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

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Prairie Wheat Crop

Good news for a hungry world is the magnificent wheat crop anticipated this year in the Prairie Provinces. The Winnipeg Free Press estimates it at 441,100,000 bushels, and the production of all grains—wheat, oats, barley, flax and rye—at over 900,000,000.

While it is impossible to calculate just what the 1946 harvest will mean to western farmers in dollars and cents, it is almost bound to set a new record for monetary value, and will be of tremendous economic importance to the whole country.

The Free Press places the Manitoba wheat crop at 63,000,000 bushels, with an average yield of 22.2 bushels per acre. What is remarkable is the fact that this is the eighth successive year that the province has had a crop above its long-term average for wheat, 16 bushels per acre.

Providence of course had most to do with the improvement. But man, in his humble way, has been helping himself. Through the development of varieties of wheat resistant to the scourge of stem rust, which used to afflict Manitoba in the past, he has undoubtedly saved millions of bushels of wheat annually.

Agricultural Scholarships

Twenty scholarships, each valued at \$800, awarded to Canadian scientists for advanced training in the field of agriculture, have been announced by the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Fourteen of the winners will do advanced training at various institutions in the United States where special facilities exist for particular types of post-graduate work.

In announcing these awards, Mr. C. Gordon O'Brien, general secretary of the Agricultural Institute at Ottawa, states that it is anticipated an equal number will be allocated next year.

Farm Wage Rates

Wage rates paid for farm help in Canada averaged higher at May 15 this year than on the corresponding date of 1945, according to returns received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from farm correspondents in all provinces of the Dominion.

For all Canada the average rates were \$3.25 per day and \$71.36 per month with board as compared with \$3.04 and \$66.88 in 1944, and \$4.15 per day and \$96.27 per month without board as against \$3.89 and \$90.60.

Average rates per month with board by provinces, with rates for corresponding date of 1945 in brackets, were: British Columbia, \$79.60 (\$70.15); Alberta, \$76.16 (\$74.76); Saskatchewan, \$77.24 (\$75.92); Manitoba, \$68.75 (\$70.01); Ontario, \$64.80 (\$59.88); Quebec,

\$68.94 (\$59.68); New Brunswick, \$76.98 (\$75.32); Nova Scotia, \$70.39 (\$64.07); Prince Edward Island, \$55.76 (\$50.19).

EDITORIAL NOTES

His Excellency Field Marshal Sir Harold Rupert Leofric George, 1st Viscount Alexander, of Tunis, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C. and Viscountess Alexander will be here Saturday and traverse the Island to see and be seen. Let us put our best foot forward.

The Salvation Army Campaign workers are to be congratulated upon the excellent showing they made in the city collections. It is evidence of their enthusiasm and the popularity of the organization for which they were seeking aid.

Hon. Victoria Bruce, daughter of the 6th Baron Balfour of Burreigh and sister of the present Lord Balfour, has been appointed governor of Duke Street Prison, Glasgow.

The Scottish National Party, small in numbers but vociferous in demands for home rule, has voted to petition the United Nations for self government for Scotland.

Something important brewing in London. British military attaches in South America, and it is reported the British military attaches in all parts of the world, have suddenly been ordered to proceed to London by air for a conference.

It must be borne in mind that Mr. Truman ousted Mr. Wallace from the vice-presidency of the United States, otherwise he would have been President today.

The surprise of the 2d Prince by-election was not the return of the Liberal candidate, which seemed a forgone conclusion, but the heavy poll registered. It was a property vote, and as a rule property voters are hereditary party men.

Charles Poulett Thomson, First Baron Sydenham, Governor-General of Canada, 1839-41, died this date 1841. Was sent to Canada to carry into effect Lord Durham's recommendations with regard to the union of the two Canadas.

Bulgaria in the matter of the choice of government has gone from one extreme to another. In 1934 a group of military men and politicians, assisted by the army executed a coup d'etat which overthrew the Democratic government and chose a Non-Party administration which favoured the monarchy, with Boris III as king, and a dictatorship was established.

A lucky Canadian bride. If the Malayan Government is successful in its attempts to acquire the palace of the Sultan of Johore for the residence of the Union's new governor-general, Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, the former High Commissioner to Canada, a beautiful young Canadian widow who is the mother of two children and who has spent most of her 30 years among the prim, lawn-flanked streets and grey-faced buildings of Ottawa, may become mistress of a mysterious yet luxurious building that is flanked on one side by the lush, primitive Malayan jungle and on the other hand by a sun-drenched beach of the blue South China Sea.

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Notes By The Way

The postwar automobile, according to a contemporary magazine, resembles the features of a woman of which it is its invariable. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

A story from Chicago says a husband's practical jokes brought an end to a marriage there. It is also the beginning of many marriages. — Windsor Star.

Red soldiers who have discovered that living standards are higher away from home must be "reindoctrinated" before returning to Russia. The first question being: "How are you convinced that you didn't see what you saw?" — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A long strike is almost always a losing strike for both parties, but this principle applies, even to managements. They who fail to settle the steel strike is bad news, very bad news, for labor. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

With the new superionic door opener, motorists won't have to get out of the garage door; they'll just whistle. The inventor, West, predicts a superionic whistle, operated from the dashboard, is picked up by microphone above the door, magnifying its sound to actuate a door-lifting motor.

If we are firm if we are clear-headed, if we show that we know and understand what we are about both in Europe and in the Pacific, we have no intention of being through with the Russians. They will be forced to alter their technique. They may not be forced to abandon their ultimate objectives. The quasi-religion which is Communism will not permit them to do that. But they may at least decide that the time is ripe for them to push us too far. — Baltimore Sun.

Because a Presbyterian has died, the 19 bells of New York's Catholic Cathedral are silent. Mr. Maxwell Toulmin, the Presbyterian, had rung the bells of St. Patrick's for 44 years. He learned his art from his father, who for 35 years was bell-ringer at New York's Protestant Episcopal Cathedral.

The warning by medical authorities that unnecessary worry over false symptoms of heart ailments is causing many persons to develop nervous troubles is one that should be considered well by anyone who has not consulted a physician but who is suffering from a nervous ailment. It is also pointed out that even organic complaints may follow each worry. It all points back to the fact that the most serious trouble follow when one believes that he has a illness, is that something is wrong, is to consult a doctor.

The paralyzing traffic snarls, our unsatisfactory public schools, our overcrowded, dirty subways—such are the ills of London. A small fraction in burst of furious local flag-waving. They will have to be faced and answered. We are big and are not to be intimidated. The situation pays for growth, old and large. The law of diminishing returns has set in on our size and the law of diminishing utility of body combats a disease of old age. — The New York Post.

The strike has been a useful instrument in enabling the workers to negotiate with their employers on equal terms. But today the fact that the average manliness and has become a crime against the nation. Some better way of adjusting the relations between the workers and the employers is needed. The Law must be made the same as that of any other citizen; subject to the same responsibilities and the same penalties. At present his position is entirely irresponsible, being above and independent of the Law. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

The mothers of about 230 Creston, B. C. school children have organized a strike to keep their children away from school until the road over which the children must travel is repaired. One part of the road they say, is quite narrow and slopes off to a steep drop. Public opinion is in favor of these youngsters not being exposed to such a hazard. But it seems a pity, since the mothers should have chosen organized defiance as the weapon in their endeavor to have their children's rights restored to them—whether parents, teacher, or the law—is something most boys and some girls experience at one stage of their growth, and the way they meet that crisis depends largely on the kind of home and other adult influence surrounding their lives. — Calgary Alberta.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of any subject of general interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

WAR VETERANS QUOTA

Mr.—Please allow me space to enlighten the public on how "Vets" are treated in some lines of business, especially in the grocery business of which the undersigned "Vet" has had a great deal of experience.

As you know there are shortages of certain commodities, particularly in shortening. When this "Vet" asks for shortening and lard from the local wholesalers they tell him he had no quota in 1941. This "Vet" wrote to the administrator of the Ration Board, Ottawa, Ont., to place his quota with the local wholesaler and the reply is: "Owing to shortages of fats and oils we are unable to place your quota with your local wholesaler for new beginners."

During the war this "Vet" felt he fought for a just cause, but sorry to say not so on the home front. I am Sir, etc.

Priceless Rewards For Free Farmers

(John Atkins of Shinawak Farm.)

The free farm folk of Canada, free from debt, free from supervision, free from drudgery, free from the care of the soil, are the people who can be satisfied with little or no return from their farm because they are not depending on it for their livelihood.

There are only a few free farm people in Canada. A small fraction of Canada's farms have sufficient help to make possible a reasonable 60-hour work week. Farmers who keep livestock, with few exceptions, must work from 72 to 84 hours a week, with no holidays.

The free farmer and his wife, who enjoy good health, and have sufficient time to meet a neighbor, to do a little work for their pleasure, and to enjoy the fruits of their environment, are the free farmers of Canada.

Their's is a solid satisfaction in their working partnership with Providence. An instinctive serenity and their faithful trustfulness. Confidence in the eternal rightness grows through their striving to find and further the good of the whole.

Romance In Names

Western Canadians are, generally speaking, delinquents in appreciation of Western Canada's history. It is only when cursorily glancing down the list of Manitoba's place names and their origins. While many are of the early French origin, there is a generous sprinkling of names of explorers and missionaries, names of local postmen, names of soldiers, names of contractors, adopted foreign place-names, Hudson's Bay Governor names and factors, poets, authors and descriptions of local natural features or of past events.

How many Winnipeggers ever meditate on the origin of Fort Rouge and that it was named after a post built by D'Amour de Louviers in October 1738 on the north bank of the Assiniboine at its junction with the Red River. The Louviers was in charge of Fort Maurepas at the mouth of "La Riviere Rouge" and was instructed by La Verendrye to build the Fort Rouge post. This post was not important, so the bulletin goes on to relate, but merely a halfway house between Fort Maurepas and Fort LaReine near Fort Assiniboine.

Not only is our Canadian history a mere recounting of the exploits of the intrepid explorers and pioneers, but there is melody



ON THESE STRANGE NIGHTS

The nights are strange this autumn—No flashes in the sky. No yellow sprays of sudden light. Or billowing orange bouquies; No sounds of fire. No savage men to kill. Or strange death to fear; No war, no goal. No great hope, no glorious promise, Or peace to seek.

No One Knows Cost of Farm Products

A few Canadian farmers know what it costs them in total to produce meats, eggs, milk, grains and vegetables but no one knows what it costs the average farmer to raise each of the products he sells.

The following history of farm earnings is taken from a pamphlet published by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in 1941.

"People living on farms drawing their support from agriculture comprise just about one-third of the population of Canada. Their share of the National Income of Canada for the years 1926 to 1929 averaged just one-sixth of the total and the average total income per farm for the period was \$1,007.00 per year.

"In the eleven years, 1930 to 1940 the average income per farm family dropped to \$468 per year and the farmer's share of the National Income dropped to 9.8 per cent. In the same period the average total income per farm family dropped to \$329 per year. In other words the average total farm family income dropped by 68 per cent and

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QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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"If we compare these figures with those for manufacturing industry we find that the average annual wages per worker for the years 1926 to 1929 were \$1,017 a year for the succeeding nine years to 1937 they averaged \$902, a drop of 12 per cent as contrasted with the 38 per cent in the case of the farmer. In the same period the average salaries paid in industry were \$1,894 and \$1,274 respectively, a drop of only 10 per cent. No one has envied the position of the worker in industry during the past decade with his short time and low income but in comparison the position of the farmer is desperate.

"According to the figures of the last census the average investment in a Canadian farm was \$7,000 in round figures. In spite of this fact the average income for the good years 1926-29 was slightly less than the average wages of a worker in industry with no personal investment whatsoever. And the drop in the income of the farmer was four or five times the drop in the income of the worker in industry.

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