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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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Planning First Things First

Prime Minister King has announced his aspiration to develop the Ottawa district — on both sides of its river — as a national war memorial and a capital worthy of the position now enjoyed by Canada among the nations.

M. Jacques Greber, the eminent French town planner, whose services Mr. King is to borrow from Gen. de Gaulle, prepared a grandiose scheme for the improvement and beautification of our capital at the close of the last war.

"But why," asks the Globe and Mail, "should slothful apathy about this scheme suddenly be changed to passionate ardor for its consummation, though not in its original form? Ottawa, with its great rock bastion towering high above the swift-flowing river, is a magnificent site for a capital.

Righting The Balance

Referring to the great disparity in the taxable income of the different provinces, as shown in the Manitoba brief to the Dominion-Provincial conference, Saturday Night sees in that disparity, and in the greater need for welfare services in the less fortunate provinces, a convincing argument for righting the balance of the fortunes of different parts of Canada.

These basic facts in connection with the Dominion-Provincial relations were not generally stressed in the Sirois report in 1940. They are much more widely accepted now, because they are undeniably true, and this affords great hope that a just settlement between the Dominion and the Provinces will be agreed upon before long.

British Currency

"The Economist" of London, which cannot be suspected of being a reactionary journal, but is a leading exponent of planned economy, has recently pointed out, says The Printed Word, that, once a Government has announced its intention to maintain a low interest rate, and to keep Government bonds at par, it has absolutely lost control of the volume of currency in circulation.

rate is controlled, the volume of currency cannot be. If the volume of currency is controlled, then the interest rate cannot be. Pessimists, who believe that we cannot maintain prosperity in Canada in time of peace, seem to base their theory on the assumption that present spending power in the country may vanish, some day, as a purchasing power resulting from a stock market boom has vanished in the past.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir James Hopwood Jeans, O.M., D.Sc., LL.D., Sc.D., D.L., F.R.S., British Astronomer, born this date 1877, educated at Cambridge, professor of Applied Mathematics at Princeton University 1905-9 Halley lecturer Oxford University 1922, President British Association 1934, President Indian Science Congress 1938, member of Advisory Council to the Privy Council, Hon. Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge. Publications: The Dynamical Theory of Gases, The Mathematical Theory of Electricity and Magnetism, Radiation and the Quantum Theory, Problems of Cosmogony and Stellar Dynamics, The Universe Around Us, The Mysterious Universe, The Stars in Their Courses, The New Background of Science, Through Time and Space, Science and Music, Physics and Philosophy: "The Universe can best be pictured as consisting of pure thought, the thought of what for want of a better word we must describe as a mathematical thinker."

We are in for a series of subscription campaigns, beginning with the Salvation Army, to be followed by the Boy Scout Movement, Victory Loan, etc.

There is joy, the fruit of hope fulfilled, in many more homes today, the result of the return of boys from overseas.

New Brunswick potato growers are persisting in their aggressive policy to push the sale of their product. Appearing before Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture, a four-man delegation from the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Council presented a short brief outlining the three resolutions recently passed by the association, the three resolutions calling on the provincial government to place a small tax on potatoes, not to exceed one cent a barrel, the money to be used for the promotion of provincial potato industry; the establishment of a potato experimental station in either Victoria or Carleton County, and the establishment of the "southern test" whereby seed potatoes would be sent to southern United States each fall for planting.

Although the new meat rationing system is considered more elaborate than the previous one, because of the added rationing of canned, cooked and fancy meats, there will only be a gross reduction of 12 per cent, or 16 pounds per year per person, according to officials of the Wartime Prices and Trades Board, who say that the added saving of meats by Canadians would greatly relieve the desperate food situation in Europe. The new system allows each citizen, except babies, one and one-third of a pound per week. Bones are excluded from that ration. In France and other liberated countries of Europe people, in general, do not receive more than one-tenth of a pound of meat per week. According to Wartime Prices and Trade Board officials, the Canadian ration is one of the highest among the nations subscribing to the UNRRA convention, which provides relief for war-torn Europe and Asia.

The opera season will open in Montreal today (September 11) at the St. Denis Theatre, when Metropolitan Opera House artists, from New York, will give their initial performance of "Manon", by Jules Massenet. The following is the list of operas scheduled to be presented for Montreal opera lovers during the season, together with the names of the leading artists in each opera: "Manon", by Massenet, with Bidu Sayao, Raoul Jobin, Martial Singher, Moscona. "Carmen", by Bizet, with Bruna Castagna, Frances Greer, Raoul Jobin, Martial Singher. "La Boheme", by Puccini, with Bidu Sayao, Nino Martini, Francesco Valentine, Arthur Kent. "Lakme", by Dolibes, with Lily Pons, Jacques Gerard, Martha Lipton, Jeanne Desjardins, Alice Tate. "Faust", by Gounod, with Dorothy Kirsten, Nino Martini, Norman Gordon, Martial Singher, Frances Greer. "Il Trovatore", by Verdi (matinee), with Zinka Milanov, Bruna Castagna, Frederick Jagel, Valentine, Moscona, Hargrave, Oliviere. "La Traviata", by Verdi (night), with Bidu Sayao, Nino Martini, Francesco Valentine, Thelma Altman, Arthur Kent, Hargrave. It is interesting to note that three French-Canadian artists are listed among the stars: Raoul Jobin and Jacques Gerard, tenors, and Jeanne Desjardins, soprano

Notes By The Way

By coincidence Japan submitted to Allied terms of unconditional surrender on the fourth anniversary of signing of the Atlantic Charter. In years to come remembrance of that historic declaration of the aims of free peoples will be reserved on the same day that will mark the anniversary of the defeat of the last military power in the world—Wimpey Tribune.

In spite of the critical shortage of lumber in Holland, 181,000 of the 268,000 slightly damaged houses have already been repaired, mostly with second-hand lumber. That was the salvage from war-molashed dwellings, says Netherlands News. A recent housing survey revealed that 30,000 houses were totally destroyed and that at least 500,000 were in need of repairs.

An irate member accused the secretary of a London literary club last night of having chartered a motor car for a party of 12, without preamble, he said to me. "Sir, I give you my word of honor, I resign membership in this club. What do you think I ought to do about this?" That's what he said the secretary bawled. "Hold out for a better offer." — Bennett Cert in Saturday Review of Literature.

There are totalitarians in continental Europe who have opposed the French Government since the day that it surrendered in 1940. There are only about 10 women in the Dominion who are members of the Communist Party, according to Miss Robinson, and all are members of longer standing. Young and pretty, she was a popular delegate to the convention of the Dominion Association of Women. "I got a lot of kidding," she smiled. "But the men were awfully nice to me." — Winnipeg Free Press.

The French Government is determined that the surrender in 1940 shall be a permanent one. The Communist Party in 1945, says The Buntford Express. The Germans took back to Germany at the outbreak of the present war, where they now claim to be restoring the French Republic. The French authorities are restoring the monument, which was completely wrecked. The place is inseparably connected with the history of the Allied headquarters staff who brought about the defeat of Germany in 1918.

Storage of America's big guns, now silent, and other heavy artillery equipment, which are being replaced by a new type, will be a problem that may be solved by the construction of great hermetically sealed and airtight containers, in which the destructive air is replaced by an inert gas, says Science Service. This is a problem in co-operation with the United States Steel Corporation, who devoted months of research to the problem of storing steel containers. Many steel containers of this type have been constructed and are undergoing further analysis. The new type of equipment is placed in them the air, with its corroding factors of oxygen and moisture, will be replaced with nitrogen or other inert gas which should prevent deterioration over a long period of time. For a free press to be ready for immediate use in case it is needed. The container will have to be opened with a welding or a burner's torch.

With the development of jet propulsion and the atom bomb, the margin for error. If we are going to survive, we can never again sit back snugly in our homes, waiting for the Nazi Germany, and wake up to a blitzkrieg. We shall have to keep our eyes and ears open to the world's progress. For a free press to be ready for immediate use in case it is needed. The container will have to be opened with a welding or a burner's torch.

On the lonely, northeast shore of Great Slave Lake there is a small mining camp. The buildings are humble and unimpressive. Yet this section is important to Canada. A Canadian source of tantalum—a neglected rare metal now in demand owing to the new uses found for it. Tantalum has the peculiar property of allowing an electric current to flow through it in only one direction. It forms a number of important alloys with nickel, chromium, molybdenum, iron and other metals and these alloys are used in surgical and dental instruments. With carbon it forms tantalum carbide, which approaches the diamond in hardness and does not melt at 3000 degrees C. Wires made from tantalum is stronger than steel. It is used in radio tubes. Recently it has been found that it makes an ideal substance for surgeons to use in the human body to replace portions of the skull or other bones. It has a very high resistance to corrosion and will last almost indefinitely. — Royal Ontario Museum.

P. E. I. Opportunities In Canning Industry

BY H. K. S. HEMMING

The industries that can be operated in Prince Edward Island, employing as raw materials the products of the Island's farms and fisheries, offering in its own right the highest return to the investor and at the same time giving satisfaction to a very considerable number of workers in the urban centres of the province, will be made to me in this brief, which I may say I prepared at the request of Dr. A. Clarke and of S. H. Burhoe, chairman respectively of the Agricultural and Fisheries Sub-Committee of the general Rehabilitation Committee appointed by the Provincial Government. The canning industry is to be taken in its broadest sense and to include prepared food and feed while practically all the residue can be employed under proper processing methods as fertilizer to improve the soil.

The future of canned and bottled goods has long since been decided. The demand for them is expected to be increased materially in all parts of the world. In the past there has been a search by officials of the United States Government, in connection with their food for cooking purposes in the kitchen the valuable vitamins when exposed to oxygen are destroyed. The food is then hermetically sealed and then subjected to the required heat, and the result is a vacuum, all of the vitamins are fully preserved.

In many years in the United Kingdom this latter fact was not admitted and the British government health authorities condemned the practice. A radical change in this opinion was admitted prior to the war and it is probable that canned goods in the United States and Great Britain will be more extensively used than in the past. Then, with the example of the United States and Great Britain, other countries of the world will accept the benefits of this method, in which event there will be a very large increase in demand throughout the world including the nations which have been largely undernourished and underfed and in the new world are expected to aim for a high standard of living and quantity and quality of their food.

In Canada ever since manufacturing industries became widely established after the introduction of the protective tariff of 1827, there has been a rule generally accepted as a very large number of industries should be started in a small way and grow as the demand for the manufactured products increases and as experience improved methods were introduced in the factories. I have been in the manufacturing business for many years and have also as an auditor become familiar with details in many lines and I have seen the process of expansion in many kinds of material only as waste and destroyed without selling heavy losses but in sales competition when organized factories the smaller and inexperienced manufacturers find sales difficult if not impossible, because of the high cost of production and the poor quality of their finished goods.

From the Japanese standpoint, it is possible that they would rather have surrendered to Ho than to any other Chinese. He was educated in Japan and understood the Japanese. They have attacked him personally, nor Gen. Chiang, as they have most other Chinese leaders. Ten years and three months ago, they linked Ho's name to a Chinese capitulation to Japan — the famous Ho-Umeau agreement which enabled Japan to get her foot more firmly in the door in North China.

There are in Prince Edward Island a number of small and medium size canning factories, the largest of which have not in most lines created a demand sufficient to induce the farmers and fishermen to produce the required materials in sufficient quantities to warrant the starting of new large and well equipped factories such as would be required in order to introduce the latest labour saving methods of processing. The starting of a large canning factory would not necessarily injure those businesses already established, rather the reverse for by educating the farmers and fishermen to produce greater quantities of raw materials a better opportunity would be given to the smaller and older factories to obtain full share of the export business.

well, favourable climatic conditions and the industrious habits of our rural people are particularly suited to the production of considerable number of hardy fruits and vegetables, in many of which the quantity that can be produced per acre and the quality obtainable under scientific farming methods are greater than in any other part of Canada with the exception possibly of some of the small fertile valleys of British Columbia, while it is doubtful if even in the United States these conditions are equalled.

The question will naturally be asked why it is that if conditions are so favourable to the introduction of the canning business in Prince Edward Island the industry has at no time in the past attained to a size such as that existing in the Province of Ontario and in many States of the Union. To this question there is but one reply, namely that our only means of transportation, the Canadian National Railway, is capable of delivering the finished products of a canning factory only to other Canadian provinces or to the United States, and when doing so to charge freight rates established in Ottawa which would be a more than serious handicap when marketing our goods. Moreover in the United States heavy customs duty is levied. Furthermore, the requirements of canned goods are well taken care of by the canners of Ontario which is also the case in the United States.

Now, however, that we are about to be equipped with docking facilities that will result in our having an ample supply of ocean going ships in our harbours that in peace-times will carry our products and manufactures to all countries of the world there is no reason to suppose that the canning business in this connection it may be a successful issue and indeed to become a very extensive business within a comparatively few years. In this connection it may be borne in mind that ocean ships have a direct advantage over land railways in that they have a free right of way and comparatively smaller capital investment requirements. Their labour also is not subjected to the strong union regulations that prevail in all the railway companies in this continent.

The cost of loading into ships and railway cars does not differ materially and, once a vessel leaves its dock, the cost of transportation while somewhat slower than that of the freight trains has but motive cost, wages and interest to be considered. In the matter of depreciation it is doubtful if that of the ships is nearly as great as that of the railways. The managerial staff of the latter is many times greater than that of the shipping companies.

Interpreting The War News
BY JAMES D. WHITE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
Accepting Japanese surrender for China was General Ho Ying-Chin, chief of staff to president Chiang Kai-Shek. This mid-manned, professional looking militaryist returns to—If he ever left—the front ranks of China's powerful men. His choice by Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek to represent the nation in her hour of supreme triumph may hold deep significance for the future policy.

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