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War Savings Stamp Drive

Finance Minister Ilsley has again asked the food industry to sponsor a War Savings Stamp drive, which will continue from Feb. 2 to March 10. The objective for this Province is \$22,000, a comparatively modest sum though larger than the objectives in the two preceding campaigns.

Mr. Gibson Makes A Speech

Hon. Colin Gibson, Minister of National Revenue and acting Minister of National Defense for Air, may be too busy to see a Charlottetown delegation or even to reply to urgent telegrams from our Mayor and other dignitaries, but he is not too busy to attend to political chores.

Mr. McIlraith has evidently been more successful than our Queen's County members in impressing the Minister with the importance of his constituency. He announced that Ottawa "would receive more generous treatment from the Federal Government in the near future" and boasted of having stood up successfully for the Civil Service against the control of the Treasury Board.

Perhaps that has been the trouble with our Queen's County stalwarts — they haven't done anything to make Mr. Gibson and his cabinet colleagues "quiver", and consequently failed to achieve "results". This revelation from one in authority is worth thinking about. We have been told repeatedly by Liberal apologists that a "hush-hush" policy was best; that it didn't do to antagonize the powers that be by criticizing them for negligence or neglect.

Australia's Farming

In a lengthy report, the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne dealt with agricultural conditions in the Commonwealth of Australia. He points out that the war, and the needs of the war, enforced upon Australia more concentrated effort toward the increased production of foods of all kinds within her borders.

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"Geordie" Is Gone Under the above heading the following tribute to a distinguished friend, Vancouver, appeared in a recent issue of the Vancouver Province: In the death of Professor George E. Robinson who died at Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Wednesday, some hundreds of Vancouver folk have lost an old and honored friend. Vancouver University for seven years past the fire, and George Robinson was still in his prime when the two came together in 1923. Mr. Robinson came west from his native Prince Edward Island after graduating from the University of Toronto, where he had been a member of the University of Toronto and an influential part of the unfolding of educational institutions in Vancouver. Years before the University began, he and his principal, the late J. C. Shaw, were instrumental in having its foundations laid in the old McGill University College. They persuaded a number of leading citizens of the need and the citizens set the ball rolling. Mr. Robinson taught in the high school while it remained Fairview when it moved there and was first vice-principal and then principal. Down town again, in McGill University College, he taught mathematics and administered the institution. In 1916, when the University opened under the late Dr. Westbrook, he went to Fairview a second time. He was the University's first registrar, the first dean of arts and first head of the department of mathematics. A man of many human qualities, with a genius for friendship, Professor Robinson easily won the affection of the hundreds of boys and girls who passed through his classes in his nearly 40 years of teaching in the city. He was "Geordie" to his students, whether he was lecturing to them on calculus, or teaching them the elements of rugby—for he had been a fine athlete in his youth—or reciting Burns or Shakespeare to them in some of his more leisurely moments. It is five or six years since "Geordie" left Vancouver to spend his declining years in Charlottetown, carrying with him the best wishes of his host of friends. Now, he has moved still farther off. Not all of him has not gone by any means. Something of him remains in the hearts of all who ever came into close contact with him, and his memory, so long as these live, will remain fragrant.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES Important Message to Parents On or about July 1, 1945, the Dominion Government at Ottawa will start making payments under the new Family Allowance Act. If births of any of your children have not been registered in the Vital Statistics Office, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO SO IMMEDIATELY, OTHERWISE PAYMENTS TO YOU MAY BE DELAYED. ACT NOW! Don't wait another day. It is in your own interests to look into this matter AT ONCE! If you are not sure whether births have been registered, simply write to Department of Health and Public Welfare, Division of Vital Statistics, Charlottetown. Give name, date and place of birth of each child, and names of parents. Fee for this necessary service is 50c per search per child. Please remit with requests. Department of Health and Public Welfare HON. WILLIAM HUGHES, Minister



WILD GEESE How oft against the sunset sky or moon I watched that moving zigzag of speckled wings In unforgetting Autumn gone too soon. In unforgetting Springs! Orestes of desolation, far they fly Above all lands bound by the sea In misty fens, wild moors and trackless sky. They know the tundra of Siberian coasts, And wander marshes by the Indian seas. They know the clouds and night and stars and stars From Crux to Starry Pole. Dark flying rime against the west-ern glow. It tells the sweep and loneliness of things. Symbol of Autumn vanished long ago. Symbol of coming Springs! —Friedrich Peterson.