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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink."
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Can't Beat The Dutch

Stories which are coming out of occupied Holland reveal how the ingenious Dutch stage anti-Nazi demonstrations on the flimsiest excuse. When two men returned to their homes in Heerde after serving eight-month sentences for clandestine meat slaughtering, they were welcomed at the railway station by a large crowd which greeted them with cheers. A procession led them through the streets to the accompaniment of music furnished by a chorus, and a former member of the Provincial Assembly delivered a ceremonious address. A Nazi newspaper commented wrathfully that "those who staged the demonstration deserved imprisonment themselves." But that would have meant putting the whole population in jail.

Another account is of a recent boat excursion for 15 Dutch soldiers, disabled during the German invasion of 1940, which turned into a demonstration of loyalty to the House of Orange. The trip was from Amsterdam to Enkhuizen and the soldiers were figuratively snowed under with orange flowers and orange-colored streamers. The incident was denounced in the Nazi press as "a demonstration against the occupation authorities and for the refugee government,"—as undoubtedly it was.

Recently a German soldier was attacked in the village of Hippolytshoef in the Zuider Zee area. The Nazis subsequently arrested the burgomaster and demanded from him the names of three hostages who could be held responsible for the "correct behavior" of the population. The burgomaster furnished three names and was released. The Germans then checked on the identity of these men and found them to be the two village idiots and the newly-appointed local Nazi leader!

There is also a humorous complaint about the "sabotage" a Nazi propaganda speaker faced when he tried to organize a meeting in the village of Zutlicheim. The village secretary refused to lend him a loudspeaker. The burgomaster wouldn't let him use municipal electric current, or speak from the steps of the town hall. The postmaster demanded that a Nazi band stop playing because it "interfered" with his work. The chief air-raid warden and municipal receiver refused their permission for wires to be strung from their homes and trees.

Overseas Mail

Friends of boys overseas are reminded the time has now arrived to forward them their Christmas gifts, as our advertising columns indicate. There is no greater morale builder than a letter or parcel, preferably both. All mail addressed to the Canadian Army overseas is concentrated at, and despatched by, the Base Post Office Canada; the mails for soldiers and airmen serving in Canada being transmitted to the camps by the civil postal service. Some idea of the growing task which confronts the Canadian Postal Corps at the Base Post Office in "keeping the mails coming" as the boys overseas request, is seen in the figures given for a recent normal week when: 300,000 letters, 47,000 ordinary parcels, 35,000 tobacco parcels and 50,000 pounds of newspapers and magazines were despatched overseas. Systemized treatment is given the mails to ensure rapid delivery and a method of "unit" sortation operates at the base Post Office. By this method letters and parcels addressed to men in the unit are separated, tied together, labelled and placed in the same bag, which bears that unit's address. The bag is sealed and the seal is not broken until after delivery is made overseas.

Poor Year For Bees

While farm production generally has been highly satisfactory this year, the statement does not apply to honey. The 1942 honey crop is one of the lowest on record. At a time when Canadians were counting on the bees to eke out rationed sugar supplies, honey production fell 28 per cent—7,636,100 lbs. less than the 1941 crop of 27,472,000 lbs. The cold, wet gathering season had an unfortunate effect on the hives. Some apiarists had to appeal to the Government for special sugar supplies, in order to ensure sufficient food for their bees. As a result of the cold spell, production dropped from a long-time average of 70 lbs. to 40 lbs. per colony. This was despite the fact that the number of colonies had been increased 6 per cent in anticipation of the rising demand for honey. Ontario and the Prairie Provinces suffered

most heavily. In Ontario, production was practically halved, falling from 12,000,000 lbs., last summer to 6,900,000 lbs. In the Prairie Provinces, the crop was only 8,398,000 lbs., compared to 11,056,500 in 1941. Manitoban beekeepers suffered considerable crop reduction, due to the fact that they intended to over-winter their colonies.

Quebec's honey crop was approximately the same as last year's, at 3,000,000 lbs. In British Columbia and the Maritimes, production was slightly increased, the 1,169,000 lbs. crop on the West Coast last summer being surpassed this year by a small degree; and on the East Coast, a 100,000 lb. gain over 200,000 lbs., in 1941.

The peak year for honey, within the past decade, was 1939, when the index of production was 127.4. The lowest index in that period, before this summer, was 78, in 1937. How far this year's honey crop falls below expected levels, is indicated in the index figure 66.7—a record low. Later reports may alter these figures somewhat, but are not expected to raise the general index of honey production for 1942.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The roads during the week have not been what autoists relish; hope is expressed they will improve for Fall hauling.

Because some American publications resort to the age-old trick of "Twisting the Lion's Tail" to enhance their debilitated circulation, is no reason why Canadian newspapers should play-up to them by giving them a lot of free publicity.

The Canadian production of concentrated milk in September amounted to 26,250,994 pounds in September as compared with 28,355,110 in the previous month and 22,220,203 in the corresponding month last year. The total for the nine months ended September was 213,222,230 pounds compared with 195,953,543 in the like period of 1941.

British scientists, making a study of agricultural conditions after the war, estimate that 125,000,000 oppressed Europeans must be freed of hunger before there is even the remotest chance of lasting peace. So why should farmers worry over the "duration" of the war, so long as they have the labour now to produce what is needed to feed the Allied Nations in action.

John Leech, English caricaturist, died this date, 1864; life-long friend of Thackeray with whom he went to school at Charterhouse, and subsequently illustrated some of his novels; at eighteen years of age he published "Etchings and Sketches" under the nom-de-guerre of "A Pen Esq."; joined the staff of Punch at 27, with which his name is inseparably connected; contributed to other publications, and was the illustrator of A Beckett's "Comic History of England," and "Hoods Comic Annual."

Hon. Mr. Ralston, Minister of Defence, announces the appointment of Lt.-Col. Crawford Geale Monro Grier, 46, formerly with the Canadian army staff in Washington, to be director of army cadets for Canada with the rank of colonel. Administration of cadets will be under the Director-General of the Reserve Army, Maj.-Gen. B. W. Browne. Col. Grier, who holds the Efficiency Decoration, is a native of Toronto and in private life is headmaster of Bishop's College School at Lennoxville. He served overseas in the Great War, was mentioned in dispatches and wounded three times.

Ploughing in England. Every tractor, says The Times, will have to be used for very many hours during every day on which it is possible to plough, if farmers are to get the bulk of the increased acreage of wheat sown by the end of October. On many farms this autumn it will be impossible to get all the ploughing-up done during the hours of daylight and much will have to be done during the hours of darkness. The Ministry of Agriculture states that "second shift" drivers ought to be trained at once. It has been found that straightforward ploughing can be carried on successfully by using a masked motor-car headlamp shining to the front and another similarly masked headlamp directed to the rear so as to light up the plough.

Here is Montreal Gazette's tribute to the Premier of Ontario: "Mitchell Hepburn has been one of the most war-minded and outspoken, certainly the most outspoken, of all provincial leaders in these last three years. He has been an unrelenting critic of the Federal Government, but his attitude in this respect has not weakened his hold upon the electors of his province, or does not seem to have done. What undercurrents there may have been, may still be undetectable at this distance. On the whole he has given the province efficient government. He has been rough but also ready, has never run away from trouble and has never held his punches. If he is really retiring from public life now—his health is not robust—we are losing a very colorful figure."

An interesting point of Mr. Hisley's recent Victory Loan speech was his stress upon the greatly improved financial position of Canadian farmers. After warmly commending their really amazing production performance, the vast quantities of hog products and dairy products and cereals they have grown to feed Britain, as well as meet an expanding domestic demand, the Finance Minister pointed to the resulting large increase in gross farm income which will rank well with that of the best years of the past. Not only have the farmers done well from the enormously increased production but they have fewer things to buy because of the restrictions imposed upon them, as well as all other consumers. They, like other consumers, have much more money and much fewer goods they can buy. It is just such a condition that, unless remedied, breeds inflation. There are checks to this tendency though. One is the high tax level and another is maximum investment in war bonds. Payment of the taxes is compulsory, and while Canada has not yet had to resort to forced loans it is certainly imperative that the people buy as many bonds as their income will permit.

War spending by the United States reached a rate of \$1,700 a second last month, and that meant \$154,645,161 a day for July's 31 days. A total of \$4,794,020,000 for the month as compared with \$4,123,000,000 for June. The total of appropriations approved or pending amounted at the end of July to \$223,000,000,000.—New York Sun.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In view of some of the appalling... (text continues)

The BBC has broadcast to Europe... (text continues)

Egypt is not a mere outpost, and... (text continues)

Many people not generally interested... (text continues)

"It would be a grave mistake to... (text continues)

I know little more about all this... (text continues)

The District of Columbia Sunday... (text continues)

Harvest labor shortage happens... (text continues)

War spending by the United States... (text continues)

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.

THE SKUNK BOUNTY

Sir:—I see by the press where our Department of Agriculture is bon using the skunk industry. This no doubt should be the means of increasing the output the same as hogs or other animals, but I have often wondered whether bonuses were a good or poor idea. Before engaging in the business to any great extent we would like to be assured that the bonus would be continued for some reasonable time as skunks are rather delicate subjects to handle, not exacting "gimmer pets."

AGRICULTURIST

THE RAILROAD WORM

Sir:—Many people have noticed in the last few years apples which in the work inside. This is due to the work of a rather simple worm which makes small innumerable tunnels through the fruit. Being small they are seldom seen by the naked eye.

SMALL APPLES

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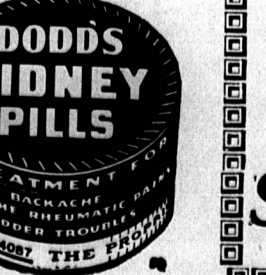


NOISE OF BATTLE

And all hours long, the town roars like a beast in a cave. That is wounded there. And like to drown; While his rush, wave after wave On its last.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR CHILDREN

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Oct. 27.—(CP)—Identification tags for children will be supplied to households here for use in event of a war emergency. Every residence and business establishment is to receive cards giving instructions to procedure in case of an evacuation order.



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