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

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Behind Closed Doors

Civic estimates involving an expenditure of some \$330,715 were passed at a City Council meeting on Monday night.

This beats the Campbell Government's record of 1937, when, after similarly protracted caucuses, the estimates for the Province were rushed through the Legislature in exactly thirty minutes.

The "San Katy"

Mr. Gillis, Member of Parliament for Cape Breton South, put the following questions to the Government with regard to one of the steamers originally acquired for the service between Wood Islands and Caribou.

- 1. From whom did the government purchase the boat San Katy?
2. What was the purchase price?
3. What was the cost to the Government of reconditioning the boat for mine laying purposes?

Important Farm Meetings

Meetings of importance to our farmers are being held on Thursday and Friday of this week in the Prince of Wales College hall.

As a result of the price ceiling on potatoes, it is claimed by shippers that today's potato market is so disrupted that it is almost impossible to make sales.

On Friday afternoon the annual meetings of the P. E. I. Approved Flock Association and the Hatcherymen's Association will be held.

It is hoped to have a large and representative attendance at all these meetings, with which the welfare of this Province as an agricultural community is closely associated.

Canadian Wool Board

A forecast that the net return to Canadian wool growers will be somewhat above the amounts received last year was coupled with the recent announcement by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board of an order in council authorizing the organization of a company to be known as the Canadian Wool Board.

The main purpose of the company is to take over the entire Canadian wool clip for the duration of the war and one year after. It plans to encourage the increase of the domestic wool supply by providing sheep raisers with a stable market at fixed prices.

Wool for military purposes will continue to be handled chiefly by Melbourne Merchandising, Limited, a Crown company incorporated in 1940.

Domestic wool for civilian uses will be sold to the mills through the Canadian Wool Board at not higher than the ceiling prices of the basis period, September 15 to October 11, 1941.

Tentative figures on the 1940 production of wool in Canada showed an apparent consumption of 101,616,000 pounds. Total production of shorn and pulled wool in that year totalled 18,127,000 pounds of which 2,681,000 pounds were exported.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Was Lord Bennett thinking of Canada when speaking in Sheffield? Seems very much like it.

Mr. J. Lester Douglas M. P. has been appointed a member of the House of Commons Committee to study the annual report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Evidently "ceilings" ruled in our civic taxation when the City Fathers allowed the existing rate to remain after providing for a modest estimated surplus of \$147.74.

Where do we stand with regard to salvage collection? The Special Committee reported a scheme which the City Council unanimously adopted, notwithstanding intimation that the contractor had stated that he would be unable to handle it.

Doesn't it tend to make us envious? Total amount paid by the Government to the John Inglis Company of Toronto is \$34,057,494 it was reported in a return tabled in the House of Commons.

What we still call "relief" has changed its status in the past couple of years, says Ottawa Journal. Public charity now goes not to able-bodied adults and their dependents, but almost entirely to women and children, to families where there is no able-bodied male able to make a living for himself and his family.

Farmers are forcing the hands of President Roosevelt in favour of an "all-out" ceiling as in Canada, with the consequence he is said to be considering proposals to place ceilings on wages, profits and prices, as demands for over-all control during the war emergency continue to be received as well by members responsible for framing the greatest tax bill in history.

The Nazis have just issued an order to all business firms in occupied France to submit a report at once and annually thereafter on their organization, mode of operation, profits and a declaration of the business done.

Here is a case where the part is greater than the whole. Prices of women's and children's fur-trimmed cloth coats will not be allowed to increase beyond the ceilings established in the basic period except to the extent of the increase, if any, in value of the fur used.

Arthur Neville Chamberlain, British statesman, born this date 1869; second son of Joseph Chamberlain, began life as an overseer on a Bahamas West Indian, sugar estate where he remained from 1890 to 1897; returned to Birmingham, entered City Council in 1914.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There are better ways of begging the reversion of a match for your cigarette than by grunting after a fellow in a club shop the other day one elderly gentleman was heard to say to another, "May I inherit your flame?"

An old soldier writes: "The social fusion between officers and other ranks is of course more noticeable than in the past and this without relaxation of discipline. In the last war no soldier could converse with his superior in a public place and a soldier in uniform, whatever his social position, could come with a member into a club."

Precious ambergris weighing 200 pounds and valued at \$3,000 was found by Ceylon fishermen when out at sea in search of the substance which occurs as a secretion in the intestine of the sperm whale.

The organist of a church in one of the blitzed towns on Clydeside has his organ shrouded during raids. He applies for coupons to get another pair. The reply given was that his application could not be allowed as the modern organ is not longer required.

A few weeks ago, a local young man established in his church that he would not buy War Savings Certificates or Victory Bonds to provide weapons to be used for killing people. What kind of religion he had is not stated.

There have been rumblings in Washington that electricity will have to be rationed before the end of the year and even private homes may have to be dimmed in order to save power for defence.

A bill now pending in Congress which requires every American to be fingerprinted and to carry an official identification card goes to the support of the Federal Grand Jury Association of this district in the current issue of the Federal Juror.

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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.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Sir—With regard to 1941 motor car license plates, it would be very prudent for our provincial government to allow car owners the privilege of leaving on his or her car the front 1941 plate to indicate the ownership of any car according to number listed in the 1941 car book, and turn in the rear 1941 plates to the salvage collectors, together with all other obsolete license plates hanging up, or kicking around garages which would have much more significance than the collection of razor blades or other similar articles.

ONE WHO WOULD HELP

THE THRONE SPEECH

Sir—It is gratifying to learn from the speech from the Throne that the Provincial Government is using its full influence to induce the Federal authorities to replace the steamship, Charlottetown at the earliest possible date, for its loss has certainly placed this Island in a most precarious position.

If, during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, the steamer Prince Edward Island were to be chartered to carry freight and passengers to and from Prince Edward Island. In this regard the Charlottetown Harbour will be the natural choice, if for no other reason than the headquarters of the Railway is in this City and in close connection with Government-owned railway wharf.

It has been proposed that a potato warehouse be built in Tormentine to receive potatoes ready for shipment before winter sets in. Such an expenditure, however, would be rendered unnecessary if the earlier shipments of potatoes could be made by water from Charlottetown, prior to the closing of navigation.

The cost of dredging the Harbour is almost insignificant, while the Government has already purchased and paid for the materials required to repair the wharf.

I am, Sir, etc. H.K.S. HEMMING.

The Poet's Corner

"I AM THE WAY"
Hadst Thou been nothing but the goal
I cannot say
If Thou hadst ever met my soul
I cannot see—
Child of distress—if there lies
An end for me,
Full of repose, full of replies,
I'll not reproach
The road that winds, my feet that
Access, approach
Art Thou, Time, Way, and Way-farer.

Mend a hole in a bucket by filling with putty and leaving to dry naturally for several days.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day For A People At War
"The nation or group of nations which has the greatest capacity for discipline, endurance, for service and sacrifice, will win."—Colonel Rt. Rev. G. A. Wells, Principal Protestant Chaplain.

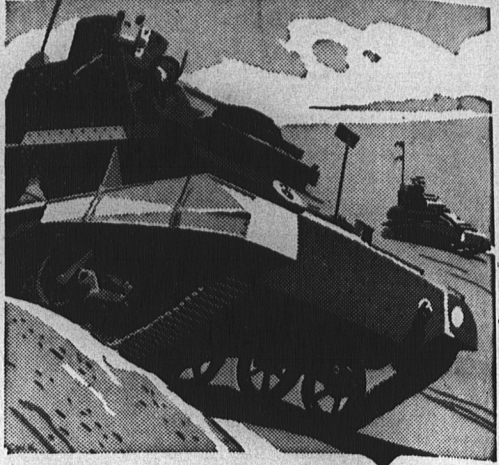
Good, But Not Up To Promise

(Globe and Mail)

It is gratifying to learn from Mr. MacKinnon, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, that the outflow of war materials and other supplies from Canada to the various battle-fronts of the United Nations is progressing with increasing speed. By his account the total value of Canada's domestic exports during February was \$168,519,000, which represented an advance, roughly, of \$16,000,000 over the figure for January, \$150,529,000, and a notable gain of \$87,000,000 over the figure for February, 1941, \$89,596,000.

The increase in February of exports to Russia to a value of \$3,991,000, as compared with \$2,743,000, indicates that we are trying to make good our promise to send every possible form of material assistance to the hard-pressed Russians. And increases in exports to India, \$6,730,000, as compared with \$5,208,000 in January and \$2,245,000 in February, 1941; to Egypt \$17,170,000 worth, as compared with \$12,162,000 and \$1,002,000, and to Australia \$4,902,000, as compared with \$2,661,000 and \$1,932,000, provide evidence that we are maintaining an expanding stream of supplies to other vital areas of conflict.

But it is necessary to enter a caveat that, while the statistics given by Mr. MacKinnon show an improvement over records for earlier months, they ought not to give any cause for complacency about the industrial side of our war effort. We have had occasion to point out more than once that an analysis of the figures of our exports revealed Canada to be falling short in a serious degree of fulfillment of the forecasts made by Prime Minister



Thrift BUILDS TANKS

Never before has individual thrift been so vital a factor in our country's history. Every dollar we can save counts in the conduct of this war. To overwhelm the enemy and hasten a victorious peace the Empire must have a modern, smooth running, hard hitting, fighting machine. But such a machine cannot be built without individual sacrifice—self denial—thrift.

Until this war is won make personal thrift your watchword. Watch your spending. Build up a reserve of fighting dollars out of current earnings. Save for victory.

The ROYAL BANK of Canada

King and Mr. Isley that during the fiscal year 1941-42 Canada would send out as exports destined for the support of the common cause munitions and foodstuffs of a value of \$1,500,000,000, or at the rate of \$125,000,000 worth each month. At the close of 1941, when three-quarters of the fiscal year had elapsed, we calculated that the grand total of the value of our exports which could fairly be counted as war supplies was only about \$582,000,000 an average value of about \$76,000,000 per month.

A study of the trade figures for the first two months of 1942 would fairly allocate about \$176,500,000 worth of our exports in this period to war supplies, and bring the total value for the first eleven months of the fiscal year up to \$858,500,000. But it means that in the remaining months of the fiscal year we would have to export over \$540,000,000 worth of munitions and foodstuffs to fulfill the Ministerial fore-

casts. Our performance is still lagging behind promises, and we are only hoping that this state of affairs will be remedied during the new fiscal year.

INSULATION SERVES A DUAL PURPOSE

Insulation has a function besides that of keeping the heat inside the house. When summer-time comes insulation will prevent the outdoor heat from making the interior unbearable. It shields the house against the high temperature of the sun on roof and walls and keeps the house reasonably cool. It can perform these two opposite functions, put out engineers because it blocks the transfer of heat energy.

HONOLULU (CP) — In our week 2,300 letters written in 36 foreign languages or dialects passed through the censor's office at the U. S. post office there.

Advertisement for Penslar Golden Pen-Lyptus cough syrup, highlighting its effectiveness for cough relief.

Advertisement for Penslar Laxative Cold Breakers, claiming to relieve the worst cold in twenty-four hours.

Advertisement for E. A. Foster Central Drugstore, featuring Vermicide Capsules for various ailments.

Advertisement for Bulova Watches, featuring 'Choice' watches and 'Lady's Special' timepieces.

Advertisement for W. W. Wellner Ltd. Jewelers, established since 1868, offering various jewelry.

Advertisement for Hickey's Black Twist Chewing Tobacco, manufactured by Hickey & Nicholson Tobacco Co. Ltd.

Advertisement for Tanks Will Win The Day, featuring Hickey's Black Twist Chewing Tobacco as a morale booster.