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

MONDAY, NOV. 29, 1943 Canadian Wheat Program

Canada's agricultural program for 1944 is to be discussed at a Dominion-provincial conference to be held at Ottawa early in December. It is suggested that the objectives for the year may be set at this meeting.

No doubt one of the most interesting topics at the conference will be Canada's wheat program. For three years, now, Canada has been progressively decreasing her wheat acreage and has reduced it from 27,750,000 acres in 1940 to 10,320,000 acres in 1943—a cut of 41 per cent.

What is to be the program for 1944? Is Canada to continue to pay her farmers for not growing wheat? Or is she to take off the controls? Or is she to encourage the prairies to go the limit?

So far as Canada herself is concerned, she could, of course get along without planting a bushel in 1944, for there is still a tremendous surplus on hand, a surplus which taxes the capacity of the country's storage facilities. But there is a feeling that before 1944 is out, all of Canada's surplus wheat and more may be needed for the feeding and pacification of Europe.

With such a tremendous demand in prospect, would it be good business to reduce the potential crop? Of the four great wheat-producing countries whose grain gets into the stream of world commerce, two are in the northern hemisphere—Canada and the United States—and two are in the southern—Argentina and Australia.

Harvest is over in the northern hemisphere, but is just approaching in Argentina and Australia, and in both countries the prospects are said not to be very good.

A year ago, Australia produced 156,000,000 bushels, but the crop this year, is not expected to run over 89,000,000. There have been severe frosts in the Argentine and it is not expected the 1943 crop will be as good as that of 1942.

The United States, counting on a heavy demand from Europe, had planned to increase the acreage under crop for 1943 by 20 per cent or more—from 51,000,000 acres to 68,000,000. But a good part of United States wheat is fall wheat and the weather has been so dry in the southern wheat belt that farmers have not had the heart to increase their plantings.

The Sawdust Caesar

The Winnipeg Free Press quotes the following under the heading of "Humorous Reading": Hitler in Mein Kampf on Mussolini: "He takes fortune, masters destiny. He has dominated the most perilous situations, he has released the spark from nothing, he has arrested and deviated the stream of history. He has created a people. He has aroused a Nation. He has organized a State, has fused a block of will, of hearts, of souls, of power."

Code of the Italian Black Shirts Militia adopted when Ethiopia was invaded: "The march of the Black Shirts is a fulfillment of human justice and a victory of civilization. No enemy can surprise us, not even by swifter movements. Black Shirts have cat's eyes that ferret out and see far, and they are always able to counter any attack. At the first crack of rifles the Black Shirts will see the mighty figure of Il Duce. They will see him enthroned in the background of the sky behind the enemy, like a gigantic vision, a heroic dream of war. This will be a spiritual reality, meaning that the Black Shirts, terrible and splendid, smash all resistance, bombs in hands, daggers, between teeth and sovereign disdain for danger in their hearts."

It is indicative of the great progress we have made towards victory that we can actually laugh at such statements today. They didn't sound so funny a few years ago.

Soldiers And The Press

A new Canadian army order provides that officers and other ranks "shall not directly or indirectly furnish any article or material for publication, whether such article or material be of a military character or otherwise." There is a saving clause with respect to articles specifically permitted by National Defence Headquarters.

Notes By The Way

Dora was telling the other girls in that office where she works that the brother in law has brought "one of these prevaricated houses."—Scanlan in Buffalo News.

Monopoly is a difficult thing to control and regulate. It is just as dangerous in the hands of labour as it is in the hands of capital.—Chatham News

The man with the fixed income was shopping around this morning for a medicine dropper. Said he was going to siphon off his "excess purchasing power."—Detroit News.

France of Spain is trying to play both ends against the middle and one of them is pretty sure to fly up and hit somebody right in the snout.—Kansas City Times.

While the capitulation of Italy makes it necessary for the Allies to supply coal, food and other articles, it also deprives Germany of certain vital war items like silk, mineral oil and food. Italy as a producer of silk has been second only to Japan, her normal annual output of 1,500 tons being sufficient for 200,000 parachutes.—Fort Arthur Chronicle.

quarters, but the general effect of the order will apparently be to shut off the expression of soldier's views in print.

This is a questionable regulation, says the Toronto Star. It is true that men in the armed forces do sometimes write indiscreet "letters to the editor" which they wish published, but whose publication would obviously be unwise and would injure them with their superiors and sometimes with their comrades as well. But such letters the newspapers themselves censor. To make an absolute rule shutting off all such expression of opinion and even forbidding non-opinion article will have an unfavorable effect among the men. It will be resented by many who would never themselves write to or for the press. It will leave the impression upon the public that the army has something to hide. It is a rule which should not have been made.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Eve of St. Andrew.

End of one of the best Novembers on record.

At the St. Andrew's Dinner tomorrow, the toast of "The Day and a' half honour it," will be proposed by Rev. Thomas E. MacLennan.

Approximately one umbrella is now being produced for every hundred people in Great Britain, at a cost of about \$17 to \$23. And optimists say it never rains more than 300 days a year in London!

Dr. W. P. Percival, chairman of the Canada-Newfoundland Education Committee, said at a meeting in Ottawa that Canada is spending about half of what it should on education. The Dominion's annual expenditure on schools he said, is \$146,832,642, whereas, according to a committee survey, it should be \$203,260,000. Dr. Percival said such expenditure was necessary for a "very moderate" practical advance—"an advance well within the nation's reach as soon as the necessity of war expenditure has passed."

According to Mr. Justice A. K. Dysart of Winnipeg the right of the Dominion government to legislate as to what court shall try juveniles should be considered when the appeal of Leslie W. Young, juvenile, charged with murder, is heard in the Manitoba Court of Appeals. He granted leave to appeal from a judgment of Judge F. A. E. Hamilton of the Manitoba Court of Appeals, who ordered transfer of Young to City Police Court. "I have been wondering," Mr. Justice Dysart said, "if the Dominion government has the right to legislate as to what court shall try juveniles. That seems to me to be a matter for the province, and I would suggest that this question be considered when the appeal is argued."

The munitions production record of Canada is unfolded in the latest, the November, issue of Canada at War. Up to near the middle of last September the total value of all munitions made in this country, since the outbreak of hostilities, exceeded five billion dollars. This included 629 escort, cargo and patrol vessels; 9,000 aircraft; 510,000 motor vehicles; nearly 30,000 armored fighting vehicles; and 61,000 guns; 42,000,000 rounds of heavy ammunition; 750,000 small arms (rifles and machine guns); 3,500,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; 900,000 tons of chemicals and explosives; instruments and signals equipment valued at about \$250,000,000; miscellaneous stores, ranging from tiny pins to locomotives \$2,500,000,000. An almost incredible story of Canadian achievement is told in that paragraph, and it must be remembered that this young and sparsely peopled nation started at scratch.

Thomas, Cardinal Wolsey, English statesman, who worked for the 1515 treaty and alliance with France, died this date 1539; unable to prevent the war that followed by Francis I of France's ambition to become Emperor of Austria, he was responsible for the advantageous Treaty of Cambrai which signaled its close in 1529; showed zeal for social reform and learning by his foundation of Christ Church College, Oxford, and of a college in Ipswich; refusing to assist Henry VIII in divorcing Catherine of Aragon, he fell from Royal favour, was deprived of his chancellorship and forced to retire to his diocese of York; summoned later by the King to London, to be tried on an accusation of high treason, was overtaken by illness on the road, stopped at Leicester Abbey, where he died; to Sir William Kingston, Constable of the Tower, who accompanied him, the Cardinal's last memorable words were: "Had I but served God as diligently as I have served my King, He would not have given me over in my grey hairs. Put this in the just reward that I must receive for my indulgent pains and study, not regarding my service to God, but only to my prince."

Viscount Bennett suggests community emigration from Britain to Canada after the war. He knows what he is talking about when he tells about the loneliness of immigrants arriving in Canada and how much better it would be if they came in groups to settle and live together.—Niagara Falls Review.

The battle of Italy, like the great Russian struggle, is another section of the Battle of Germany, which, in keeping with German tradition, is being fought on foreign soil. Here, in this Italian sector, British and American forces are being opposed by the largest force of Germans encountered in the West by the Allies since the fall of France, and to underestimate the difficulties of this amphibious campaign can only lead to disappointment.—Belfast Telegraph.

Sailors returning from the theatres of war have brought back the touching story of shipmates at sea whose voices echoed through the din of battle with songs of courage and hope, and songs of home. Says the Kansas City Star: "These were the hundreds of sailor christians who had been trained at Great Lakes by Chaplain Halvor Hanson and who had not forgotten to enter their voices in the choir of the 'Imprisoned' when the story of fifty bluejackets who sang the hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross,' as bombs rained down upon the decks of the Lexington. The voices became fewer and fewer and the more they sang, the more they were by one the bluejackets dropped from the chorus forever. But the words echoed on through the night, bringing strength and fortitude to the surviving crew.—Exchange.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of public questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not assume the opinions of contributors.

AVO AERHOLL

Sir.—This is Thanksgiving Day in Boston. Some call it "Turkey Day". The two terms express truly the difference between those who live to eat, and those who eat to live. This too, may be a hackneyed phrase, but many a person will celebrate the feasting through excessive gorging and imbibing. Others, however, will celebrate the day in a different way. While many will sit at the "rich man's table," with swollen eyes and stomach, others will sit at the poor man's table, with gaunt stomachs, but well filled hearts. They will bow their heads in humble supplication, with upturned hearts toward their God, from Whom, alone they can seek their fullest. Many will wend their way to the earthly abode of those who have gone before, and there, before the sacred mound of silent earth, beneath which there lies the mortal parts of those they loved and love they too will seek the consolation that only God can give. Others will stand beneath the great arched dome of heaven, and with bared heads and prayerful souls will face the far flung parts of the earth, and turn their eyes toward heaven, that central part of the world, and there, in prayerful supplication, will ask in a spirit of humble thanksgiving, that the omnipotent hand of God will stretch itself forth, to those far places of the earth where their loved ones, in the roar of battle, and those in the silence of death, will be protected and rewarded by the loving kindness and tender compassion, of the all powerful God of us all.

Others will mean to moralize, but they who suffer and sacrifice, will also give thanks and appreciation. The empty chair will be placed at the table, where only memory can fill the space that once was occupied by the one that is now absent. They will radiate the joy of a loved one, will radiate the festivities, and his spirit will permeate the occasion. The youthful faces of those who are bound in with joyful merriment, with its inescapable contagion of happiness and LIFE, is now absent from the scene. The young and tender in our midst, in spirit and in thought. We all hope and pray, that another year will be different from this one, and that the bodies, as well as the spirits of those we love will sit at the table, and partake of the feast. And those whose bodies may rest elsewhere, they too will be forever present and souls of us all, while their spirits may abide forever in the great paradise of their God.

And our God. This is a beautiful sunshiny day, with a clarity and calmness that is most befitting Thanksgiving. Few cars are on the streets. Pedestrians are scurrying along the streets. Some in uniform, some in civies, but all in a sober and thoughtful mood. Hundreds are passing in and out of the churches that are in the immediate vicinity. Their faces portray reverence and thanksgiving. Some are young and flip-pant, buoyant with youth and enthusiasm, others are older and more sedate, yet radiant with hope and trust; while others are older and slower of movement, stooped and hesitant in their step but all expressing a cheerfulness of spirit and resignation to the fates that befall us all, in peace and war. The Victory Garden plots in the parks are now barren and bare. Their products have been harvested and stored in cans, bottles and otherwise. The gas station pumps stand in

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will survive, and be stronger for the conflict, even as you and I. On the high tower of the Christian Science church, at this moment there stands a crowd, which has flown in from the suburbs. His jet and glossy feathers glistening in the Fall sun, as he casts his calls of thanksgiving to the city slickers. (That he's not a turkey, and is beyond the reach of ration stamps). Many are looking up at him, and wondering, no doubt, what kind of a harbinger of fate he is. The sound is music to my ears; it brings me back in memory to the trees around my old home on P. E. I., where the welcome caws of the crows, every Spring, gave us visions of another season of sunshine and hope, after a long dreary winter of sacrifice and depression. With best wishes and kindest regards to all, I am, Sir, etc. PETER A. REILLY, Boston, Mass.

NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE Seventh Compulsory Employment Transfer Order

NOTICE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES Notice is hereby given that male employees in certain specified lines of civilian employment, who are at least 16 years old and not yet 41 years old, or who later reach age 16, must report for interview not later than December 31, 1943, to an Employment and Selective Service Office.

- A. OBJECTIVE: The Order makes available for more essential work the services of certain men who are presently employed in specified employments. B. EMPLOYMENTS COVERED BY THIS ORDER: Men, of the specified categories, are covered if now employed in: 1. The underwriting, selling, broking or administering of policies of insurance of any and every kind, including but not restricted to life, fire, accident, sickness, automobile, marine and general insurance. 2. (a) Short term credit companies including but not restricted to establishments engaged in sales financing, industrial credit, money lending and pawn-broking; (b) The managing or supervising of the investment of bonds, stocks and securities, including establishments engaged in investment trust and investment advising; (c) Trust Companies; mortgage companies, establishments engaged in investment and loan business, including bond houses, financial agencies, stock exchanges and grain exchanges. 3. Real Estate (Finance and Operation). 4. Travel Agencies. 5. (a) Year-Round Hotels (Employees of Year-Round Hotels in the following occupations are excepted from the requirements of this Order)—skilled mechanical maintenance men, stationary engineers, chief chefs, laundry washmen and extractor operators, engineer-firmen and hotel manager; (b) Seasonal hotels; rooming and boarding houses; auto courts and tourist camps; organization hotels and lodging houses. 6. The manufacturing of millinery, headbands, trimmings and embroideries. 7. The manufacturing of academic caps and gowns, vestments, theatrical costumes and masquerade costumes, commercial uniforms. B. Establishments primarily engaged in washing and polishing automobiles. C. MEN COVERED BY THIS ORDER: (a) Every man at least 16 years old, who has not yet reached age 41, regardless of marital status. (b) Every young man later reaching age 16. D. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED: All men as defined above must report to an Employment and Selective Service Office not later than December 31, 1943, by mail if too far removed to call personally. E. OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYEES: When directed to accept employment, subsequent to interview, men described in Paragraphs B and C are required to follow the direction given. F. OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYERS: It will be illegal for an employer to retain in his employ after December 31, 1943, any men referred to in Paragraph C; at any of the employments set forth in Paragraph B, unless under special permit. G. APPEALS: If directed to transfer to employment subsequent to interview, a man may, if he objects, enter appeal with a Court of Referees, within 7 days of receiving such direction. H. PENALTIES: Penalties are provided for failure to comply with this Order. I. SPECIAL REQUEST TO EMPLOYERS: Employers are requested to arrange with Local Office for the interview of their employees. J. AUTHORITY: This Order is issued under authority conferred on the Minister of Labour by National Selective Service Civilian Regulations (P.C. 246 of January 19th, 1943, and amending Orders in Council).

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR HUMPHREY MITCHELL, Minister of Labour. A. MACNAMARA, Director National Selective Service. Men referred to above must present documents at the employment office, indicating compliance with Mobilisation Regulations. Retain this advertisement for future reference. DR 7

The Poets' Corner. WEE HUGHIE. He's gone to school, wee Hughie, An' him not four, Sure I saw the right was in him When he left the door. But he took a hand o' Denny, An' a hand o' Dan, Wi' Joe's owd coat upon him— Och, the poor wee man! He cut the queerest figure, More stout nor thin; An' trottin' right an' steady Wi' his toes turned in. I watched him to the corner O' the big turk stack, An' the more his feet went forth Still his head turned back. He was lookin', would I call him, An' the more his feet went forth, Sure it's lost I am without him, But he be to go. I followed to the turnin' When they passed it by, God help him, he was cryin' An' maybe, so was I. —Elizabeth Shaw.

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