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

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What About the Car Ferry?

No definite news yet about our new car ferry, though it is understood that the contract has been let, or is about to be let, to a Sorel, Quebec, firm.

Speaking of politics, there is certainly no longer any shadow of excuse for holding up the job on account of the war.

We claim, of course, that this job should never have been held up in the first place; that it was a far more legitimate wartime project than, for example, the completion of the new C. N. R. terminal at Montreal.

Election Talk

The Ottawa correspondent of The Globe and Mail finds party pundits at the capital looking toward a 1944 election campaign with increasing expectations.

These are among the outside signs of preparations for setting the political pot aboil. But they contain no answer to the question: Why an election in 1944?

The term of the present Parliament will not end constitutionally until March, 1945, and it is a session could be held during the first three months of that year an election campaign could be deferred until the autumn.

Permanent Food Body

There is interest for the people of Canada in the Washington report that it is practically assured that the interim commission, appointed after the recent international Food Conference, will recommend the establishment of a permanent body.

To raise nutrition standards where they are generally low would mean a greater demand on the countries producing food surpluses.

U. S., Argentina or Australia. The permanent food body, it is believed, will be largely advisory and a clearing house for information.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Hardware" reports a better supply of wire product coming through, including oiled and annealed, galvanized and barbed wire.

We are becoming better off financially, notwithstanding the shortage of labour on our farms. Duns' Gazette last week announced the release of no fewer than 31 mortgages on real estate.

League of Nations founded this date 1920; it was described as being something different from all previous international agreements, and more in line with Christian ideals.

Though the United Nations in 1 year have liberated a fifth of the territory Germany held last Jan., and a twentieth of the regions Japan controlled, victory can be accomplished only by hard fighting.

Beyond redrafting of boundaries within Europe, and no return to Italy or Japan of any appreciable portion of their pre-War overseas Empires—which is not a matter affecting any large numbers of people—there will be no territorial transfers at the close of the War.

"Saturday Night" joins hands with those daily newspapers which have been protesting against the alleged cavalier treatment of returned men by bureaucrats. It says: "Discharge allowances are not charity. They are a responsibility of the State."

The C. C. F. has opened its convention at Regan, Saskatchewan, where in July 1933 the Canadian Socialist Party drew up its platform. Representing Quebec Province are Prof. Frank Scott, C. C. F. National President, Dave Lewis, General-Secretary of the party, and Mr. Jacques Casgrain, Chief Organizer for French Canada.

Notes By The Way

Twenty percent of Canada's forestry corps are now in Scotland, Britain and the proposed "buffer stocks" of food, the disposal of surpluses and the provision of agricultural credit, would be left to other bodies to be set up.

There is one crumb of comfort in the fact that there is a severe shortage of tobacco. The danger of getting a box of cheap cigars for Christmas is growing smaller and smaller.

The aspiring city of Galt reports that a local owl flew off recently with a steel trap 16 inches of heavy chain, four feet of wire and a two-foot stick.

While Bishop Fleming was in Orillia we asked him, for a clear definition of the term Arctic Circle, for which we had had no entry in our encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Canada may not be perfect, but people like her as she is. Would you remanufacture her according to some untried plan, and give her a new name, and turn her into an experimental station for the trying out of strange and fantastic ideas?

We must never overlook the fact that other parts of the Empire are also suffering from the effects of the war. Ten fine young New Zealanders, war-time friends before leaving their native land, came to this country to take air crew training at Etobicoke, Ont. Lately word reached the station there that the last of them had been killed in action.

This story is very popular in the R. A. F. just now. It is alleged that when R. A. F. was formed their authorities realized that the original plan for the offensive was to take Army KR and alter the word soldier to airman wherever the word soldier appears in this day one paragraph reads, for all with the industry search: No airman may sleep more than two yards from his horse.

A small, ambitious group of Government scientists believe that the future of the war effort will be determined by the use of plastics. The Feather Composite, headed by H. I. Sherrin, director of the Department of Agriculture, is convinced that plastics can assume myriad forms from the sutures to the nose and from lamp bases to thread for textiles.

Historic, gallant Malta denuded after three years of siege of many of the comforts of civilization, is being restocked a London despatch states. The island's needs are placed in Britain include: 20,000 sports jackets 20,000 pairs of flannel trousers, 40,000 cotton dresses and 80,000 frying pans.

Carlton Odell, a United States Army technician, saved himself and a companion from drowning by tying the cuffs and waist of a pair of Australian Army trousers and inflating them into impromptu water-wings.

Canada has the resources to provide a recent living for every citizen, and for many millions more than the number of her inhabitants. Private enterprise can be depended upon to furnish opportunities for remunerative labor for a very large proportion of the population, but some direction will be required to carry this situation beyond the post-war reconstruction stage.

Shells from Canadian artillery are now bursting in Pescara. This port is the goal of the 8th Army's long push up the Adriatic coast. Once General Montgomery's men slog through the nine miles of mud ahead to take the town the whole campaign in Italy will change radically.

No railway or highway crosses the mountains between India and Burma.



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(London, Ont., Free Press) Lord Mottistone, who in the other war we knew better as Maj.-Gen. J. E. B. Seelye, is today a member of the British people a very dangerous man.

Passchendaele cost the Allies half a million casualties. The cost appalled the British nation. Undertaken in order to lift the morale of the Allies, it collapsed under the weight of bitter fighting.

This is what Lord Mottistone has in mind. He fears that an iron-clad man is already adhering to in the face of whatever emergencies may arise must result in incalculable losses.

You can't go ALL-OUT

If you feel ALL-IN

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