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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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The Icelanders

In the October number of the Canadian Geographical Journal is an article on Iceland, where at present a number of Canadian troops are sojourning.

There is no coal, no oil, no gas, no railways; but good roads in a hilly country; fishing is the chief industry; the people think highly of education and better education is compulsory.

Descendants chiefly of the Norse Vikings, but partly also of Celts from Ireland and Scotland, the Icelanders have been Christian for a thousand years.

Mr. King's Smoke Screen

Commenting on Mr. Hanson's reference to the training of British airmen in Canada, the Sydney Post-Record (Melbourne) says: "Skilled and experienced in obscuring the merits of an argument by a side issue, the Prime Minister, backed by his Minister for Air, Hon. C. G. Power, has taken Mr. Hanson to task for the alleged use in public of information which he was given to him under strict seal of confidence."

"Meanwhile it is opportune and necessary to point out that Mr. Hanson's criticism of the Premier for vetoing the air training scheme in Canada in 1938 remains unanswered. It may indeed be added that Mr. King's angry statement, to say nothing of Mr. Power's nasty partisan innuendo, raises a strong presumption that the Prime Minister has no answer to make. He was unquestionably wrong in withholding Canada's co-operation more than a year before the outbreak of war in a plan submitted by the Government of Great Britain, which, it carried out, would have greatly strengthened the position of the Allies in the first critical and difficult year of the war. It must be assumed that Mr. King realizes this now. The smoke-screen he has tried to raise is an indication that he would like the people of Canada to forget an unforgivable episode in his political career."

Canadian Whaling

Resumption of whaling operations on the Pacific coast after a year's lay off will put Canada back into the whaling picture this year. Market conditions, which made satisfactory returns unlikely, caused a curtailment of whaling in 1939 and Canadian operations which centre off Queen Charlotte Islands on the British Columbia coast were suspended.

Now with the world stocks of oil, bone-meal, and other whale products reduced, and with war conditions increasing a demand for reduction products, the outlook for the industry is more favorable. Some half dozen kinds of whales are taken off the British Columbia coast, ranging in size all the way up to the 80 foot female sulphur whale which heads the size list in the catch of 1938. Canada's whaling catch of that year numbered 370 and they yielded oil, bone-meal, and fertilizer having a market value of some \$181,000. Oil is the chief product of the whaling industry and the 1938 production, 513,000 gallons, was worth more than \$162,000. Under normal conditions most of Canada's whale oil production is exported to the United Kingdom and the United States.

plentiful in the British Columbia catches, with Sulphurs and Humpbacks following in order. Sulphur whales are the largest of the species taken in Canada whaling.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Not much time for campaigning in the West River District election.

It is estimated there were 5,882,000 hogs on Canadian farms, on June 1, a record representing far more than a hog for every family.

Sir Roderick Imprey Murchison, geologist, died this date, 1871. Established the Silurian system; carried on researches in the Scottish Highlands; founded the Permian system, and was the first to recognize the importance of the Devonian; a director of the Geological Survey.

The U.S.A. Red Cross in response to an urgent appeal is shipping 75,000 heavy wool blankets to Britain. Orders have been placed with manufacturers for 130,000 more. Only woollen blankets are desired because of the dampness in air raid shelters.

The late Mr. Angus Cameron was probably the best known of the younger generation of railway engineers, and held in universal respect and esteem by his fellow workmen, by the Railway authorities, and by the travelling public. His sudden collapse came as a severe shock not only to his loved ones but to the community at large whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

The New York State Department of Agriculture estimates their apple crop at 12,936,000 bushels, about half of the 1939 record production of 24,050,000 bushels. The light harvest was attributed to cold spring weather and drought conditions.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King disappointed many expectant supporters by his non-appearance here during his so-called Maritime tour, which turned out to be nothing but a visit to Nova Scotia. Liberals here are longing for the day when the ex-member for Prince retires in favour of the present member for that County.

A new and heartfelt grace before meals was given by the Minister of Food, Lord Woolton, at a National Defense Committee luncheon in London: "By the grace of God and the vigilance of the Royal Navy, the courage of the mercantile marine, the devotion of dock laborers and transport workers and food traders, and the patient efforts of farmers, these good things have been brought to our table, and for these benefits we thank God."

The Eagle Squadron, comprising more than thirty United States airmen—university students, former stunt fliers and commercial pilots—who have volunteered to fight as a unit in the R.A.F., has almost been completed "somewhere in western England" as military fighters and will shortly come to grips with the German air force. Everyone of these prospective fighter pilots, all of whom are under thirty years of age, express eagerness for that day to come when they will be flying Spitfires and Hurricanes in defence of Britain. Some of them say they are there because they want to help defend the ideals for which they and Britain are fighting. Some say they thought the United States would be in this war sooner or later, and they want to be "in on the ground floor." Associated with the administration of the Eagle Squadron is Colonel Charles Sweeney, the man who formed the famous Lafayette Escadrille in the last war. He is now a group captain in the R.A.F.

When Mr. H. G. Wells the novelist arrived in New York on 3rd instant he was interviewed, and explained that it had been necessary for him to get Lord Halifax's permission to leave England and remarked that only a democracy would allow a citizen to criticize a government official so openly. Other Welsian remarks concerned his disapproval of United States participation in the actual war. "If you came in the war your party politics would interfere with the final settlement," he declared. He also said that "Jerry is getting near the end of his tether," and that it is "absolutely necessary" for Russia to participate in "any settlement of the war." In the British House of Commons, Earl Winterston, M.P. took exception to these remarks and asked whether writers like Mr. Wells are required to promise not to make "statements inimical to the national war effort" before they are given exit permits. Mr. Osbert Peake, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, replied that applicants for permits are required to promise to return home if told to do so by the British Ambassador. The regulation, however, was adopted after Mr. Wells was given his exit permit.

Over 100 candidates, including two governors, former governors and four members of the House of Representatives have been selected to run for the 35 seats in the United States Senate to be filled in the elections November 5. There will be Senate elections in 34 states. Vermont is to pick two senators this year, one for a short unexpired term. Mr. Ralph O. Brewster, a Republican, was elected in Maine on September 9, making 36 senators in all being elected for terms beginning in January. The Senate has 96 members who serve six-year terms. One-third of the Senate, or 32 members, comes up for re-election each two years. The additional four seats at stake this year represent vacancies that occurred since the 1938 elections, vacancies that were filled by appointments pending the election. It is virtually impossible for the Democrats to lose control of the Senate, as 44 of their members do not have to contest their seats this year, and two others are not opposed by the Republican Party. A majority is 49. While the Republicans cannot hope to get control of the Upper House, they are concentrating upon increasing their present standing of 23—of whom 15 do not have to run this year—and upon defeating certain key Democrats.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Possibly, the Humane Society should act. Are these dogs used to chase Nazi prisoners in Ontario getting enough rest? — Toronto Telegram.

For a weird sense of humor, it would be hard to exceed that of those Montreal aldermen who wait for John Basset, publisher of the Gazette, interned in connection with the Houde episode. — Hamilton Spectator.

Italy, like Germany, is being made to feel that there will always be a Royal Air Force. Germany bombs the British coast, but even yet, for every raid on Britain, there is a Royal Air Force hit of some vital military objectives in Germany—and is adding Italy to its calling list. — Edmonton Journal.

Pretty soft for Camillien Houde to remain mayor of Montreal although he is in an internment camp. The catch to it is, however, that his salary of \$10,000 a year, plus an allowance of \$2,000 for an automobile, is being paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property and the Mayor of Montreal. The Mayor at the end of the war if he wants it. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Proposals made by an English vicar that brides be required to prove at least an elementary knowledge of cockery before marriage are not as radical as they seem at first. The vicar is not suggesting each party has certain obligations. The man who undertakes the responsibility of marriage without the requisite skill or knowledge to make a wife is looking just as much of a duff as the groom who is to be prepared to uphold her end of the bargain. — Windsor Star.

Assuming that there may be no invasion of Britain, what turns the war into a stalemate? It would be the chief theatre of conflict? It is obvious that the Mediterranean and Africa would be the principal scenes of operations. The Mediterranean is a vital element of the struggle between the rival forces in that area. It is vital, certain to be intensified. — Montreal Independent.

De Gaulle's personal emissary, Captain Henri de Kerillis, came to Canada early in July, and French airmen are being trained to help him. They have been bailed through their inability to obtain the necessary charter. Why? Why the Canadian Government? So the war is disposed of, the cause of de Gaulle and his free Frenchmen than is the Government of Britain which very recently took a great risk in demonstrating its willingness to co-operate. — Montreal Gazette.

Looking out of a window of their bungalow in a South-East London suburb on a morning of last week Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, a young married couple, saw a man in a dark uniform limping across the road. He was a German officer. "I am a German officer. I have had the misfortune to be brought down by my comrades, dead or wounded. I am thirsty and I have had no food for several days. Will you give me a drink and let me rest for a few minutes?" he pleaded. The couple gave him a drink and he expressed gratitude for their hospitality, played with a toy aeroplane belonging to their young son, and laughed heartily when shown a cartoon of Hitler. When the Whitmores took him away in their car to hand him over to the police he shook hands all round. — Manchester Guardian.

At a minimum of expense a short-wave station is being constructed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at St. John's, Quebec, and its transmitting range will include the United States, Mexico, the West Indies, and South America. This is a beginning at least, which the country will welcome. It is high time that Canada went on the air and let her voice be heard in other countries. Just now the air is filled with interference in our relations with the United States and, for trade reasons, with the West Indies and South America. It is announced that speeches by our cabinet members and programmes and current news will be broadcast. — Winnipeg Free Press.

In London yesterday the British Jockey Club gave out the following: "Following consultations with His Majesty's Government, the stewards of the Jockey Club are arranging to publish a list of names for a meeting to start Saturday, September 14. What can Hitler, or anybody else, do with a people like this? They are a lot of cunning, crafty, and treacherous fellows. They are lying over their country by night and day, and there's talk of invasion and threats by the Nazis of a secret weapon to blow all Britain to smithereens. In the face of everything, desperate danger and undoubtedly grave loss, the English are preparing for horse races. The British way has been their way ever since they finished his game of bowls before going out to meet the Spanish Armada. They have been criticized for their 'flannelled' boots, but anything they managed to finish anything they start. Perhaps people who play games and love games get that way at heart. — Ottawa Journal.

We must increase our aid to China so that the Chinese will be able to make an even more effective resistance to the Japanese attack. If need be, Congress should appropriate additional funds to the Export-Import Bank so that this fund can extend new loans to the Chinese people. The Chinese people must be encouraged to take immediate steps to break off all trade relations with Japan. Not one more penny of goods of any kind should sail from our shores for use by the Japanese. Japan must be deprived of the means to obtain weapons with which to destroy. There was a time when it became apparent that our civilization in these United States could not survive half-slave and half-free. That time has come. We must act, firmly, freely and promptly for freedom lest it be too late. — New York Post.

Marcel Deat, a French Rightist leader, in a newspaper article stating that "It is the evident and certain interest in France that England should be rapidly as possible for France's inability to import wheat and other needed supplies and hints that the German occupation may be necessary. 'Increasingly' if the blockade should be broken, so M. Deat tries again from another angle. — Owen Sound Sun.

Aerodrome Construction

Commonwealth Air Training Plan
By J. A. WILSON, M.E.I.C.
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WATER SUPPLY

Competent technical advice has been secured and thorough investigation made into the requirements for a clean, adequate and adequate water supply for each aerodrome. The general type of aerodrome, the elementary calling for 8,000, the observers 12,000, the service flying training and air navigation 40,000 and the bombing and gunnery 45,000 gallons.

Among the municipalities which have co-operated in this manner are Brantford and Picton in Ontario; Brantford, Dauphin and Portage in Manitoba; Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Yorkton in Saskatchewan; and Clarendon, McLeod and Medicine Hat in Alberta.

So there you have it; if one of our khaki-clad lads who lives some distance from his depot gets fourteen days leave and has not the money to purchase transportation to his home, he must either borrow or beg the necessary cash, or spend his furlough at some place nearer to his barracks. If some provision for transportation were necessary before, how much more important the matter becomes now that the possibility of a ride by some friendly motorist is ruled out by regulation.

We recommend this matter to the earnest and sympathetic consideration of government officials at Ottawa.

He Served Canada

(Globe and Mail)
The German aerial assailants of London have numbered among their latest victims, in Mr. William Lloyd George, a prominent British industrialist, who once performed valuable services for Canada and whose name will be familiar to many of the older Canadians of industry.

"Watered Stock"

Behind the term "watered stock" is an interesting story. The Wall Street operators of great-great-grandfather's day were more crooked than they are now—much more, I should say—and the "Great Bear" of them all was Daniel Drew. "Uncle Dan," you remember, mismanaged the Erie Railroad about 70 years ago in partnership with Jay Gould and Jim Fiske. Drew was so unscrupulous that even the

and New College, Oxford, he fought in the South African War and at its close served under Lord Milner as Treasurer of the Transvaal. Returning to Britain, he was appointed, at the age of 36, chairman and managing director of Cammell, Laird and Co., one of the largest shipbuilding and armament firms in Britain, and he was counted one of the most enlightened industrial leaders in Britain. He also held a number of other important directorate and served on various Royal Commissions. Lionel Hitchens as he was always called, was a very useful citizen of his country, and his services to Canada in the last war merit a tribute to his memory.

The Poet's Corner

A BALLAD TO QUEEN ELIZABETH
King Philip had vaunted his claims;
He had sworn for a year he would sack us;
With an array of heathenish names
He was coming to sack us and stack us;
Like the thieves of the sea he would track us
And snapper our ships on the main;
But we had our Neptune to back us,
And woe are the galleons of Spain?
His caravels were christened of
To the names whereof he would tack us;
With his sails and his gilded
He had, though, use an egg-shell to crack us;
Now how can we get to his
Eniacus,
And how can his Devon again,
And how can his Devon again,
And how can his Devon again,
For where are the galleons of Spain?
Let his Majesty hang to St. James
The axe that he whetted to hack us;
He must play at some lustier games
Here at sea he can hope to out-track us;
To his name of Peru he would pack us;
To tug at his bullet and chain;
Alas that his Greatness should lack us!
But where are the galleons of Spain?
Gloriana!—the Don may attack us
Whenever his stomach be fain;
He must reach us before he can track us,
And where are the galleons of Spain?
—Austin Dobson.

Problem Of Labor?

(Oshawa Times)
Attracted by reported high wages in local industrial plants, over 100 young men from the agricultural districts within a radius of 15 miles of Oshawa, have flocked into the city looking for jobs since the harvesting season is over.

However, right now there is a keen demand for apple pickers in the Durham County apple section and while these former harvest workers have been offered jobs at apple picking, they refuse to handle apples and say they would sooner handle a monkey wrench, a hammer and chisel, an electric drill or a blow torch.

The labor situation is unique in this sense, that while young men come here from the country looking for jobs in industrial plants there are plenty of odd jobs they could do at home. In fact, from reliable information, it is learned that a number of young men who have their backs to the city are looking for jobs in the city. It's the same old story of "far off fields are green."

What Now?

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal)
A few days ago editorial reference was made in this newspaper to the fact that soldiers in the Canadian Active Service Force stationed in this and other garrisons were, on many occasions, forced to return to their homes in order to get home to spend a few days with their families during their periodical furloughs, and it was suggested that, in cases of this kind, they be furnished with railway transportation to their homes and back again. The adoption of such a plan would hardly do more than fill some of the empty seats in the trains which arrive at and depart daily from our stations.

Now, even the open road is barred to them, at least so far as the soldiers in this district are concerned. The other day this paragraph appeared in No. 7 Military District Orders:

The practice of "hitch-hiking" is increasing among the troops quartered in this district. Commanding officers of all units are to take the necessary action to ensure that this practice cease forthwith. Severe disciplinary action is to be taken in all cases where this regulation is disobeyed.

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Advertisement for Hyndman & Co. Limited, The Oldest Insurance Agency in P. E. Island. Lists changes in organization effective as from October 1st, 1940.

Advertisement for Phonograph Returning, (St. Thomas-Times Journal) discussing the return of records from the United States.

Advertisement for Macs Hair Restorer, a delicately perfumed preparation which restores gray hair to its original color.

Advertisement for O Canada, (J. B. in Vancouver Province) discussing the battle of the versions still goes on; wherever they sing "O Canada".

Advertisement for "TIRED" ALL THE TIME, featuring a portrait of a man and text about fatigue and health.

Advertisement for Dodd's Kidney Pills, featuring a portrait of a man and text about kidney health.

Advertisement for Hickey's Black Twist, featuring a portrait of a man and text about the product.