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

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Why The Boasting?

"If there is an impression abroad that national selective service is not functioning, such impression is wholly mistaken," said Hon. C. D. Howe...

Coincident with these complementation statements comes word that notices to married men under the new call-up regulations will not be issued immediately...

The national registration was conducted in the summer of 1940. At that time duplicate cards were made for all single men and these were sent directly to the divisional registrars.

If this is an example of the efficiency of Ottawa's war organization, it is high time that Mr. Howe and his fellow ministers ceased boasting about it.

Our Young Sir Galahads

In his address in Charlottetown on Monday Colonel Ralston referred to Canada's "young Sir Galahads of the air" who are fighting over virtually every battle front in the world.

In the Middle East, R.C.A.F. personnel runs into the thousands. There is a flying boat squadron in Ceylon that has won great distinction. Men of the R.C.A.F. are serving in Australia, Northern Ireland, Malta, Russia, Alaska.

At the beginning of October, Canadians in the Air Forces had been awarded four D.S.O.'s, 202 D.F.C.'s, 14 bars to the D.F.C., 26 A.F.C.'s, 76 D.F.M.'s, one bar to the D.F.M. and six A.F.M.'s. Also there had been one C.B., three G.M.'s, three M.B.E.'s, three O.B.E.'s and thirty Canadians had been mentioned in dispatches.

Something About Insurance

Demosthenes, the first historian of insurance, described the loans Greek capitalists made on ships or cargo to be repaid with large interest if the voyage prospered but not repaid at all if the ship were lost.

The ancients were also first in the field by placing money in speculations concerned with the duration of the lives of individuals. The "tontines" of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were a refinement on this idea.

Presbyterian Ministers, organized by the Presbyterian Synod of Philadelphia. Later the name was conveniently shortened to Presbyterian Ministers' Fund.

Fire insurance is of later origin. In the early part of the seventeenth century several efforts to set up this kind of insurance in London failed, which proved a sad thing for the property owners when in 1666 a blaze in the King's bakehouse got out of hand and devastated the city.

This and much other interesting information is given in a recently published book, "Biography of a Business, 1792-1942" (The Bobbs-Merrill Company, New York) by Marquis James.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We will soon be thinking of the home mail and gifts, the overseas' having gone.

A great future lies ahead for women doctors, writes R. R. Spencer, M.D., of the National Institute of Health, in War Medicine, who urges that "college women of strong physique who have the will to serve humanity" be encouraged to adopt medical careers.

Liberals are still amazed, or pretend to be that Mr. Meighen should withdraw from the Conservative leadership in favour of Mr. Bracken. What happened in Winnipeg is the opening of a new chapter in Canadian political history.

Diversion of milk into butter manufacturing as a result of the closing of cheese factories promises to relieve the current butter shortage, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics states in a survey of November output.

Britain has now one general practitioner for over 2,700 of the population, according to the British Ministry of Health. Since the outbreak of war 10,000 medical men have joined the forces, and out of pre-war total of nearly 10,000 general practitioners in England and Wales alone more than 4,500 have gone into war service.

Nova Scotia gets a low I.Q. rating by the Hinck's survey. "M" tests have shown the mental rating of enlistments in Nova Scotia is more than 20 points lower than that of the average of Canada.

On his visit to his constituency this week, says the Summerside Journal, Colonel Ralston had "the satisfaction of seeing the development and completion of some of the notable projects he has made possible in this community, including the boat building project and the dehydration plants in its initial stage.

They are all getting it, Halifax, Saint John, Moncton, etc., except Charlottetown. Approval of a federal grant to Moncton not exceeding \$110,000 for expenditure on proposed extension of the city water supply for prefabricated houses at Lakeburn has been announced by Mr. Victor Goggin, general manager of Wartime Housing Ltd.

Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, P.C., C.M.G., Prime Minister, born this date, 1874; son of John King, K.C., of Trylie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie, M.P., reformer, leader in the struggle for responsible government in Upper Canada; on travelling scholarships spent considerable time abroad; on staff of Toronto Globe and special correspondent of the Mail and Empire; entered parliament, member for North Waterloo, and became Minister of Labour under Sir Wilfrid Laurier; when government default appointed to a position under Rockefeller Trust; chosen leader of the Liberal Party 1919, and elected by acclamation as member for Prince County here in September of same year; became Prime Minister in 1921, and again in 1935, remaining in power since; his Celtic background from his Mackenzie grandfather is modified by the hereditary caution and logic of his Aberdeen father, which the New York Times summed up when it described him as being "that unusual combination, an idealist with a strong sense of reality."

In 1920 young women in the United States under 20 years of age constituted 19.6 percent of the total births for the year. This percentage increased gradually to 11.0 percent. In 1933 and 1940 Women of ages 20 to 24 also contributed an increasing percentage of children to the nation during the two decades from 1920 to 1940, the figures mounting from 28.1 percent at the beginning of the period to 31.3 percent at the end.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Rome was not built in a day but if Henry Kaiser had been around he probably would have tried it. Time magazine says that Kaiser's Henry Kaiser is engaged on an undertaking which is slightly more modest: building Oregon's second largest city in four and one-half months on a swampy farmstead between Portland and the Columbia.

If Canadian people and Canadian newspapers are allowed to have their way about it, the Alaska highway will be known now and hereafter as the "Alaskan Highway."

The poet, W. H. Davies, doubtless felt the he had pressed by events and not by choice, into a bustling world when he set down the deathless query: "What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to devote to ourselves?"

A Detroit man wants a divorce because his wife dances all the time. It makes him hopping mad.

Gaily-lit trees, decorations, nuts, crackers, oranges, apples, grapes and Christmas are mostly memories. They were formerly devoted to the cultivation of a good and useful crop to grow more food and transportation difficulties did not permit anybody to go far afield for fresh oranges and apples.

Blood transfusion, one of the most important methods of saving life on the battlefield, is practiced (1) as a first-aid ambulance service. This has been made possible by the tremendous number of volunteer blood donors. Supplies of blood are station, the point at which most lives can be saved by transfusion.

Not long ago a friend underwent his first surgical operation. Beneath the physical suffering, the experience changed him from an agreeable companion into a first class bore. Accustomed to the physicians in charge of his case, the operation itself was a minor affair, but to our friend it was the most momentous happening of his whole life.

So easy to make glorious or betray. Bright day unannounced, what will be done with you? Day, before Dark a great or delirious day. To be remembered as a shining view Of Heaven's steadfast zenith breakthrough in a honest one. Again Or as thick darkness gathered to betray Credulity of fools that lose their way, Led sheeplike off some false precipitous view.

But yet this flattery to the thought be laid: Stumbling, or riding straight to gain the goal, It bids a certain comfort to the soul To know that Justice like a peak shall stand God's sun upon her, at the Truth's right hand. And that Man's Life is finally not betrayed!

—Harry Kemp in the New York Times. TREES planted close enough together thrive on arid western plains, because in winter they pile up enough snow to provide moisture for the summer.

Natives of French West Africa are producing 500,000 tons of peanuts annually.

Fox Rations in the Breeding Season

By DR. C. K. GUNN, Dominion Experimental Fox Ranch, Summerside, P.E.I.

As the breeding season approaches it is found advisable for fox ranchers to make changes in the kind and proportions of the feed given to their foxes during that period of the year.

Although the basic constituents of the ration in the form of carbohydrates, fat, protein, mineral salts, vitamins and water are still present in the diet, changes are made in the kinds and quantities of the meals, cereals and vitamin rich supplements.

Vixens housed in sheds where they do not get the sunlight do not come in "heat" as early as those in open pens. For this reason vixens intended for breeding purposes should be kept in pens from which the sunlight is excluded.

It is important to have the breeding stock in a state of rising condition as the mating season approaches. That is, the foxes are fed sparingly just prior to the breeding season and the feed is gradually increased as the mating time approaches.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd Semi-Weekly Dance 9 to 12 p.m. \$1.00 per person
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday, December 25th Special Christmas Dinner—6 to 10 p.m. \$1.75 per person
Also regular Table d'Hote from \$1.00 and a la carte service
BOXING DAY Saturday, December 26th Semi-Weekly Dance 9 to 11.45 p.m. \$1.00 per person
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th Special Luncheon 12 to 2.30 p.m. from 75c
Special Dinner 6 to 8.30 p.m. from \$1.00
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th Semi-Weekly Dance 9 to 12 p.m. \$1.00 per person
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Special Dinner 6 to 9.00 p.m. \$1.75 per person
Also regular Table d'Hote dinner from \$1.00 and a la carte service

CANADIAN NATIONAL Hotels

(By Leslie Beresford) OTTAWA, Dec. 13—(CP)—L. Austin Wright, of Montreal, has resigned from the post of assistant director of National Selective Service. It was learned tonight, and has advised Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell by letter that he feels he should resume his former position as general secretary of the engineering institute of Canada.
WORTH A STATUE The Viennese erected a statue to the man who discovered coffee beans left by a fleeing Turkish army in 1683.
Keep Minard's in the home.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian and its readers.

THE SUMMERSIDE RESOLUTION

Sir.—The resolution passed by the Summerside Town Council asking for immediate repeal of the present Prohibition Act in favor of government control proves conclusively that my letter which appeared in The Guardian on Dec. 12, last was both timely and very much to the point.

In replying to said letter, persons who make up the P.C.S. Committee of the Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation, concealed some nasty thorns. To those gentlemen I would say: if and when you have further criticism to offer, why kindly let me have your names and addresses.

I was not afraid to place my signature below my article. It is a fact of course, and a final solution to this perplexing social problem, it is nevertheless, one way of ridding this Province of an Act which, to say the least, is rotten to the core.

I am, Sir, etc. F.H. MacArthur.

REVELLE So easy to make glorious or betray. Bright day unannounced, what will be done with you? Day, before Dark a great or delirious day. To be remembered as a shining view Of Heaven's steadfast zenith breakthrough in a honest one. Again Or as thick darkness gathered to betray Credulity of fools that lose their way, Led sheeplike off some false precipitous view.

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MOISTURE RESERVE

Trees planted close enough together thrive on arid western plains, because in winter they pile up enough snow to provide moisture for the summer.

Make your Furnace FIGHT! STRETCH EVERY TON OF COAL TO THE LIMIT! EVERY SHOVELFUL OF COAL YOU SAVE IS A CONTRIBUTION TO CANADA'S WAR EFFORT. ASK YOUR COAL DEALER FOR MAKE YOUR FURNACE FIGHT! — A FREE BOOKLET ON HOW TO SAVE COAL.

GIFTS They'll Appreciate Say "Merry Christmas" with gifts that are sure to please. Keystone Brush, Comb and Mirror Set, \$14. to \$18. Men's Military Sets, Brown and Blue \$6.00 to \$15.00. Yardley's Make-Up Sets for Ladies — \$2.00 to \$10.00. Evening in Paris Make-Up Sets — \$1.15 to \$10.00. Ashes of Roses Make-Up Sets — \$1.15 to \$10.00. Derry's "3 Secret" Make-Up Sets — \$6. to \$10.00. Three Flowers Make-Up Sets — \$3.25 to \$7.50. Woodbury's Make-Up Sets — \$3. to \$10.00. Pond's Make-Up Sets — \$1.00. Yardley's Shaving Bowl \$1.25. Yardley's Shaving Lotion — \$5. and \$14.50. Sims Shaving Brushes — \$1.25 to \$5.00. Dunhill Pipes, Lighters, Cigarette Cases, and many other practical gifts which makes it easy to choose from. Call and see our large display of assorted gifts. THE TWO MACS Accurate, Dependable and Guaranteed. Natives of French West Africa are producing 500,000 tons of peanuts annually.

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