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

Hugh Farm Imports

The following figures of imports from the United States of fresh fruit and vegetables during the months of January to September, 1940, were tabled the other day in the House of Commons:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Total fresh fruits, Total fresh vegetables. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September.

In many minds the question must arise whether these heavy purchases are desirable or necessary. These imports come into direct competition with the products of our own Canadian farms.

The Sirois Report

Speaking at a public meeting last week two members of the Nova Scotia Government, the Premier who is also Minister of Highways and Provincial Secretary, and the Attorney-General, discussed in general terms the recommendations of the Sirois Commission report.

The Chronicle feels, however, that a more cautious attitude would be advisable. "We hope these leaders will not jump in up to their necks until they have made careful and cautious study of the report and its proposals," it says.

The Chronicle makes a strong point when it complains that there was not a single Maritime man on the Rowell-Sirois Commission. When Ottawa needs men to guide its national affairs the call is sent to the east; yet when a matter so vital as the relationship between the provinces and the central government is under consideration, the findings are entrusted to outside influences.

The Chronicle expresses the hope that the Nova Scotia Government will "thoroughly consult the people" of the province before making definite commitments. This is sensible advice, and applies to the Government of this Province as well.

Maritime Air Service

Arrangements for a new air service linking Moncton and Boston are nearing completion and the Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) takes occasion to suggest that this is a good opportunity for boards of trade and similar organizations to renew their efforts on behalf of Maritime air service generally. It continues:

"The Transportation Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade is aware of the inadequate facilities prevailing, so are many other groups. But there is little hope of improvement unless they continue a constant agitation for reform.

"That the Trans-Canada service should stop short of the Atlantic coast is utterly unsatisfactory. Travel between the coast and Central Canada is especially important at this time. Facilities cannot cope with it. Passengers are unable to obtain accommodation.

"More than that, air transportation within the Maritimes is hopelessly bad. "The whole situation requires a thorough overhauling. The changes could be effected to advantage when the service to New England is inaugurated. That service should be scheduled to afford the best possible connections with the other services in this area."

Dr. Bruce's Suggestion

The Globe and Mail commends Hon. Dr. Bruce, Conservative M. P., for Parkdale, for making articulate what is in the minds and hearts of the people, when, in the House of Commons recently, he discussed Hon. James G. Gardiner's food sales to the Mother Country. Few, if any, but would say: For God's sake, let us give freely of the bounty with which Nature has supplied us so abundantly and of which the gallant defenders of our liberty are in need. There is no excuse for dicker over quotas and prices when we have so much to spare.

Dr. Bruce expressed the sound and human point of view in proposing that we make our land products available to the heroic Britishers without thought of profits but as an expression of our admiration and gratitude. Such an attitude on Canada's part would be an encouragement and inspiration, going far to help the people of the besieged little island.

Canadian farmers who produce the bacon and wheat are entitled to fair reward. It is not their duty to sacrifice their labor when the returns are slight in any event. But as a contribution out of

abundance from the Dominion of Canada, this gesture would cost comparatively little as war expenses go and would mean more than can be said to the recipients.

Dr. Bruce dealt forcibly with another utterance from Mr. Gardiner which required attention. Northward of the heavy preponderance of seats held by the Administration the Minister of War Services had no license to threaten the nation's industrialists as he did. Important as is his post, the people expect it to be used judiciously.

"Mr. Gardiner's record" comments the Globe and Mail, "is not sufficiently impressive to make him a popular choice of the Canadian people for the important position he holds in the war effort. However, if he accepts the wide authority which has been vested in the department of the Government he has the privilege to head, not as a power but as a trust; in other words, if he retains his perspective as a servant of the people rather than their master, he will find the Canadian people, whether farmers, laborers or industrialists eager and willing to pull their full weight in defense of free institutions, of which we hope the Parliament of Canada is still one."

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Andrew's Eve.
The foundation and essence of democracy is controversy. Beware of the public body in Church or State that fails in discussions; it is on the high road to decay or dictatorship.

Evidently Santa Claus Gardiner does not want taxpaying parents in the East to know where he gets "the toys" with which he gratifies his pets in the West.

Land of our Birth, our faith and pride, For whose dear sake our fathers died; O Motherland we pledge to thee Head, heart and hand through the year to be.

The high cost of slaves may account for the number of beards worn in Massachusetts in 1756. A barber's bill found by the historical records survey charges John Crosby two pounds (about \$10) for twenty shaves. And it cost him nine pounds (about \$45) for a "wigg for your Lady."

When it came to choosing between driving an automobile or revealing her age, the other day, a Tampa woman, chose to relinquish her right to sit behind the steering wheel. A clerk in the county judge's office told her she could not have a license unless she gave her age. "Then I don't want one," she said and walked away.

Martin Farquhar Tupper, English author and philosopher, born this date, 1810. Among his outstanding works is "Proverbial Philosophy", a series of didactic moralizings in blank verse which in his day, and even now, was popular with literateurs. In 1886 he reviewed the literary life of his time in "My Life as an Author": "Deceit and treachery stalk with hatred, but an honest spirit flieeth with anger."

Inquiries in various quarters show there is more money in circulation this year than ever in our history, or at least for the past quarter of a century. It is authoritatively stated there are no objects poor people here, except the chronic cases, the hard shell ones, the type of which the Scripture says "ye have always with you". This seems a satisfactory state of affairs, thanks, the pity of it, to war, for it is largely due to the separation allowances and soldiers remittances that we are so happily situated at home.

For the first time in our recollection a grand jury has "begged to differ" with the presiding judge in his formal address, and the Grand Jury at Summerside has that distinction. Not only did they state they disagreed, but offered to prove that they were right and he was wrong. That is where our democracy has its pull over all other systems of government. A man or body is entitled to express his opinions and convictions without fear or favor, and ultimately to the benefit of the public weal. Take away that right, and a people come to be but dumb driven cattle.

The same sardonic theatricalism, says the Times, that impelled Hitler to force the French to capitulate in the famous armistice car in the forest of Compiègne inspires the Germans to describe the bloc they are busily imposing on Europe as a "league of nations." This is the brand of satire the Nazis relish; it illuminates the real character of a revolution motivated by a spirit of vengeance and directed by a leader driven ahead by the desire to get even with the rest of the world. Applying the name of League of Nations to a forced draft of conscript States emphasizes as well as anything the quality of Hitler's new order. It is like a bad caricature, drawn by some evil genius, of the plan for a community of free nations which Hitler did most to wreck when he broke the League Covenant and the Treaty of Locarno.

Mr. John Hackett, K.C., who recently has returned from an economic mission to Tokyo, at the instance of the King Government, in tracing the history of Japan showed its pre-war strong veer to western methods in everything and especially in clothing, manufacturing and in military and naval affairs. The three year war with China had now sagg'd; the demands on Japanese resources and energies had been excessively heavy, and the country had been unable to meet the demand for materials and commodities to carry the war to a success. He had left with the impression that if the forces of organized industry and business could be set up against the policy of aggression and of the war spirit something could be done, but of necessity these forces were silent under autocratic government though he knew of no more worthy home than that these forces might yet bring to bear their silent power and opinion on the foreign policy of a country that for many years had been a valued ally and trade customer of Canada.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Reports that German shock troops are being sent through Italy to strike to force up the Egyptian front of the Axis persist. There are even rumors that Field Marshal Kettel is to supersede Grand Marshal Rommel as chief of the African armies. If these stories are factual, a reasonable explanation is that in the eyes of Berlin the Italians are weaklings who have failed to hold up their end of the total war, and something has to be done about it. The feelings of Signor Mussolini and the Italian people in such circumstances are to be guessed. Duce has small love for a role that shoves him into an inferior position where he has to swallow orders instead of giving them, and rubs the gloss off his prestige with the home folk. And the average Italian probably hates and distrusts the Germans as much as he does anybody on the globe. The pathways of predatory glory are to be laid out in sunshine. — Detroit Free Press.

Anyone who believes that the anti-Nazi sentiment in this country is due to British propaganda is grossly deceived. Our anti-Nazi sentiment has been produced by what the Nazis themselves have done and what they fear they still mean to do. It is as unnecessary to trumpet up a case against Nazism as it would be to frame one against the bubonic plague. — New York Times.

The hazards of marriage begin early. For instance, there is the wild drive through busy downtown streets to the home for the wedding ceremony. "I take this woman..." doesn't mean that you must take her at forty miles an hour past the traffic lights. They are not given to telling the police what they should do about every little thing, but if they were to cool a few of these impatient bridegrooms down by stopping them at every meter, by every father, by every bride—and by a few dead people who didn't make the curb in time. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Premier Campbell's song (tune, "There'll Always Be an England"): "There'll always be an England: If you leave it to me, If surplus means the same to you As surplus means to me."

Every ringer for the heat of the European haze is hotter—and closer! We know as well as anyone that machine tools cannot be made by shouting or table pounding. We know as well as anyone that airplanes cannot be constructed overnight. We know as well as anyone that battleships do not slide off the ways like automobiles off an assembly line. But we also know that American genius can accomplish the impossible. We know that if every official of this Government, every citizen of the country, could spend one night in London in the stricken France, if a magic carpet could carry them on a lightning trip over countries where the light of liberty has gone out, the transformation in this country would be electric. Somehow things would be done. Barren wastes would become naval bases far ahead of time. Blueprints would be made of the world's airplanes. Raw recruits would be transformed at double step into the best soldiers in the world. Warships would be completed months ahead of time. The world would become patriotic. Our peril is so great, our time to prepare so limited. "It is later than you think!" — Washington Post.

Theft of foodstuffs by German troops in the smaller European countries invaded in the past few months has become a capital offense. The natural thing for German troops to do, it had some military value because Germany needs foodstuffs so that they did not appear in the light of mere stealing. But the present Nazi plundering of French libraries, the pilfering of valuable manuscripts and priceless tomes and prints, sent packing different. It is simply plunder or piracy or burglary, no better. The Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris is probably the richest library in the world, and it has been looted of its million prints, manuscripts and books, venerated tomes from the press of Gutenberg and bindings in the Italian style introduced by Groler. It has been a treasure house of the records of the centuries and Liberal France made its treasures accessible to scholars of all nations. The Government of France, Europe's intellectualism. Now, under the scrutiny of German professors, eminent librarians, it is being pillaged and France is losing one of her dearest possessions, her opportunity to study and to think France, which at great cost has preserved these relics, is now watching them go into Nazi German hands. The Government has no avail in government or study, but merely as spoils of war. — London Free Press.

The relative safety of the North Atlantic, in spite of U-boat activities, is well indicated by the regularity of the mails. An English daily which is highly valued in the United States, has been without a single break since the beginning of the war, and never with noticeable delays—often, indeed, with a rapidity which matches the best past time record. The latest issue, which has been to hand for some days, is dated September 27. The journal we refer to is the Manchester Guardian which, in one of the issues just to hand, announces that its circulation has grown to such a point that it is in trouble over the limitation of its paper supply to fixed amounts necessitated by the war-time conditions. They are carrying on overseas. — Winnipeg Free Press.

Somewhere in the northwest an elderly woman fell sick to the cottage of an old lady who lived by herself. The bomb did not explode, and the A.R.P. warden went to tell her she must leave the cottage. "Oh, my dear, will you tell me why?" "Hitler's dropped a time bomb outside your doorway," replied a wag among the wardens. "It may go off any minute and blow you and your cottage up." "Well, up you are," said the old dame. "I've refused to leave this house for thirty years, and I'll be hanged if I'll leave it for Hitler!" — From Manchester Guardian.

The outrageous delay in building a new bridge over the Missisquoi River, the bridge between New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, is enough to make the most law-abiding citizen see red. The construction of this boundary bridge is supposed to be the three-way

Something More Required

(Halifax Chronicle)
There will be general dissatisfaction with the action of the C.B.C. governors regarding the resignation of Mr. King. It is a matter which should have been treated with the utmost care and consideration.

The organ seeks to establish its point by quoting sections from Mr. King's latest speech which prove nothing out that the Premier has access to the Bible, Shakespeare, the speeches of Abe Lincoln, and Barret's book, "Familiar Quotations." To get Mr. King's own nobly expressed, nobly expressed, it is necessary to look at the product of the own mind, such as, for instance, the speech which he delivered at Kingston on August 7th, 1935. He had charged that R. B. Bennett was a dictator following the example of Hitler and Mussolini. He had spoken of buildings being erected in Ottawa and Calgary to house the R.C.M.P.

Those are only two of the many buildings being built in Canada, there are a dozen, and more, in the organ's own mind. Why is that money being spent? It is to build up a great military force and to equip it with the latest force, and the last work in dictatorship is the cannon and what comes out of the cannon.

We recall Mr. King's glistening excuse on the occasion when he asked Parliament to dissolve it. He said that he had promised to "summon" Parliament before there was an election and that he had done so. He said that Parliament would be summoned before an election, but that there would be a session of Parliament before that event.

We have observed, even in the speech which has moved the organ to this article, the manner in which Mr. King twists records to give them a meaning they do not bear. He quoted the guiding principle laid down by the Imperial Conference of 1926 enunciating the "primary responsibility of each portion of the Empire represented as the Government of the local Government. Yet Mr. King had no sooner read this guiding principle than he declared that the first duty of each part of the Empire was its own local defense. By twisting it in this way he sought to support the policy of "co-operation with other parts of the Empire must wait till Canada's defenses were secured" which is a repudiation of the obvious situation that the security of Canada's defenses is best attained by effective co-operation with other parts of the Empire.

Mr. King's rank as a shrewd politician must be admitted. But he does not fit any niche in the Temple of Fame as an exponent of "noble thought, nobly expressed."

INDIAN PRINCES GENEROUS

NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 27. (UP)—Two hundred of the ruling princes of India have clubbed together and chartered a liner which they have fitted out as a hospital ship.

THE PASSING FLOWER

In Baalbe there were lovers in Sidon and Palmyra Each flushed, immortal hour Who plucked the passing flower; Was gathered in the passing; In Greece and Rome they knew That from the living Present The whitest blossoms grew.

FIND SAFETY IN A HAT

One ingenious method of protection against air raids has been worked out by some British citizens. Those who have to travel long distances on their daily journeys to and from their city offices, and might be caught in the streets during a raid, are fixing shelter maps in their hats.

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THE COUNT'S GENERATIONS
Like Autumn leaves go by: Love only is eternal. Love only does not die. . . I hear the dying nations Love only is eternal. But still the rose is fragrant, And still a kiss is sweet!

THE BRITISH-AMERICAN AMBULANCE CORPS
The British-American Ambulance Corps is anxious to send 25 ambulances to Greece, William V. C. Ruxton president of the corps, said in New York.

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