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British Acreage Expands Rt. Hon. R. S. Hudson, the British Minister of Agriculture, has announced that wheat acreage in Great Britain has about doubled in size since 1939.

Table with 2 columns: Crop, 1938, 1944. Rows include Oats, Barley, Rye, and Flax.

The acreage under tillage has increased from 6,862,000 to 11,610,000. This total increase, of course, includes an expansion in wheat from 1,583,000 to 3,000,000 acres.

With respect to post-war wheat, the National Farmers' Union has declared that 2,250,000 acres should be regarded as the minimum in the national interest.

Family Allowance

It is surmised by not a few that Family Allowance is an innovation by Canada in social legislation. Not so, family allowances have been in force in different parts of the world for some time.

Australia: The 1941 Child Endowment Act provides that all heads of families be paid \$5 weekly for all children under 16 years of age, except the first.

Belgium: By the 1939 Royal decree the 1930 Act was extended to cover all children up to 14 or, up to 18 if in school or apprenticed.

Brazil: Since 1913 Brazil pays to heads of families having at least 8 children, 100 cr. monthly for the 8th child and cr. 20 monthly for each additional child.

Bulgaria: Prior to 1942, Bulgaria was paying allowances only to civil servants. Since the July 1942 Act, all employees of public and private undertakings become eligible.

Canada: The 1938 law amended in 1942 provides that all manual workers employed in undertakings having an average of 20 workers, are entitled to allowances on behalf of children and dependant grandchildren under 14 years.

Germany: By decree of the 9th of December 1940, all heads of families of pure blood who are subject to income tax are entitled to receive, on behalf of their children except the two first ones, 10 r.m. monthly.

Hungary: The 1938 law amended in 1942 provides that all manual workers employed in undertakings having an average of 20 workers, are entitled to allowances on behalf of children and dependant grandchildren under 14 years.

Iceland: The Children's Allowances Act of 1944 decrees that all persons maintaining 3 or more dependant children should receive for each child under 16 in excess of two s. d. weekly per child.

Italy: In 1940, all employed persons became eligible for family grants. Children of manual workers up to 14 years and children of salaried employees up to 18 years. Financed by employers.

Netherlands: Approved in 1939, amended in 1942. Covers all employed persons. Beneficiaries: Each child after the 2nd, under the age of 15. Rates of benefit depend upon the wage received.

Notes By the Way

Australians learn as they fight. The Army Education Service has been outstandingly successful. Reports on one case: "Four weeks ago he could not read or write."

If Japan seeks peace prior to complete defeat, what settlement will there be? Everything we know about Japan's militarists indicates peace they will do so in the hope of saving enough from the wreckage to enable them to attempt again, with the help of the lessons they have learned in this war.

One of the earliest lessons in living is that man must go to the mountains, the mountains declining to journey to him. Yet it is remarkable the number of people who expect life expecting all sorts and conditions of things, Germans and mountains, to come to them.

Five rocket German planes were seen in one group over Europe, and their speed was such that pilots in Mustangs could not get their sights on them. Allied victory is brought no nearer by underestimating the resources of the Germans.

The quality of bread (in Czechoslovakia) is an indication of the food standard since it is the main item of consumption in the diet. Potatoes since there is no meat, fish, vegetables or fruit.

RATES OF BENEFIT

Table with 4 columns: On the birth of the child, To a Mother, Single Grant, Monthly Allowance of Rubles.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Parliament has risen, and there will be no further session this year.

Exhibition started out well with the customary Col. Dan brand of weather.

The citizens are right behind Councilor Rogers in insisting upon a first class sanitary condition of the market at all times.

It is possibly unsafe to allege it, but the Prime Minister has offered a "bribe" to the members of the House and Senate that next year he will support a tax free indemnity.

A report was prevalent yesterday that a rumour had been spread on the mainland that the people were demanding fabulous prices per night for a bed.

The Governor-General and Princess Alice have taken up their residence for the summer at the Citadel, Quebec, following, says The Canadian Press "a tour of Labrador and the Maritimes."

Christian Charles Josiah, Baron von Bunsen, German diplomatist and friend of Britain, died this date 1860; aided in the establishment of an Anglican Bishopric at Jerusalem; was Ambassador to the Court of St. James, London, until recalled on the outbreak of the Crimean War.

India's Army—2,000,000 strong—is the largest volunteer army in the world. Nearly a fourth of this total has been on active service overseas.

Canada's flour milling industry is completing a record year in which total wheat flour production will approximate 24,500,000 barrels.

If a tightwad is a person who would not put in his money and does not put in his war loan, then the people of the city and county of Aberdeen, Scotland, who have a legendary (but fictitious) reputation for being tight-wads are any critic's enemy.

"The Dominion of Canada has reached full stature among the great nations of the world," said a London Evening Standard editorial, devoted to the part the Canadians are playing in the war and noting that the creation of the 1st Canadian Army "tells the climax of an historic process."

"Look at the little fool blooming away there," a Red Army man said to me in a tender voice, pointing to a bluebell growing in a field between two shell craters.

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Our Duty To The King's Forces

By Hon. John Bracken Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party Text of an address delivered at Irtana, Alberta, on August 11th.

In recent months I have had the opportunity of seeing people of Canada in detail our attitude and proposals with regard to certain phases of our national life. I have dealt with such matters as the treatment of the men and women of the armed forces and indeed all Youth and other subjects of fundamental importance to us all both as individuals and as a nation.

I shall not indulge in oratory or fulsome rhetoric, in praise of the gallantry and devotion of the men and women in the armed forces. I shall only say that we owe a debt to them for the gallant and untiring service which they have rendered. Our debt is not by our words shall the sincerity of our appreciation be judged.

Platitude will not fill empty stomachs, nor generalities provide jobs for those who have fought, nor words of denunciation soothe the pain of the widows and children whose husbands and fathers gave life itself that we might live in peace and security.

From now on it must become the accepted task of civilian Canada to assist the men and women of the armed forces in their own experiences, which should rightfully be theirs. I must be honest in saying that the disabled and the aged have equal opportunity with all others to achieve the highest standards of living and personal well-being.

It is my firm conviction—and in what I say I am speaking for the Progressive Conservative Party—that the only sound and honourable basis on which we can approach the problems of the men and women who are serving or who have served, is one of the most fundamental and universal principles which can be expressed by deeds which bring to each one of them a complete control over their own lives.

In modern war, expenditures do not end with the unconditional surrender of the enemy. They are no magic by which we can pay the price of war itself and divert our attention to the reconstruction of our lives. The price of war is the obligation to those who have paid the price of war.

At this point it is only fair to note that the long and hard interference efforts of the veterans of 1914-1918 has produced in Canada at this time a public attitude that is infinitely better than these older veterans faced at the end of the first world war.

The fact remains, however, that there are many things yet to do to assure the returned men a square deal. In behalf of myself and the Progressive Conservative Party, I cherish this opportunity to give a full and frank statement of our position with regard to the affairs of our service and ex-service men and women.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily endorse the opinions of the editor.

"D. D. T." Sir.—It is but a few weeks since I read in the news columns of the country the rapid progress being made in the United States by the voracious Japanese beetle. Today we are told of a remedy not only for the Japanese beetle but for a very large number of insects that trouble not only our farmers but all classes of people.

The three letters D. D. T. are the first of three unpronounceable chemicals which when compounded together form a poison that very few insects can combat. At its full strength it apparently can be handled without risk to the health of man or beast.

Proposed in an academic thesis by a chemical student in Germany many years ago, it was discovered by a chemist in Switzerland in 1939. He was at one time in the service of the Swiss Government and was at one time in the service of the United States Agricultural Department, particularly in the South where insects are more prevalent.

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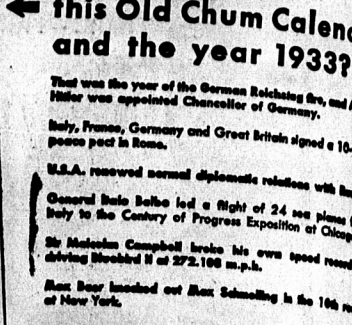
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Remember this Old Chum Calendar and the year 1933?



That was the year of the German Reichstag fire, the year of the Communist Revolution in Russia, the year of the Spanish Civil War, the year of the Munich Crisis, the year of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the year of the D-Day invasion, the year of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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