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

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Air Training Memorial

Prime Minister King has announced in Parliament that the United Kingdom, Australian and New Zealand Governments will establish in Canada a permanent memorial to the Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

There is no question but that the C. A. T. P. was a vital factor in achieving mastery of the air during the War. The agreement, signed at Ottawa on Dec. 17, 1939, by representatives of the governments of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, entrusted to the R. C. A. F. the task of converting Canada into what the late President Roosevelt once called "the airbase of Democracy."

The original plan called for the construction of 74 training schools across Canada, the last of which came into full operation on December, 1941, six months ahead of schedule.

On March 31, 1945, with victory in Europe in sight, the plan was terminated. It had trained and graduated 131,553 air crew, of whom approximately 38 per cent were pilots.

Broke All Records

According to Business Week, Christmas sales in 1947 broke all previous records. They probably were 12% or more above 1946 volume.

"This," says Business Week, "is good news, not only for retailers, but for all business. Many a business-bomb has died on the retail counter."

"In this respect business seems to stand on firmer ground than it did a year ago. In 1946, Christmas sales also set new records, but toward the end they dragged a trifle.

A Frightful Toll

One hundred and sixty persons were killed in level crossing accidents in the Dominion last year, as compared with 120 killed in the same type of accidents in 1946, according to figures released by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Statistics, still incomplete for 1947, show, however, that a large number of the accidents occurred at crossings where the view was unobstructed, some of them because of panic on the part of drivers after stalling on the crossing;

Railway authorities said many of the accidents at crossings where the view was not obstructed were caused by drivers attempting to race trains and that carelessness, drunkenness, or worry on the part of automobile drivers caused the cars to run into the sides of the trains.

second before going onto the crossing they would have been safe.

And, of course, the normal hazards of automobile operation caused many of the other crossing accidents. In winter months, when the roads are icy, the windshield fogs and the car's windows are closed, thus drowning outside noises, extreme caution should be observed by all drivers approaching crossings.

If Canada's frightful crossing toll is to be reduced, the automobile drivers of the nation should take greater heed of the railway's exhortation: "Stop, Look and Listen."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Everybody will be satisfied with the reconstructed Jones Government, save and except those who disapproved of its predecessor.

It is easy to be optimistic about the long months of winter ahead for the days are growing noticeably longer.

It is not only under capitalism that the profit motive sometimes gets out of hand. The Austrian government plans to protest to the Allied Council the 100 per cent increase it must pay for Russian controlled oil.

It was going to come sooner or later. Censorship has reached holy writ. A Conference of Educational Associations in London has set up a committee to consider "unsuitable passages" of the Old Testament, considered to be unfit for children to read.

The Winnipeg Free Press reports that jet-propelled aircraft will soon be in production in Canada. Included in the program is an all-jet airliner for T.C.A. to carry 40 passengers at a cruising speed of 400 m.p.h.

The St. Lawrence Seaway project is opposed chiefly by the seaports New York and Montreal. Western opinion seems to be favorable and, as far as the Island is concerned, it might well extend our markets beyond the head of the Lakes.

A former Islander, the first Moderator of the United Church of Canada and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada before Church union, Rev. George C. Pidgeon has requested permission to retire after 32 years as pastor of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto.

Peter the Great—Stalin's distinguished predecessor or Dictator—died this date 1725; he set out to conquer Europe and nearly succeeded had it not been for the coalition of Sweden and Turkey, which compelled the restitution of Angov in 1711; like Hitler he married his mistress (afterwards famous as Catherine I). His reign was marred by great cruelties, as exemplified in the execution of his own son, just as Mussolini condemned his son-in-law. Dictators have no conscience beyond momentarily serving their own immediate ends; yet owing to his genius in trampling peoples and nations under his feet for the extension of territory, Russia made enormous strides in world-power during his reign.

Mr. F. N. Brown, ex-Deputy Minister of National Revenue, well-known here where he has been a summer visitor, has been succeeded by Mr. V. W. T. Scully, deputy Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. He is a chartered accountant by profession, having left a large accounting firm in Toronto to undertake war supply work, and thus is basically equipped to deal with the complexities of income tax laws and corporate tax returns. His wartime service in the management of two Crown companies, Victory Aircraft Ltd. and War Supplies Ltd., is reported to have demonstrated practical administrative abilities and to have gained the confidence of businessmen with whom he came in contact.

There is a steady increase of medical doctors and surgeons available for vacant practices. A partial list of doctors wanting jobs recently advertised included: "An X-ray technician with 15 years experience"; "Doctor with 30 years practice"; "Physician and Surgeon desires position in urban centre"; "Returned man, with good references, B.Sc., M.D.C.M., L.M.C.C., desires association with any established surgeon or group"; "Competent 43 year old physician and surgeon, L.M.C.C., available for industrial practice". After this coming spring graduations there should be many more available.

Mr. King has stated a new foreign policy and a new defence program for this Dominion, says The Gazette. Gone is the traditional indecision and irresolution on defence questions. Mr. King urges "men and women of Liberal mind and heart . . . to promote the great principles set forth in the charter of the United Nations." By implication he will, therefore, undertake to supply from this nation some part of the military force necessary to implement the Palestine partition his representative fostered. He sees that free countries must be strong if they are to remain free. Therefore we may at long last expect such increases in, and such encouragement of, the Armed Forces as may guarantee the continuance of that liberty. Aviation, both civil and military will, presumably, be surveyed and placed on the establishment necessary to secure that "measure of security (that) is a first essential." Mr. King has recognized and defined the Communist peril that threatens the security of this Dominion. In lucid phrases he has correctly prescribed the sole program under which free Canada can survive. As the responsible leader of the Government he will now, presumably, take those appropriate defence measures necessary to protect the state, aware as he is that nothing can "relieve any individual, or any party, or any nation, of the responsibility which is its own." Or will he?

Notes By The Way

Is that grillwork at the front of the new models of automobiles as heavy as it looks, or is it just a bluff to frighten pedestrians into staying on the sidewalks? —Kingston Whig-Standard.

In Paris, a workman was arrested when he stole to provide the fiancée a set of false teeth. The same day, at another wedding, the floor of the town hall collapsed, dropping the mayor, witnesses and the bridal couple onto a feather bed in the basement. Matrimony in Paris, it appears, has all its usual dangers, plus some that are unusual. —Windsor Star.

Bostonians are reported to be surprised and chagrined to learn that a sound survey shows that the city to be the third noisiest in the United States. We can understand their feelings, recalling the old jingle about "the land of the bean and cod, where Cabot, Lowell and Cabot isn't practiced by other Bostonians—such as the noisy Mayor Curley. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

It requires no deep knowledge of history to recall that twice within a generation the Krupps have provided vast quantities of arms for Germany's war machines. The firm has been operating for 134 years, during which time its owners reaped fabulous fortunes. When Hitler came to power, the Krupps lost little time in swinging their support behind him, giving him the tools he needed to send his legions of soldiers in quest of plunder and conquest. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

If automobile drivers generally showed a little more courtesy to the other fellow, and gave way more than they do, there wouldn't be the double line of stalled cars on the streets that are only partly cleared of snow. This is especially true on hills. The driver going up the hill, making way under great difficulty, should be given the right of way by drivers on the down grade. Just a little more unselfishness and consideration would be a big help and make it much easier for all concerned. —Boston Post.

This is the season for farmers to take their saws and axes and enter the bush to cut their wood supply for the next Winter. From now on until melting snows put an end to bush work, there will be reports of men killed or injured. A Listowel man, Earl Keeso, is dead as a result of a falling limb. On a clear, sunny day, it is pleasant out in the woods, sawing and splitting wood. Few jobs promise a better appetite. Many farmers, who love the woods, find it one of the most enjoyable of rural tasks. But, tragedy can strike swiftly, if a tree is not felled right, or if it hits other trees on the way down, breaking off limbs. The bush is no place for a careless workman. —Windsor Star.

English scientists, after eating 81 kitchen birds' eggs, have announced that chicken eggs taste best. We are not sure whether this is just a happy coincidence. There are two other possible explanations. One, of course, is that the scientists in question have eaten chicken eggs before, have become accustomed to them and judged all other eggs by that standard. The second explanation is that possibly, somebody, many years ago, had the same idea and that the reason why men started to domesticate chickens, rather than hoot-owls, crows or nightjawks, was because chickens' eggs were most tasty. —Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A writer laments the decline of the oldtime community spirit in the rural districts, and claims that with the passing of barn raising, the one husking bee, and the sawing bee among men, and the paring bee and the picking bee, and the like among the women, there is not the spirit of sociability that should prevail. He seems to overlook the fact that time has only worked its change here as elsewhere, and that now we have the church tea, the garden party, the family reunion, women's institutes, and clubs, with their own number and sporting leagues of all sorts. —Chatham News.

The Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York bears these words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free . . . The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me . . ." points out The Owen Sound Sun-Times. On a coin of the United States is the inscription: "In God we trust." Jesus Christ has said, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In Europe, in India, in China, impoverished classes are dying in misery through no fault of their own. They are just mortal men, living out their brief span as we do, who have fallen into the holocaust, which has swept around the world. We cannot delude ourselves. On this continent we are not sharing these requirements of life which we have been fortunate enough not to lose as others have.

During its training for a steeplechase race at Lingfield Park, Surrey, England, the stable boy on a horse named Prince Denezee had a habit of skipping the steeple, which has swept around the world. We cannot delude ourselves. On this continent we are not sharing these requirements of life which we have been fortunate enough not to lose as others have.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

B. I. S. APPRECIATION

Sir,—On behalf of the Benevolent Irish Society, it gives me much pleasure to convey to you our sincere thanks for your most generous support in assisting us with the raising of funds for the Larkin family.

Please let us assure you, Sir, that we, the members of this Society, greatly appreciate your efforts in bringing the importance of this Fund to the public notice. The results of this "Drive" have indeed been most gratifying, and have exceeded all our expectations, without your support, the amount realized, would not have been possible.

Thanking you again.

I am, Sir, etc. E. W. HOGG, Secretary.

For, and on behalf of The Benevolent Irish Society.

The Meaning Of Citizenship

(Royal Bank Monthly)

Canadians have been described as the most "self-critical people in the world" and again as "a nation that has not grown up." Dr. James Roby Kidd, assistant director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, says in an unpublished doctoral thesis that the Canadian attitude is one which might be called "group inferiority complex." If we were less self-critical and less self-conscious, should likely go a head and do things we are now unable to encompass because we do not trust our abilities.

The establishment a year ago of "Canadian Citizenship" is counted upon by well-wishers to raise our morale. It should bring us closer together under one roof, as it were; it should broaden our horizons, and it should enable us to look out upon the world with a sense of comradeship based upon knowledge of family solidarity and national co-operativeness.

It is one thing to talk about citizenship in your living room or hear it talked about from the public platform, and quite another thing to get out and wrestle with problems in your community. In the first case you are dealing in words which have nice sounds: democracy, brotherhood, citizenship. In the second you are dealing with actualities which, are sometimes sordid, usually worrisome, and always entail work. The participation of people in doing something about things, added to knowledge of what might or should be done, holds society together.

It is the common, everyday people who make the country good or bad. Individually, they may think they count for little, but they become effective as members of groups. In European countries the tendency is to let officialdom take the initiative rather than to have it assumed by groups of private citizens, but this is a vicious trend characterized by the late President Roosevelt as one which withdraws government from practical contact with citizens as human individuals and makes men and women mere units in statistics.

Fortunately, we in Canada can benefit by the object lessons in other countries. Prizing Canadian citizenship, we can make it the backbone of government. We can avoid the procrastination which ends in spasmodic activity, flaring up for a while and then dying out; we can refrain from detached criticism, which complains from afar about what officials do, but refuses to get together for co-operation to make things better we can shun dependence upon busybodies who go to meetings, listen to talks, but never work long enough to bring one constructive thing through.

Good citizens will participate in local government, at least to the extent of selecting to the best of their ability the men who are to govern the community, administer its schools, organize recreation, operate health services, and beautify the district.

World Citizenship

From local government to world citizenship may seem a long jump. It was Cicero who said that endowment of human beings with the ability to reason makes every man a member of the great human community. Starting with care for his family, expanding through service in his community, province and nation, every Canadian citizen finds himself embraced in the wider fellowship of world citizenship. Whether we think it a good thing or not, the future of Canada is wrapped up with the future of all countries. We can make

Times-Journal. The race for which Prince Denezee trained duly came off the other day. He was a hot favorite and was backed for thousands of pounds. The jockey knew he was far ahead in the race, and just before coming to the last hurdle he looked over his shoulder to see where the others were. In doing so he slackened his hold of the reins, and what did the Prince do but swerve aside before reaching the winning jump, leap over the rails and dash into his stable. Maybe the backers were sore at losing their money, but surely it was worth a good laugh.

The Poets Corner

COCK-CROW

Out of the night, two cocks together crow, Clearing the darkness with a single blow; And bright before my eyes twin trumpeters stand, Heralds of splendor, one at either hand, Each facing 'each as in a coat of arms.—The milkers lace their boots up at the farms. —Edward Thomas.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. I.)

LIVESTOCK FOR ENGLAND

The shipment of 108 fat cattle to the British market, made by the steamer Prince Edward, is an event of great importance, inasmuch as it is the opening of a trans-Atlantic trade in cattle which will, if carefully cultivated and encouraged, be a great source of wealth to the farmers and stock raisers of this Province. This, the first shipment, was jointly made by Messrs. Carvell Bros. and Blake Bros. of this city. The cattle were selected by the last named gentlemen, from the best herds on the Island and as they stood together were pronounced to be the finest collection ever seen in the Province. The shipments consists of grades, mixed grades and grade Short-horns, and weighed an average, 1,350 pounds. They were selected from herds such as Longworth's, Haythorne's and Lewis's, in the Royalty; Barnes, Dockendorff's and MacKinnlay's, at North River; Mutch's and Tweedy's at Gallus Point; Irving's, at Orwell; Murphy's, at South Shore; Duffey's, at Lot 46; Shaw's, at Brackley Point; McNeill's and Clark's, at Cavenish; Rustico's, Proffitt's, Orr's, Donald's, MacKay's, and MacEwen's, at New London; Sinclair's, Bearlston's, Crozier's and McNutt's, at Malpeque; Bagnall's, Proctor's and Bradshaw's, at New Glasgow; Matthews's, at North Wilshire, and from Blake Bros.

According to law, the cattle were each numbered and inspected by the Dominion Inspector, Mr. C. J. Hazard, who had the pleasure of certifying that the whole number of sheep were in excellent condition. As they were driven on board the steamer, the wharf was crowded with spectators, who appeared to take as lively an interest in the work as the owners themselves. Among the spectators were two prominent Nova Scotia cattle exporters, viz., George P. Henry, Esq., and Mr. Armstrong, who said the shipment was equal to anything which they had seen in America, and that the Island cattle, though smaller than those raised in Nova Scotia or Ontario, are much superior to them in quality, being generally young and fat and dressing a greater quantity of beef in proportion to their size.

The sheep exported by Messrs. Carvell Bros. and Blake Bros. were also a very good lot. There is now a good market for sheep in England. Although the sheep raised in this Province are small they are a very superior quality, and always command a ready sale in foreign markets.

The cattle and sheep will be landed at Liverpool. Hon. Senator Carvell has taken passage in the steamer and will be present to superintend their sale.

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great, and perhaps decisive, contributions to the preservation of human freedom and evolution.

Our citizenship contribution might well start, indeed it must, start, on the home front, in communities where good citizenship can make itself felt quickly and decisively. Dilets get down for us in a dramatic way the picture of failure arising from our natural inclination to take in too much territory. In his novel Bleak House Mrs. Jellyby was an earnest woman who began with the natives of Borrioboola-Gha, instead of beginning with her own children. Nobody denies that we have duties to the natives of Borrioboola-Gha. But to begin with them is, for the most of us, to begin at the wrong end, and to make a sad mess of our citizenship in consequence.

The Children Who Stayed Behind

A mention of 1939 takes many mothers in Britain back to the dark days when the cities were in danger and the children of Britain were rushed to the safe retreat of the countryside. Now the adventure is over. But not all of those thousands of excited children who thronged the stations of Britain's cities in those early war days have come home to their mothers and fathers. Some have stayed behind. Today these war evacuees are still in country villages, living in homes that are not their own and growing up under the care of the State. They are the children the war left behind. 2,000 of them. In some cases the parents have been killed. There are other children whose parents have disappeared and all efforts to trace them have failed. Today their bodies may still be under bomb rubble. Meet one of these lost children. George Baxter is seven. He can barely remember his mother and father. Since the war ended he has been waiting in a white-stoned farmhouse — run by the local authority — for the day when his parents take him home. . . . that day has never come. Most of George's friends think his mother was listed as an unidentified air-raid casualty. It would be wrong to think that these war orphans in Britain suffer any material hardship. They are well cared for and very well brought up. Everything is done to make up for their loss. But the children feel a terrible gap in their lives. It is nobody's fault. The matrons who run the homes for them are gentle, kindly people. Miss Elizabeth Faulkes, who runs the hostel where George lives, said: "Don't think of this place as an institution. We try to make it a home for them where we are all one family." This Christmas the Government of Britain played Santa to these 2,000 children. Each one received a gift. But however kind matrons and school-teachers are, however many presents they were given, these are the children the war left behind. . . . the children whose mothers and fathers will never come to claim them.

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