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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the weakest Ink."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1942

Important Demonstration

Everyone nowadays is interested in getting the very best value for meat and other food purchases. Education along this line is one of the objectives of the demonstration which is being held in the Prince Edward Theatre next Friday afternoon under auspices of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. William Dennison, Chicago beef expert, will demonstrate the proper handling and cutting of beef and lamb carcasses, while Miss Laura Pepper, chief of the Consumer Service, Ottawa, will deal with the work of her branch in relation to wartime conditions.

It should not be necessary to emphasize the great practical value of such demonstrations, not only to consumers but to retailers and producers as well. The promoters are anxious to see a large attendance from both city and country, and there is no reason why their hopes should be disappointed.

Women As War Workers

The need for the women as war workers is steadily growing. Many married women have gone into this employment, but it is desirable that single women with their lesser responsibilities be taken first. It is for this reason that the national registration of women is to be held, beginning on Sept. 14 with those from 20 to 24 years of age. Other age groups will be registered later. The registration is compulsory, but women will not be compelled to take jobs. The object is to direct women to employment in which they can render national service.

There are about 1,200,000 Canadian women now in gainful employment of all kinds, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. They are mostly single women. An investigation made a year ago suggested that not more than 68,000 married women were wage earners. There are thus far more married than single women who could be drawn upon if necessary, for war work. Whether, and how long, the employment of women will remain voluntary, and whether married women also will be taken into employment, will depend on the length of the war and the strains upon the manpower of the country. For the present, women in the more industrialized parts of the country will be needed for war industries and other employment more than the women in other parts. But an advantage in the employment of single women is that they can move easily from one part of the country to another, and the housing problem also will not be so difficult.

Ministers' Cars

The Financial Post reminds Canadian taxpayers that its "your money" that continues a \$2,000 car allowance to Ministers of the Crown even though gasoline rationing precludes the use of an automobile to anything like this amount. Commenting on this matter in the last day of Parliament, H. R. Jackman, M. P., pointed out that a \$2,000 car allowance if prorated on a mileage basis of 7 1/2 cents a mile, which he described as the common commercial figure for automobile expenses, would represent a total of 26,666 miles. Said Mr. Jackman: "Against this 26,666 miles is the fact that we have now gasoline rationing and the ordinary person is not allowed to drive more than 4,000 or 5,000 miles."

The \$2,000 car allowance is tax free.

War Production Pitfalls

Two pitfalls continue to face those authorities charged with the war production of the United Nations. On the one hand is the danger of tying up too much present capacity in long range production which may never be a factor in the war. On the other is the temptation to brush aside all new developments, on the grounds that they will be too late. A sane balance must be maintained between these two extremes.

Two years ago after Dunkirk and Norway, says the Financial Post, our major weakness in the matter of war equipment was "too little and too late." Now with the arsenals of the United States and Canada added to the greatly boosted output of Great Britain, there should no longer be any worry about "too late" but there still remains the risk of both "too late" and "not good enough." It certainly was not lack of equipment that was responsible for the sudden turn of fortunes in Libya but inferior quality of the equipment supplied to our forces.

A year previous the tanks, guns and planes that the Allies used in that disastrous battle would have been sufficient to overwhelm the enemy. By this spring, however, many of our weapons had become obsolete.

The United Nations cannot afford a repetition of Libya. The next reverse might easily prove fatal. At frequent intervals Donald Nelson, U. S. czar of war production, is said to ask himself "What can we do today which in a year's time we should be sorry not to have done?" This is a question which those charged with weapon design in Canada and Great Britain

might also ask themselves. In the past there has been too much concentration on building weapons equal to those the Germans have used against us, ignoring the fact that these are current models in full production and already much more powerful ones are being designed to replace them. By the time that our factories are ready to turn out in volume, tanks and guns of equal quality, Nazi production lines are turning out something still better. If the United Nations are to beat Hitler without an appalling cost in blood and treasure, they must build weapons not just equal to his but more and harder ones.

- EDITORIAL NOTES -

Hitler invaded Poland this date 1939, thereby involving a world war, in which Britain and France took up the challenge in defence of the weaker nations.

Jaques Cartier, French navigator, the "Columbus" of Canada, died this date 1557; made three voyages to this continent and discovered the St. Lawrence.

Nothing succeeds like persistency in matters political and economic; hence the prospect of a dehydrating plant in Charlottetown to dispose of our surplus potatoes, provided the Federal Government finds the market.

Lieut. Doug. Saunders, son of Mrs. E. G. Saunders, Orlebar St., who distinguished himself at Dieppe, though a mere youth has seen considerable service in the Navy. He was one of those specially selected after the outbreak of the war for cadet training with the Royal Navy, and has been on active duty in the North Sea, Baltic and elsewhere.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has issued an order requiring beef retailers to fulfill their contracts with the armed forces before selling any beef to the civilian population. The order issued recently was brought into force as certain retailers had reported inability to fulfill contracts to the armed forces because they had sold the meat on the civilian market. The move will not necessarily curtail civilian beef supplies but it will ensure supplies needed in the armed services.

Postmaster General Mulock announces that members of the armed forces in the United Kingdom now may use airgraph service for sending messages to relatives and friends in Canada. Previously, the time-saving facility has been available only for messages moving from Canada to the United Kingdom. The messages being sent to Canada are available for the use of members of the Canadian, British and Allied armed forces in the United Kingdom at a fee of three pence (approximately six cents) a message.

Is it possible in these busy war days that civil servants have any spare time they could profitably utilize? For the first time since 1931, it is announced, civil servants will be able to take "outside" jobs in their leisure under a new order-in-council suspending previous regulations for the duration. The suspension order, passed on recommendation of the Treasury Board set out that the deputy head of each department be empowered to authorize employees to engage in gainful occupations outside their regular hours of employment. Limitation on part-time work of civil servants during their spare time was first imposed 11 years ago as a depression measure.

Parents and wives of soldiers reported missing as a result of the Battle of Dieppe will continue to receive assigned pay and dependents' allowances for from three to six months, under the standard practice of the Dependents' Allowances Board. If it is established that a man is killed the case is at once transferred to the Pensions Commission and whatever pension is in order is paid. A soldier, however, is not presumed dead until he has been missing for six months. An adjustment is made in the pension to take care of any additional amount which might be due as a result of dating the pension back to the time of death.

Here is something in which the airman here are interested. It appears an R. A. F. pilot may shave the edge of the spire of a church, but must be careful how he shaves the hair on his lip. One station commander has had his young officers on the carpet and ordered them either to grow full moustaches or to shave clean. The "Chaplin" is barred and the "Ronald Colman" is an equal threat to the war effort. The wise men at the Air Ministry in London reported that King's Regulations lay it down that "when moustaches are worn the whole of the upper lip must remain unshaven." Current reaction in the R. A. F. in England is a crop of "Budennys," otherwise known as bartender or handlebar whiskers.

The Mackenzie King Government is at last moving in the direction of domestic economy, after a two years bombardment by the Press and Parliament alike. The appointment of Col. John Thompson, former chairman of the Canadian Pensions Commission and former Dominion Franchise Commissioner, as Director of Government Office Economies Control, is a good one, or would be if Col. Thompson's authority were greater. But (says the Montreal Gazette) Colonel Thompson has over him — of all people — the Minister of National War Services, Hon. J. T. Thorson, whose views are narrow and whose acts are weak. And over Mr. Thorson, as final arbiter, stands the Treasury Board as a court of appeal to which deputy heads may bring their complaints. Colonel Thompson is to have associated with him an advisory committee of civil servants, presumably officials of the departments whose expenditures are involved and who will therefore experience considerable difficulty in advising impartially. Further, the Director of Government Office Economies Control does not appear to have any right of independent action. He may require economies, but on the order of the War Services Minister. Recommendations by the advisory committee are to go to this Minister and a bottleneck seems possible if not probable.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is no evidence in dispatches from Russia that the German air force is being used to anything like the extent to which it contributed to other campaigns. Fighters and dive bombers are in use, but heavy bombers operate only in sporadic raids on Soviet centres. Are the bombers — of which Germany must still have thousands — being held in the Reich or in Occupied France to open an attempt to open a second front? Or are they being accumulated in preparation for a resumption of mass raids on Britain? We shall probably not have to wait long for an answer to this — Montreal Star.

Perhaps we are too ready to let the Germans fight the war incognito by referring to them by the meaningless word of "Nazis." We may be dupes of German propaganda in doing that. All the other nations are fighting under their own names, their true names. It is the German people who have wanted and planned the war upon us to rule the world. They cannot liberate themselves by declaring the Nazis did that. The German people have started this dreadful scourge upon peace-loving and Christian peoples of the world. The German people prepared and planned the war to subjugate the world or to destroy decency of civilization. It really is nonsense or stupidity to pass the blame on "Nazis" — Brandon Sun.

The things and techniques with which we are fighting this war are hardly likely to continue. Today all sorts of socialists and collectivist laws and edicts descend upon the citizenry. The war is a capitalist citadel like paratroops, capturing one after the other, but that doesn't at all mean that the citadels will remain captured. The individualist citadels are being surrounded, not because the war means adoption of a totalitarian technique thought necessary to win the war. When peace and victory come and the old ambitions and enterprise of individuals reassert themselves it is a fairly safe bet that most of our old-fashioned capitalist system of the British people through centuries will return to us — Ottawa Citizen.

Some one suggests giving Gandhi a kick in the pants. Can't be done. No pants. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Following official elimination of the sword as a part of dress uniform of the U. S. Army, writers on military wedding etiquette war brides some difficulty in deciding the correct way in which the bride should shoot the cake. — Edinboro Journal.

War production plants in Windsor working on vital contracts may obtain exemptions from darkening their factories during this evening's blackout. That, however, is just for practice. When the real thing comes, such plants must be the first ones to duck. — Windsor Star.

There is one question at this time. Has the whole duty of each one been done, to the limit of available resources? If the candid answer be "No," it must be turned to "Yes." Are we downhearted? No. A. e. we are shaken out of self-seeking complacency, purged of selfish pain, steadfast and kind. For the sake of the free. — London Sunday Express.

The current bulletin of the British Ministry of Information states that Britain has sent 3,000,000 pairs of boots to Russia since the Toronto Star. Over \$8,000,000 has been raised by Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund by means of which the British Red Cross has already sent to Russia 250,000 woollen garments and vast quantities of medical supplies. British cotton and woollen mills have been working overtime to produce the clothing needed for export to Russia.

For those who may feel resentful that all the Canadian salmon pack is going to Britain, we should like to suggest a few alternatives. One of them is that no Canadian is going to be undernourished or even slightly hungry merely because he will not in future be able to get canned salmon. Canada has food of a thousand kinds in such huge quantities that if we cannot get any particular item we can make up for it by eating as much as we want of something else. In Britain, such a thing is not possible. Undernourished, actually do go slightly hungry all the time. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Another example of how far we are from an all-out civilian understanding of what we are up against is cited by The Log, a weekly bulletin issued by the Foreign Trade Association of Southern California. It writes Chapin Hall in the Los Angeles Times. "Welders, ordered to cut out four stanchions (from the Normandie) found a pile of inflammable life preservers which they were not permitted to move, that being the function of another union. No members of the other union being available, the work proceeded without moving the life preservers, but a fire broke out and the Normandie was struck. We retained a social gain and lost the Normandie."

It is now a practical impossibility for any individual Canadian to become a millionaire. In former decades, the man with an income of \$50,000 a year was rated a millionaire, that representing a 5 per cent yield on \$1 million. Take his position today. His \$50,000 a year is deducted the forced savings which will be returned to him after the war are \$33,137. That leaves him \$16,863. Assume that his life insurance payments, cost of educating his family, cost of living, 3 1/2 per cent, is \$10,000. For this man whose income has been \$50,000 for some years, and who fulfills his many other responsibilities, this is a very modest rate of spend. That leaves him \$6,863 per year to save and invest. Assume that he is able to get a return of five per cent on his total savings and that he never has any losses. About three per cent of his income will be eaten up yearly in taxes. That leaves him two per cent net on his yearly earnings. How long will it take him to save \$1 million? The answer is 60.2 years. Since hardly any man will ever have just that good investment luck, since hardly anybody will continue, year after year, to have such an income or

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The editor of the Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

ENLISTED MEN'S TRAVELLING

Sir:—I note that the supplementary estimates passed at Ottawa Senators and members of Parliament going home for the Easter recess. This, no doubt, is in consideration of valuable service rendered to their country and we have not to fault to the Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

It is to be regretted that we cannot see why our men who are on active service, risking their lives every hour of the day and night to make our own Parliamentary session possible, cannot travel to their homes on furlough free of charge. Our men in England are now given four free travelling warrants a year but here they cannot even get one. It is to be regretted that we cannot see why our men who are on active service, risking their lives every hour of the day and night to make our own Parliamentary session possible, cannot travel to their homes on furlough free of charge.

This letter has been endorsed by the Welfare Committee of the Women's Auxiliaries and we would like to see the matter put before the authorities we may get fair play.

ETHEL M. BROWNE, (Mrs. R. E.) President, Navy Mothers' Club, Memorial Hall, Edmonton.

Courage Is Inherent In Canada's Soldiers

(Fred Williams, in the Globe and Mail)

General Andrew McNaughton, commander of the Canadian army in Britain, is reported to have once said that the Canadian soldier was as good as any soldier in the world.

What is the reason? Because the whole story of Canada and Canadians is one of fighting. The first settlers had to fight every day for their necessities of life; they learned to be self-dependent and courageous, like their cousins in the United States, who conquered the prairies and the rivers until they reached the Pacific coast.

With this constant fight against nature and humans, came a spirit of self-defense. Everywhere men were ready to protect their homes and their families and it was not long before a militia was organized and the story of Canada's fighting men began. Some of us in our pride in the accomplishments of our soldiers in Europe and South Africa have forgotten that the training which produced that heroism was the sequel of long years of self-defense.

What a test of Canadian courage the expedition was! Long days on stony Lake Superior, fighting nature every foot of the way through the bush and lakes and rivers of the Lake of the Woods country, the regions of the French voyageurs or Hudson's Bay men. The Dawson trail was there for their step was a fight against nature, black flies and mosquitoes, Colonel Garnet Wolsey, the commander of the expedition, was amazed at the skill of the Canadian militia in the woods.

Fifteen years later (1885), other Canadians fought nature along the shores of Lake Superior. Men from offices and shops in Toronto, only "amateur soldiers," braved the winter trail, travelling in an open box, sleeping over floating ice between the gaps of the then uncompleted C.P.R. and so on to the long marches over the prairies to Balford and Batoche, in boots good for Yonge Street, but wholly such savings, and since it is hardly likely that anyone will ever have a million-life of so many years, the probability of any man becoming a millionaire in this basis is so infinitesimal as to be practically negligible. These are only a few mathematical aspects of millionaires in 1942. They are very pertinent considerations for Canadians who believe our national life is enriched by institutions like hospitals, art homes, symphony orchestras, rest galleries.—Financial Post.

How Are Your Eyes?

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"We have got to find every possible way of making one hour's work do the work of two — of making one pound of vital material do what formerly took two pounds." Donald M. Nelson, Chairman, United States War Production Board.

Shrinking Dividends

Whatever may be the progress of wartime sacrifice in other sections of the economy, the corporation stockholder is certainly taking a stiff cut in income these days. The financial pages have lately carried the news of dividend reductions by Chrysler Corporation from \$1 to 76 cents, Eastman Kodak from \$1.50 to \$1.25 and Goodyear from \$1.50 to \$1.25. These were merely conspicuous examples of a general trend.

In the first seven months of this year the number of corporations to announce reductions or omissions of dividends reached the highest total for any comparable year since the depression period of 1938. A total of 378 companies either lowered or entirely eliminated payments to shareholders, contrasted with seventy-one which took similar action in the first seven months of last year. The aggregate of dividend payments last month for 407 companies increased their dividends, contrasted with 126 last year. According to Moody's records of 600 leading corporations, dividend payments last month were at an annual rate of \$145,270,000 below the level of a year ago. The average annual dividend date on industrial common stocks declined from \$2.09 at the end of last year to \$1.45 last month.

The explanation of this falling off of dividends is, of course, the increased corporation taxes. A compilation by the National City Bank of the statements of 290 companies for the first half of this year shows net income after taxes down 35 per cent from a year ago, despite a general increase in the volume of sales. Analysis of these companies which reported in detail disclosed that taxes absorbed 73 per cent of the net income before taxes this year, compared with 52 per cent in 1941 and 27 per cent in 1940. The proportion of corporation income being taken by federal taxes is now the highest on record. In contrast with the 73 per cent absorbed by these corporate taxes, shareholders absorbed only 23 per cent of the net income of all manufacturing corporations in 1917, 46 per cent in 1918 and 26 per cent in 1919.

The stockholder is being caught two ways by taxes. First corporation taxes cut his dividend, then increased income taxes take a bigger bite out of the reduced payments he receives. The "blatant

shareholder," that traditional ornament of the left-wing mythology, is being very thoroughly put through the wringer.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS

BATHURST, N. B., Aug. 31—(CP)—Heavy loss occurred here today when fire of unknown origin destroyed the large barns of a farm owned by the Gloucester Lumber and Trading Company. Lost property included more than 500 tons of hay, a heavy grain crop and a well-stocked silo.

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You can't go ALL-OUT

If you feel ALL-IN

These days most people are working harder, worrying more, sleeping less. This strain on body and brain makes physical fitness easier to lose—harder to regain. Today's tense living lowers resistance—increases body and mental fatigue. Overwork; hasty meals; irregular hours; worry—any of these may upset proper kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acid and poisons remain in the system. Then backache, headache, rheumatic pain, disturbed rest or that "tired-all-the-time" feeling may soon follow. To help keep your kidneys in good order—to help guard against physical let-down—use Dodd's Kidney Pills, for over half a century a favorite remedy for faulty kidneys. Ask for Dodd's Kidney Pills at any drug counter. Look for the blue box with the red band.

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BEEF AND POULTRY DEMONSTRATION

The attention of producers, wholesalers, meat dealers, and consumers is directed to an important educational demonstration on meats to be held in the PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE at 2 o'clock Friday Afternoon, September 4th, Mr. William Dennison of Chicago, an outstanding expert on Meats will be present and demonstrate beef and lamb quality, breaking down carcasses of beef and lamb into wholesale and retail cuts.

Proper methods of carving beef and poultry will also be given.

Miss Laura Pepper, Chief Consumer Service, Ottawa will also conduct demonstrations and deal with the work of her branch in relation to present day conditions.

A film entitled "Beef and Romance" will be shown.

All parties handling meats for sale, and every householder should attend, if at all possible, this important meeting.

The Prince Edward Theatre management has cancelled the afternoon matinee in order to assist in this worthy feature. Remember the date. Assist in a meat improvement policy by attending and taking part in the discussions.

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ATTENTION FOX BREEDERS

A fox educational meeting will be held at the Experimental Fox Ranch, Summerside at 1.30 o'clock on Friday, September 4th. Speakers will include George MacLeod, Fox Fieldman for New Brunswick, Sven Klintberg and Mr. G. K. Gunn of Summerside and others.

All new type fox specimens will be on display. This will probably be the only field day held this year. Fox men throughout the province are given a cordial invitation to attend.

Yours very truly, W. R. SHAW, Deputy Minister.

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