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Pigeonholed Indefinitely

Reference has been made in these columns to the report of the special committee on reconstruction and re-establishment of the House of Commons, which contains strong recommendations for the improvement of conditions in the Maritime Provinces. The committee urged the Government to give "serious consideration to certain proposed improvements in transportation facilities," first on the list being "improvements designed to make communications between Prince Edward Island and the mainland constant, reliable and adequate."

The McNaughton Mystery

General McNaughton, retired commander of the Canadian Army overseas, has returned home, and with his arrival there has issued renewed reason for clarification of the mystery attending relinquishment of his command. An exchange recalls the following statements on which the Canadian people were asked to rely for information.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Civic election today. Contests in Wards 1 and 4 for City Councillors, and in every Ward for Water Commissioners. The Salvage Brigade are once more in action, and will prove a timely aid to Spring cleaning.

Australia has one in eight of her population in the fighting services, compared with one in 20 in Canada (to the end of 1942), one in nine in Britain, one in 11 in Germany, one in 13 in the United States and one in 25 in Japan.

Disastrous fire seriously damaged the former French liner Normandie in New York Harbour this date, 1942; subsequently it was claimed to have been the work of saboteurs; the fire was got under control in four hours, but it took nearly two years to effect the necessary repairs.

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RECORD PRODUCTION The 1943 bread grain production of the British Empire was the highest of the war years.

Mr. McGeer's Retirement

The once renowned G. (Gerry) McGeer is through with Parliament. The member for Burford will not seek re-election, having something to do "besides waste time hanging around Ottawa."

There is constant discussion about the problem of full employment in the power era, but as least one hopeful contribution to its solution can be seen. The enterprising Missions at Moscow have announced that they expect each of the 16 constituent republics of the Soviet system to establish direct diplomatic relations with foreign countries. It is unthinkable that countries like Latvia and Lithuania, which have had their own diplomatic service, will not avail themselves of this privilege, and the rest will follow suit on the principle of keeping up with the Joneses. So we can visualize a large covey of Soviet Ministers scattering all over the world as soon as the war ends, and Ottawa will certainly have to welcome one batch of them.

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T. A. BUTLER.

To the Electors Of Ward 4

Having nominated for Councillor for your ward in the forthcoming Civic Election I sincerely solicit your support. Anything for the benefit of the City in general and Ward Four in particular will receive my complete attention.

T. B. ROGERS.

To the Electors of Ward 4

I have again nominated as a candidate for election to the City Council as one of the representatives of Ward 4. I have served on the Council for the past eight years, and if you believe I can be of any further service, I will appreciate your support.

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Down to the conquered countries

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