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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1946

When Farmers Strike

Our Canadian Federation of Agriculture
directors at their Charlottetown meeting re-
pudiated the action of the farmers who went
on strike in Western Canada, and there is no
doubt that they were well advised in doing so.

Three of the four demands (of striking
western farmers) involve the granting of new
bonuses or tax exemptions to one section of
Canadian citizens who, in the next breath, in-
sist that they should receive new guarantees of
higher floor prices for their wheat and greater
returns for other branches of farm produce.

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delivery of farm produce these misguided farm-
ers run the risk of keeping food for hungry
Europe, aggravating existing shortages, and
building up inevitable resentment against this
country from which they themselves, as well as
the rest of Canada, will suffer.

To the extent that the parity policy has
been applied elsewhere it has entailed control of
production and the rigidification of the agricul-
tural economy. Either or both of these conse-
quences would be disastrous for western Cana-
da which, more than any other great agricul-
tural area in the world, must strive to meet
the changing needs of the world and to compete
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New Wheat Policy

The most important single feature of the
new wheat policy of the Government lies in the
contract made with Great Britain for the sale
of 600,000,000 bushels of wheat over a four-
year period. Canada has agreed to sell, and
Great Britain to buy, 160,000,000 bushels an-
nually for two years, and 140,000,000 bushels
annually for the next two years. For the first
two years the price is definitely set at \$1.55
per bushel. For the subsequent two years the
prices are yet to be negotiated, but the mini-
mum is to be \$1.25 per bushel for 1948-49 and
\$1.00 per bushel for 1949-50.

Britain's Trade Recovery

Great Britain is trying to expand her
export trade by 175 per cent above the 1938
volume. She has now reached two-thirds of that
objective.

In May, exports stood at 114 per cent of
the 1938 figure. The next month saw a drop
to 86 per cent, but July recorded a sharp gain
amounting to 120 per cent of the 1938 average,
after making all allowances for increased prices.

As a result, the volume of imports in the
first six months of the year shrank to 64 per
cent of what it had been for the same period
in 1938.

The effect of this policy is, of course,
very marked in Canada. Many Canadian
firms have been shut out of the British market
or have received import licenses enabling them
to ship only a fraction of the supplies they can
now provide.

Canadian manufacturers are now saying,
however, that the import relaxations have meant
very little to them in actual practice.

seas Trade, has warned the British people that
they will face heavy competition in coming
months, especially in a variety of consumer
goods, as they reach out for larger markets.

It is still too early to say when the 1938
objective will be reached. But the progress al-
ready made, and the clear-eyed acknowledge-
ment of future problems, are the best pledges
that Britain will regain her trading position and
solve her exchange dilemma. Everyone interest-
ed in Canadian trade must hope that this pro-
cess of recovery will not be retarded.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Their Excellencies will be on tour in the
Garden Province today.

United States shipping hauls have totalled
more than 150,000,000 pounds annually in
recent years.

The welcome to Their Excellencies Vis-
count and Viscountess Alexander Saturday and
yesterday was as cordial and expressive as
though Their Majesties were here in person.

The greater significance of the Pontiac
election, says the Gazette, is in the lowering
of the likelihood that it will compel the Govern-
ment to frame its policies more and more
with a view to being certain of C. C. F. sup-
port. In this way the influence of the C. C. F.
upon the Government, already evident, may be-
come decisive, and Mr. King will hold power
more than ever by grace of Mr. Coldwell.

Paul Jones (otherwise John Paul, son of a
small farmer near Dumfries, Scotland) with his
American fleet had an encounter with the
British Baltic fleet, off Flamborough Head,
this date 1779; he lost his flag ship, Bon Homme
Richard, but by skillful strategy, Jones succeed-
ed in capturing the English ship Serapis, which
he sailed to Holland and then to France, receiv-
ing great plaudits for his alleged successful
endeavour in maintaining "the privileges of the
sea."

Planned economy reaches new heights in
Britain. Children born in 1936, or later, who
are 5 ft. 3 inches or more, or weigh 100 pounds
or more, or whose feet measure more than 9 1/4
inches for boys, or 8 1/2 inches for girls—all
weights and measurements being taken without
clothing—will receive 20 extra clothing coupons.
A boy 5 feet 2 7/8 inches, weighing 109
pounds 15 ounces, with feet 9 3/16 inches long,
does not qualify, says The Letter-Review.

From being a menace, rabbits in Aus-
tralia have become a gold mine. According to
a New South Wales skin-buyer, the rabbit-skin
industry has been worth almost \$2,000,000
a week to the State for the past three months.
About 200 tons of pelts were being marketed
each week, and a similar quantity was being
sold to private buyers for export. The average
price was \$2.50 per lb., but winter skins were
realising \$4, and would probably go to \$5. Rab-
bits are the most profitable source of income in
N. S. W. rural areas at present.

The Australian professional skater, Miss
Betty Cornwell, has accepted an appointment
with the Glencoe Club at Calgary, Alberta.
Miss Cornwell will tutor skaters, produce an-
nual carnivals and give exhibitions. She holds
the Australian gold medal and was Australian
champion for three years. She became a profes-
sional three years ago, and has taught in
Melbourne and Sydney. Miss Cornwell left
Sunday, this week, for Canada in a Skymaster
on the first flight of the new Pacific air ser-
vice between Australia and Canada.

Now it can be told. The cost of the Empire
Air Training Scheme is estimated at \$750,000,000,
of which Australia's share, \$90,207,000,
representing advanced training costs, was paid
to the Canadian Government. In all, 52,594
Royal Australian Air Force personnel for air
crews were trained under the Empire scheme,
of which 37,037 graduated from schools in Aus-
tralia, Canada, and Rhodesia, including 15,120
pilots, 8460 navigators, 3941 wireless air gun-
ners, and 3516 air gunners. Of ground staff,
139,232 men and 26,451 women were enlisted and
trained.

A party of 17 Rhodes scholars, six of them
accompanied by their wives, left on the S. S.
Beaverford on Friday for Oxford. There were
two children accompanying the married
scholars. In the past there was a rule against
Rhodes scholars being married, but this rule
was relaxed to provide for those who, having
won scholarships during the war years, served
in the forces. These scholarships were first
awarded in Canada in 1904. From that date
358 Canadians including 41 whose scholarships
were interrupted by the war and 20 who were
appointed last year, have been beneficiaries.
The scholarships, of a normal value of £400,
have been temporarily increased to £500 to
meet higher living costs.

Labour Minister Mitchell announces that
the first group of Polish soldiers coming to
Canada to take farm jobs will arrive early next
month and will number from 1,500 to 2,000.
About 700 of the Polish veterans so far have
been selected by officials sent from Canada to
Italy to supervise the move. All men chosen
have had farm experience, are single and under
35 years of age. They are undergoing careful
medical examination. Individual farmers all
over Canada have been sending in requests and
it is expected the first group will be placed in
jobs without delay. Places are expected to be
available for between 1,500 and 2,000 in Onta-
rio, 900 in Alberta and smaller numbers in the
other provinces. Farmers and Polish veterans
will be required to sign a farm labor agreement
providing for employment for a period of at
least one year's duration, and at farm wages
current in the community.

Notes By The Way

"From all I hear," says a friend
of ours, "this World War Three is
going to be a terrible one, so why
don't you just skip it and go on to
the World War Four or even Five?
Anyway, it's an idea." — Windsor
Star.

How's your spare time? asks The
St. Thomas Times-Journal. If a
person has the name of 86
new insects each day it would take
him more than 60 years to memorize
all of those which scientists
have described and catalogued.

"A man's own good breeding is
his best security against other
people's ill-mannered breeding
carries along with it a dignity that
is respected by the most potent
breeding inviter and autocrat, the
fanatic of 'the most timid'."
—Chatterfield.

The W.F.T.B. announces an in-
crease in the price of dates. Any
young man can tell you that the
cost has been rising sharply these
past few years. —St. Catharines
Standard.

By the only sensible way of de-
claring things—the ballot—King
George of Greece has been re-
turned from his five-year exile.
As a result, Greece has shrank back
the threatening "iron curtain."
—St. Catharines Standard.

Whenever people talk about un-
der governmental auspices it is well
to remember that they in one way
or another are the result of a
made upon a direct contributory
basis it will be made out of the
taxes which the people pay. Gov-
ernments never give away. They
earn for nothing. All they do is
to use the funds which are contrib-
uted by the people. —Brookville
Recorder and Times.

New York's apple crop this year
is estimated at 14,000,000 bushels,
but considerably short of the ten-
year average of 16,306,300 bushels,
the State Agricultural Department
reported yesterday. Most orchards
last year had complete crop failures.
The peach, grape and pear harvests
will be top years, and all ex-
cept the top will beat the decade
average. —New York Herald Tribune.

Automobile drivers in general,
and reckless drivers in particular,
should mark with more than casual
interest the judgment handed
down recently in Phoenix, Ariz-
ona, in a manslaughter case arising
out of a traffic accident. The
driver, who pleaded guilty to the
responsibility for the death of a
young woman who was the mother
of two children, was ordered by
the court to turn over each pay-
ment of his earnings for support
of the two children until they reach-
ed the age of 21. One of the child-
ren is four years old, the other
three months. —Montreal Gazette.

There has been so much talk
recently about pensioning reform
and improvement of living condi-
tions for convicts that many people
believe perhaps some convicts—may
have less than the best of peni-
tentiaries as a instruments of
punishment. Admittedly, there is
plenty of room for reform and im-
provement, but it is not to be
made so attractive as to encourage
repeated visits. —Peterborough
Examiner.

To the average citizen the de-
cision of the Dominion Govern-
ment to microfilm the millions
of records of the wartime rationing
and store them away with a
permanent custodian staff
of clerks, is a matter of little
interest. The fact that the
public funds to no useful purpose
except to satisfy the vanity of
those bureaucrats who wish to
relieve their consciences by
holding over the nation as
possible. The same view may
be taken of the decision to retain
the records of the wartime rationing
in the latter part of the
session, seems to be a certainty as
the new finance minister,
Hon. F. C. Bridges, fisheries min-
ister, is said to be in line for de-
fence.

Another real problem confront-
ing the Prime Minister is that pre-
sented by the Quebec situation.
His cabinet representatives from
that province is notably weak
from the party standpoint. None
of his colleagues from that provin-
ce has any real political standing
and the political sagacity of Hon. C.
Power or Hon. P. J. A. Carlin is
that a shakeup in his cabinet
membership from Quebec seems
inevitable.

It is held by some political veter-
ans here that cabinet changes
won't be more likely with the
election and that some kind of party
realignment or the formulation of
some new Liberal platform a little
left of centre would be a more
useful. The same veterans assert
that should some kind of a party
take be made by Mackenzie King
it would be more likely with the
C.O.F. than with the Progressive
Conservative party since King is
adamant against any kind of ar-
rangement with the latter.

There is a beauty at the goal of life.
A beauty growing since the world
began.
Through every age and race,
Through lapse and strife
The great human soul complete
her span.
Beneath the waves of storm that
lash and burn,
The current of blind passion that
appal.
To listen and keep watch till we
have found the light,
The tide of sovereign truth that
guides it all.
So to address our spirits to the
heavens,
And so attune them to the vallant
whole,
That the great light be clearer for
our light,
And the great soul be stronger
for our soul;
To have done this is to have lived
through life,
Remember us with no familiar
name.
—Archibald Lampman (1861-1893).

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by corre-
spondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinion of
its correspondents.

MILK PRICES

Sir,—According to your report of
the milk producers meeting held
in Prince of Wales College on
Friday evening, an erroneous
statement was made to the effect
that the milk producers in the
Charlottetown area receive \$2.11
only per 100 lbs for raw milk. May
I point out that they receive this
amount for 3.7 per cent milk, plus
cents government subsidy,
making \$2.66 per 100 lbs.
In the past milk prices have
been calculated on a basis of 4 per
cent butter fat at \$2.30 per 100
lbs, so that a producer having
such a test has received \$2.30, plus
56c, or a total of \$2.86 per 100 lbs.
Some, however, having a higher test
have received over \$3.00 per 100
lbs for raw milk.

Furthermore, a brief showing the
average cost of milk production
per cow per year was recently
presented to the Milk Board by a
committee from the Milk Pro-
ducers and Vendors Association,
stating that the present cost was
\$196.15, while in 1941 the brief
then presented by the same body
showed a small increase of \$17.29
which was largely attributed to
wage advance. This present in-
crease over 1941 amounts to 9.6
per cent, and the consumer is asked
for an increase of 3c per quart
which on a bottle of raw milk is
30 per cent, and on the pasteurized
product 27 per cent. Then, as
consumers, we fall to see the point
of asking for an unwarranted and
unreasonable increase which is
more than double the amount ne-
cessary to cover their already ad-
vanced increased expenses.

We are not denying the necessity of an
increase and a reasonable price to
the producer. However, the con-
sumer has already paid an ad-
vance of 2c by reason of the ad-
vancement of the consumers' sub-
sidy, and a further upland of 3c
making a grand total increase of
5c per quart in four months, is
surely more than a poor man with
a large family can possibly bear.
Surely the citizen of Charlottetown
are not going to take this
sunch on the chin" without a pro-
test.

I am, Sir, etc.
W. R. CARSON,
Consumers' Representative
F.E.I. Milk Control Board.

Political Situation At Ottawa

(Montreal Gazette)
Were it not for the immen-
sity of a cabinet shuffle, a ministerial
shake-up that cannot be long de-
laying and for the steadily deter-
iorating political position of the
government Prime Minister Mac-
kenzie King might again be tempt-
ed to try the international route
for domestic and international de-
velopments that could be turned
to the possible advantage of his ad-
ministration.

But there are weaknesses in the
present ministerial front that must
soon be remedied, changes that
must be made. To begin with
Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe
is said to be determined to retire
from active public life before the
end of this year, although it is
likely he would retain his seat in
the House.

There seems to be little doubt
that Finance Minister J. L. Flisley
has three or four months in his
official post, and it also appears pro-
bable he will be moved to the
senior portfolio which has already
been partially vacated by R. Hon.
L. St. Laurent who is de-
parting most of his attention to external
affairs.

Natural Defence Minister Dou-
glas Abbott did much of the clean-
up work on the budget resolutions in
the House in the latter part of the
session, and it is a certainty as
the new finance minister,
Hon. F. C. Bridges, fisheries min-
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fence.

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A Convention of the Progressive Conservative Party
Will be held in
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the Fifth District of Kings in the next Provincial Election.
Poll Chairmen will please call meetings for the selection
of delegates.

WAR ROMANCE SET TO MUSIC

FLANSHAM, Sussex, England —
(CP)—Farmer Alan Adams and
his ex-Land Army Girl wife Betty
went by farm cart to the nearby
town of Bognor Regis to hear their
love story—in music.

Arm and arm they heard Com-
poser John Bath conduct his suite
of Flansham sketches, inspired by
their wartime romance, and played
by a full concert orchestra

WORKS MINISTER IN MUSICAL ROLE

NAPIER, N. Z., Sept. 22.—(CP)—
New Zealand's Works Minister
Semple has appeared in a new role
as a platform artist. At the con-
clusion of an address at Napier by
the minister, the noted baritone,
Peter Dawson, who is visiting New
Zealand, introduced himself from
the audience and said he under-
stood the minister's favorite song

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