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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

A "Victory" Loan

The people of Canada have been told that in a few weeks' time another Victory Loan will be issued, the objective being, it is hinted, larger than that of any of its predecessors.

The next loan promises to be truly a "Victory" Loan, and should be subscribed to in a spirit of enthusiasm and gratitude.

A December Election?

From Regina comes the suggestion that a Dominion general election is very probably just around the corner after the harvest is in.

This, comments the Vancouver Province, is a hint strong enough to engage the earnest attention of all the other organizers of all the other parties everywhere in Canada.

Meanwhile at Ottawa, with the shutters drawn on the House and the members all gone home to mind their political fences, the resident observers report no observable signs that the event is imminent.

"In fact," says the Vancouver paper, "Mr. King still maintains his formula for fixing the date of the election and it continues to be as confusing as anything that the subtle mind of Mr. King has ever devised."

"So here we have the progress of the war and we have the constitutional imperative and we have the subtle mind of Mr. King, Veteran observers of Ottawa, outflanked by the calendar and out in a pocket of months, are suddenly reminded of a precedent out of history.

Health Services in Canada

Before Parliament adjourned, a report was submitted which received less wide publicity than its importance merited. It was from the Canadian Medical Procurement and Assignment Board, and it dealt in great detail with health services in Canada.

The Board was established in July, 1942, its primary function being to secure physicians for the armed forces and at the same time to endeavor to preserve adequate medical services for the civilian population.

In March, 1943, Canada's medical population totalled 12,235. Of this number, 3,000 were in the Armed Forces. Of the remaining 9,235 physicians, 8,014 were active while 615 were living in retirement.

On an average, 3 per cent of the population is disabled on account of sickness each day during the year. This means that on any day over 350,000 persons are unable, by reason of illness, to pursue their usual occupations.

The report recommends that "freezing" and moving of doctors for the war be controlled by the Canadian Medical Procurement and Assignment Board, and that the Board be given "the same powers with respect to the disposal of medical personnel as National Selective Service has for the disposal of other personnel."

Further suggests that each province be requested to grant interim licenses to practice to military doctors serving in that province, who may be called upon to render service to civilians, and that medical officers of the Armed Forces be encouraged and permitted to assist civilian medical practitioners whenever and wherever possible consistent with their military duties.

In pre-war years the nine medical schools of Canada graduated an average of 491 students annually. In spite of a decline of 18.5 per cent in the number of full-time instructors, the schools have accelerated their curriculum, and are now turning out approximately 540 graduates every eight months.

Canada now possesses 1,220 hospitals with 119,019 beds and cots, and 6,766 bassinets. The percentage of the population treated in hospitals in 1940 varied from 7.2 per cent in Prince Edward Island to 12.9 per cent in British Columbia.

The report puts the number of nurses in Canada at 52,483, and indicates a waiting list for the armed forces of 3,741. 52 per cent of the total registrants are engaged in employment other than nursing, 25,298 being housewives.

The report deals with the shortage both of nurses and of hospital personnel, as well as with the dental manpower available, which for civilian services has been reduced by 2.14 per cent since 1939.

EDITORIAL NOTES

City schools re-open today.

Eastern time would suit us here all right for schools and business, provided the banks and railways fall into line.

The City Council must decide on the question of coal weighing on its merits, and not be deterred from their duty by threats.

The Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association announces that the heifer Chestermere Ruth, owned by J. A. Hodgson of Freest Lavn, Alta., has established a Canadian Ayrshire production record of 16,719 pounds of milk, 753 pounds butter-fat, with an average test of 4.38 per cent.

Another slashing reduction in the manufacture of aluminum metal, this time about 25 per cent of current output, has been ordered by the War Production Board because there are "ample supplies of aluminum ingot on hand for both military and essential civilian production."

Juvenile delinquency statistics, for London only, do not support the assertions of a rapid and alarming increase. In fact, tables show that all arrests for specified juvenile crimes were exactly the same in 1943 as in 1938.

Auguste Comte, French philosopher, died this date 1857; he became imbued with great admiration for the Catholic Church, and wanted to adopt the methods and principles of the medieval Church to new social conditions.

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During the war, says the current issue of "Fortune", production of livestock, especially of hogs, and livestock products has expanded enormously. Marketing of hogs—they are almost entirely long, lean-sided Yorkshires—has increased from 3,700,000 head in 1939 to 7,150,000 in 1943.

Many people never seem to get a good night's rest. They turn and toss—they awake and cough. Often they blame it on "nerves" when it may be their kidneys. Healthy kidneys filter poisons from the blood. If they are faulty and fail, poisons stay in the system and sleeplessness, headache, backache, nervousness, if you don't sleep well, try Dodd's Kidney Pills—half a century's favorite remedy.

Notes By The Way

A New Zealander playing the bagpipes on a Canadian station in London is being hailed as an Ambassador, surely Allied Unity—Stratford Beacon—Heard.

Viscount Hoare, British ambassador at Madrid, said: "The danger of the aftermath will not be a lack of capitalism or communism but nihilism." This word "nihilism" in its Latin roots, means "nothingness."

It has become a commonplace to say that civilians as well as soldiers are being bombed.

Stratford Beacon-Herald gives space to a discussion on "What Farmers Want Most." The preference, we believe, is for a hired man—Ottawa.

Mr. Gandhi's recent pronouncements show that he is endeavouring to follow simultaneously two paths: that of non-violence and that of non-cooperation.

Statistics showing the use of snuff in Canada are interesting. The snuff is made chiefly from the central stem of the tobacco leaf and is ground into fine powder and flavoured with various essences.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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TRANSPORTATION

Sir—The question of transportation for and from this Province has not been the subject of agitation during the past few months, at least not outwardly.

It is true that our seasonal reduced export of produce, etc., has been taken care of by existing rail and boat facilities. It is only at a time of crisis or emergency, when a complete tie-up occurs, that we union, as if it were a natural art or last winter we went through a terrible experience, mental chiefly, as it fortunately turned out to be.

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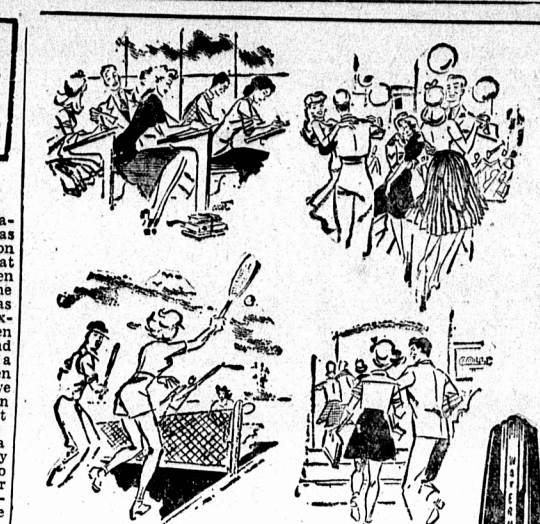
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