easy to blame the Government, but the farmer himself is more to blame. I wonder if 10 per cent of our farmers are satisfied with their own conditions. The other 90 per cent say 'I don't want my sons and daughters to stay on the farm.'" (J. R. Hannaford, in Western Farmer Leader, Calgary.)

I am, Sir, etc. DOWN ON THE FARM

TIME ON HIS HANDS

BATH, England.—(Reuters)—Police say it is time he was caught. A thief who has broken into several railway stations in Wiltshire and Somerset has in each case taken away the brass drum clock supplied for use in station-masters' offices.

Three of every four Mexicans work on the land.

It is noteworthy that it was only American troops that did these striking and picturesque things. British and Russian troops did very few of them; Germans and Japanese practically none. Those various foreigners seem to have done nothing more interesting than just to advance or to attack. It's a wonder that our enemies lasted more than a week.—Adrian (Mich.) Telegram.

LACO QUALITY LAMPS FOR LIGHTER MOMENTS

Whitehall Notebook

By JAMES MCCOOK

(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON—United Kingdom members of Parliament, in the re-built House of Commons, will have loudspeakers so they can be heard but still there will be not enough seats so that all 640 can sit down at the same time.

When a German bomb shattered the old Commons chamber some modernists among the members thought there should be changes. But the majority, led by Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister stood out for a reconstructed House similar to the old one.

Adrian Gilbert Scott, the architect in charge, recalled in a recent speech that Mr. Churchill had said: "We make our buildings and afterwards they make us. They regulate the course of our lives. The whole character of British parliamentary institutions depends on the fact that the House of Commons is an oblong and not a semi-circular structure."

In the British House, as in Canada, the Government and Opposition members face each other from seats in the oblong chamber.

In the reconstructed British House, some 437 seats for members are being provided.

Rebuilding also is going forward at 10 Downing Street, that traditional Whitehall residence of Prime Ministers. The layout is being changed so that the First Ministers will have a private flat on the top floor of the big building and it is hoped to have it completed in time for occupation by Prime Minister and Mrs. Atlee when Parliament resumes Oct. 9.

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Asiatic Rice-Bowl

By JAMES D. WHITE

Associated Press News Analysis

British troops, a few French and a handful of Americans in Saigon, French Indo-Chinese find themselves in the peculiar position of teaming up with remaining Japanese forces to do the job. Some are on the way, but shipping shortages hold them up.

There are many reasons back of this situation, but one is the fact that there are not enough French forces in the colony to do the job. France gained a pre-warable Indo-China through a war of conquest against China late in the last century. The five kingdoms of Tonkin, Laos, Annam, Cambodia and Cochinchina had previously paid tribute to China.

After France fell in 1940 the Japanese who had been drooling over this rich tropic storehouse of rice and strategic materials, walked in. Vichy France appointed a new Governor-General, Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, who tried to resist Japanese demands and finally invasion. But after bloody losses and after it became obvious no help was arriving, he agreed to Japanese occupation.

Japan was to furnish consumer goods in return for raw materials. Tokyo took the raw materials, but no consumer goods arrived. The Japanese plundered the country economically with their usual thoroughness. It was not until last March that the administration took over the administration, and by then the rice was in bad shape. There was no shipping, the single line of rail line that runs the length of the country was kept out of commission by American planes. Rice started in one of Asia's biggest rice bowls.

BIRD MORE NUMEROUS

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