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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Important Objectives

The wide range of activities in which the Charlottetown Board of Trade has participated is indicated in the reports presented at the annual meeting last night.

Board members are still quite properly of opinion that efforts to secure a replacement ferry on the Borden-Tormentine route should be continued.

Meaning Which?

With all the lawyers, professors and newspaper men engaged in government activities one would expect the spate of orders-in-council issuing from Ottawa to be masterpieces of precise and choice English.

Obviously, the meaning of the order is not to authorize the Board to refrain from doing the things the responsible Minister directs it to do, as the phraseology implies—but just the reverse.

Front Line, 1940-41

The official story of the civilian defence of Britain during the months of sustained bombing attacks between September, 1940 and May, 1941, has been published by the British Ministry of Information.

According to this booklet, in the worst three months' period of the bombing about 36,000 high-explosive bombs, weighing altogether 6,000 tons, and innumerable incendiary bombs were dropped upon the London area.

The people of London, which was the chief sufferer, by their highhearted endurance and resourcefulness in coping with air raids, set a splendid example to the rest of the country.

Included in the narrative are stories of moving episodes and humorous incidents. After a raid on Cardiff a rescue party working among the debris of a demolished house was warned of life to be saved and guided to its goal by hearing "God Save the King" sung at the top of his voice by a little boy of six.

front steps, said: "Well, there's one thing about these raids: they make you forget about the war."

The booklet is mainly a narrative of action, and presents vivid accounts of the fall of bombs, the ruin wrought by them, and the measures taken to cope with them by brave men and women.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are to be two or more ordinations to the Holy Ministry in Zion Church this evening.

The Air Minister admits "two mistakes" made by his Department, but curiously enough he did not mention turning down the Air Training scheme as one of them, only turning down women and Canada's ace.

At length Bermuda has followed the example of this Island in lifting the embargo on autos. The House of Assembly by a vote of 20 to 7 adopted the report of a select committee recommending the removal of the ban which has been in effect since the auto was invented.

Archdeacon H. A. Cody of St. James Church, Saint John, N.B. has resigned his incumbency on account of ill-health. Outside Saint John he is better known as a novelist and author, two of his best known works, being "Thrills of a Country Parson," and "The King's Arrow."

A top-heavy wheat supply situation in the principal surplus producing countries is to be attacked in 1943 through definite and, in the case of Canada, quite drastic acreage reduction programmes. Canadian farmers have been asked to reduce wheat acreage next year to its lowest level since 1918, and if this goal is reached it will mean a reduction of more than 11 million acres or 39 per cent from the peak level of 28.7 million acres attained in 1940.

It has been gratifying to observe that, of recent months, no order has issued from Mr. Donald Gordon, of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, without it being specifically set forth that the order carries the approval of his chief, Mr. Ilsley. This practice, suggests an exchange, should be extended, and a desirable result should be that no orders are ever issued which do not bear the formal assent of the responsible minister who is in the final analysis the man who must answer to the people.

President Roosevelt was no more emphatic as a prophet than Mr. Churchill was. In his address to Congress this is all the length he would go in discussing the future of the war: "I do not prophesy when this war will end."

Lewis Carroll, the English prototype of Stephen Leacock, died this date, 1898; his real name was Charles Lutwidge Dogson, and he was a professor of mathematics as well as a philosopher, winning undying fame by writing and publishing "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," and "Through the Looking-Glass": "That is the reason they are called lessons," the Gryphon remarked, "because they lessen from day to day."

Indictments charging sedition have been returned against 33 persons, and The New York Evening Enquirer, Inc., a corporation headed by Mr. William Griffin, by a District of Columbia grand jury. Specifically, the defendants were accused of conspiring to impair the morale and loyalty of the armed forces. Revealing the names, Attorney General Biddle showed that twenty-eight of those indicted included Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, George Sylvester Viereck, and others who were named in a sedition indictment returned by another grand jury July 21 last. But in addition to the 28, there were five new individuals as well as The Evening Enquirer.

The new five cent piece now in circulation supplants the "Beaver Nickel," a 12-sided coin first issued six months ago. The "Victory Nickel" incorporates in its design the "V for Victory" symbol and the Victory Torch, "by way of symbolizing the sacrifice which is being made to achieve victory," in the words of the official announcement. The first 12-sided nickel bore on the back a beaver design similar to the familiar round nickel. The first 12-sided nickel may have value in the future as a curiosity, owing to the limited number which could be issued in the six months of its existence. It is possible the new coins are members of what is being called the "blackout series." The 12-sided coin makes possible its selection in the darkness—a convenience first reported in the United Kingdom where a many-sided coin has been in existence for some years.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, speaking in London on Sunday, gave impressive figures proving the potency of a new drug in the treatment of cerebro-meningitis and pneumonia. By the skilled use of the new drug, sulphapyridine, four out of every five patients in 1939 recovered, whereas two out of three cases were fatal in the 1915-17 epidemic. It is estimated that 10,000 lives were saved in the years 1939-41 by this treatment. Probably 7,500 more lives were saved by the use of the same drug in pneumonia cases.—London Times.

Emperor Hirohito tells his cabinet that the enemy everywhere has been annihilated and so the war "has entered a crucial stage." The emperor must have learned that from Hitler who found that repeated annihilation of the Russian armies yearly left the war in a more desperate condition. Apparently both the emperor and the Fuehrer have discovered a peculiar kind of annihilation that fails to annihilate.—Kansas City Times.

While Brantford's world record is not affected by the occurrence of a case of diabetes in this district, it is well for citizens to remind themselves that "it can happen here," unless they are careful to see that the next generation of children is given toxoid protection.—Brantford Expositor.

There is still no indication that Berlin knows yet that the Russian captured Veltkij Luki on New Year's Day. The most recent Nazi communique in which the name appears was issued in January and announced that the "garrison continued to offer stubborn resistance." The morale of the German people seems to be such that many interesting items of war news must be kept from them.—Sydney Post Record.

1942 has reminded us of many great events in the history of science. Newton was born on Christmas Day in 1642, three centuries ago. The great Frenchman, the inventor of the mechanical calculating machine in 1642. This event was celebrated in London by a meeting of scientists and many nations. Professor Rene Cassin referred to Pascal as an eternal example of the creative and critical power of the human mind which could never be long repressed. The famous astronomer, Edmund Halley, who forecast the return of the comet named after him, died in 1682. He persuaded Newton to write the Principia, the greatest of scientific books, and printed it at his own expense. He was the first to detect the motion of the so-called "fixed stars," a discovery of tremendous importance to the human imagination and the conception of the size and motivity of the universe. After the great ideas of Copernicus had been observed, it could not be long before dynamic ideas of evolution in the earth and in things on the surface of the earth began to grow. In three hundred years' time, we will men be remembering of the year 1942. Equally important things, no doubt.—Monthly Science News.

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Milk is reported to be replacing rum as the morale drink of sailors in the Royal Navy. Let our enemies not make the error, however, of concluding that it is a milk-and-water organization.—Windsor Star.

Tighter restrictions on foodstuffs will probably be an important factor in bringing about the expected increase in the number of letter carriers who will work for Windsor Gardens on vacant lots next Summer. Shortages of commodities are becoming more and more serious, and many people who never before thought of raising their own vegetables are now seriously considering the matter. It has become a national duty to do as much as possible, and putting the vacant lots to good use is a definite part of the war effort.—Windsor Star.

In the flood of speculation regarding a possible breakdown of morale in the German people, it might have been given to the effect of a breakdown of morale in their leader. Yet this is an important factor in the war. In the history of all dictators the time comes when their "hunches" deceive them when their advisers, so that they gradually discard every one faith in themselves. The man who pretends to be absolute has to be right or he is nothing. He has to succeed in anything he does. He has to walk on stilts, pretending to be God, and if he does not stride far enough and faster than any man on the ground, he is a fall or stumble, and he is finished. Anne O'Hare McCormick in the New York Times.

We thought the argument had been buried, but no, a Swiss scientist interrupts the war to announce that his researches have conclusively proved the issue is not the missing link. However, we imagine the announcement, particularly at this juncture in human affairs, has been received with great rejoicing by the apes.—Windsor Star.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MR. KING AND THE BREWERIES

Sir—The half page liquor advertisement published Monday in the Guardian by Canadian Breweries Limited, reflects the beer barons' dissatisfaction with some statements in Mr. King's address of December 16. It is easy to imagine these gentlemen, pale with rage, grinding their teeth before their radios, as the Prime Minister with devastating facts and logic revealed the liquor industry as a monstrous parasite, and menace to Canada's war effort. And then their faces change. They become first incredulous and then happy. For the Prime Minister's logic had suddenly taken a queer turn. Were their ears deceiving them? Wasn't Mr. King's voice announcing a mere 10% reduction in beer sales over last year. It was a great relief to those barons to know their long months of pressure on the government had not been wasted after all. They could still sell more beer than they did in 1941.

But what about those nasty, blunt statements Mr. King had made about the liquor industry, damage to moral abstemiousness among industrial workers due to drunkenness, the prohibition of liquor advertising after February 1, and his appeal for temperance, and all the rest? Something should be done about it, the those parasites felt. They concocted the speech which the Prime Minister had made, sent a copy to Mr. King, and had it set up as an advertisement to send to Canadian newspapers. Then they seized this chance of getting in a little extra propaganda before the February 1 dead line was too good to be missed.

In apologizing for the "Speech" Canadian Breweries Limited states that it was written "in a desire to retain the public's respect." I do not know as far as possible the damning statements made by the Prime Minister were childish in the extreme, but none the less dangerous. We are celebrating the publication of the news of how Mr. King has received this indignity and the rebuke he must necessarily administer to the liquor interests.

In another letter we hope to make some pointed comments on the brewers' speech.

PROHIBITION

Sir—Have we not heard over and over again that Prince Edward Island is a model for the other provinces of Canada inasmuch as it leads all others by legislating sobriety into the lives of its citizens? But it is a sobriety that is virtually being fostered by prohibitive legislation, or is it not rather the illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicants, with the attendant results of drunkenness, manslaughter, perjury and other crimes in which, sad to state, our fair Island has figured so indignantly?

The facts are that our Provincial Government of both political stripes has for many years had its choice of prohibitive legislation to cope with the illicit liquor traffic which results that are present to every observant person. Recent Liberal and Conservative governments alike—in their trying to combat intemperance—have apparently done what they could with the tool allowed into their hands. The people are weary of the prohibition traffic, and it is questionable if the term "Prohibition" is applicable when the referendums are so confused with politics as to be practically smothered as was the case on one occasion, while on the other occasion the total vote polled was so small as to be quite unrepresentative of the people as a whole.

Democracy and a quite intelligible questions were forced toations turned out en masse to vote So came in Prohibition. Our last liquor plebiscite for "hoodwink" as it is sometimes termed, turned out to be—what very many had expected—little more than a farce, there being seemingly no party lines to be fought or consolidated, and as a consequence the vote was so evenly divided that the result was a tie. Had the people of P. E. I. including the parents of rising generation turned out en masse to vote for what they wanted at the so-called plebiscite, it is questionable if the term "Prohibition" is applicable when the referendums are so confused with politics as to be practically smothered as was the case on one occasion, while on the other occasion the total vote polled was so small as to be quite unrepresentative of the people as a whole.

Again we ask why is Prohibition such a failure? It is largely, as Mr. Pendergast suggests, because the people are not behind it. Human nature is so constituted that, since the days of Adam and Eve, people regard anything prohibitory as a challenge, and have bent their endeavors towards plucking the "forbidden fruit." The Sumnerston Town Council, disgusted with, and heartily ashamed of Prohibition long—continued failure in handling the liquor situation on Prince Edward Island, has expressed itself in no uncertain terms on this moot and bothersome question. There is no hypocrisy in the action—insultations to the contrary notwithstanding. Anyone who knows our Mayor and the members of this Council will be able to tell their fine sincerity in this matter.

But as in the present World War, the tide is turning the change in each case being for the better, regardless of the Prohibition Act, Sugar rationing will not allow such large distilling and brewing operations; while the Rt. Hon. Premier of Canada and the Hon. Premier of the Province have both pronounced in favor of restrictions that should not fall to have a beneficial effect.

If a Prince Edward Island plebiscite be ever again resorted to, might it not be kept free from political entanglements,—isolated, as it were,—from party politics, and the issue may not be clouded and confused, and in order to get the more complete deprecative voice of the people at smaller cost might it not be held at the same polls and

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Five Hundred Men For Maine!
(Ottawa Journal)
Writing in the Toronto Financial Post, Mr. Kenneth Wilson, able Ottawa correspondent, asks: "Where has the 'manpower crisis' vanished?"
Well, we ask ourselves that, too! all the more so since news has come to us that our Government has just granted leave to 500 men to cross over from New Brunswick to cut logs in Maine.
It's an old story; baffling. Here's the Canadian lumber industry dead up against it for men, and Minister of Munitions Howe saying that the lumber shortage is "one of the Government's worst headaches," and a shortage of timber for airplanes and other war things, and yet the Government says 500 men may have Canada to cut logs for somebody in Maine.
Who is this "somebody" in Maine? Is it possible, as we hear, that he's connected with a Liberal M. P. in Quebec? And that the Timber Controller opposed the loss to Canada?

The Poet's Corner
LOOKING AT SEEDS
These packages enclose a little world As yet unborn. Within them lie rich hues, And lovely shapes, and fragrance still unfurled.
Awaiting sunlight here, are reds and blues, Of larkspur raising slender, wind-blown towers, And here, candidulae secrete their gold.
In little fists all lightly closed, New flowers I have not seen await the day when cold Will vanish. Here, are yellow pearls of corn.
Within whose substance future strength is sealed From these huge, red tomatoes will be born, And here are peas and beans for some wide field.
How many, looking on these seeds, would guess a partnership in love—lines? They hide a partnership in love—lines?
—Lois Kingsley Pelton, in the Christian Science Monitor.
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