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

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The New Premier

The Guardian has pleasure in congratulating Mr. J. Walter Jones on his selection by his colleagues in the Legislature as prospective successor to the Hon. Thane A. Campbell when he leaves politics for the Bench, which is expected not to be long delayed.

Probably there is no better known public man in farming and business concerns in the community than the prospective Premier. He has the advantage over most of his brother farmers in the fact that in addition to being a practical dirt farmer he is also a thoroughly trained, college bred agriculturist and has served in advisory capacities both at Washington and Ottawa before settling down to farming on his own account at Bunbury. We feel confident that when he is formally called upon by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to accept the Premiership, he will select as portfolio holders and other members of his administration the best men available in his following.

The Fourth Victory Loan

Preparations are almost completed for the launching of the Fourth Victory Loan, the Loan which is to enable our boys, having completed their training overseas, to take the initial step in the forward movement in the Second Front Campaign. It is a breath-taking moment in history for most of us; so much is at stake, and so little of those we left at home can do to help in the time of need.

It was fitting the Legislature should open the campaign with a resolution proposed by the Premier, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, and unanimously adopted pledging the whole-hearted support of the Province to the appeal. Nothing less will do; we have called for an all-out war policy and it is our bounden duty to give an all-out support to the sale of bonds to provide the necessary sinews of war.

"Back the Attack", appropriately enough is the slogan for this effort, and the officials of the local Island National War Finance Committee say the Victory Loan workers everywhere will realize the huge task which confronts them, and among the citizens themselves — on the farms, in the villages, towns and city — has been observed a quiet but firm determination that "we won't let our fighting men down."

We have a deep sense of pride in the fact that Prince Edward Island had never failed to fulfill any appeals made to her resources of manpower and finances and we must realize at the present moment that (a) a vast sum of money is needed to continue the prosecution of the war; (b) that inflation may follow neglect to provide the needed and (c) that the "small man" if he has to have a stake in the country, must become a purchaser of Victory Bonds.

We are assured the job of organizing the Victory Loan canvassing machinery locally is now well under way, and it remains only for the rest of us to help them put it over the top.

Car Ferry Service

The discussion in the House of Commons has done at least one thing for us, it has brought directly to the attention of Parliament our dire straits should there be a worse disaster befall the S. S. Prince Edward Island than occurred this past winter when on two separate occasions, the steamer was put out of commission, not on account of her hull but of her machinery. The near-thirty year old Prince Edward has done admirable service, and, since her latest repairs, has continued to serve us remarkably well, but that is not enough. The plant has seen its best days and likely to break down again at any unexpected moment, then where will we be surrounded as we are in winter by all but impenetrable ice? That is the question at issue, nothing else. All admit that we are, under our Confederation agreement, entitled to both "efficient" and "continuous" communication to and from the mainland, and if this is not given then there is a breach of contract on the part of the Federal Government. No matter what circumstances intervene, war or no war, Mr. Ralston, as an eminent lawyer, knows that fulfillment of that contract is imperative, and in any action for breach of contract, that is what any court would insist upon. That is the "priority" that counts in our case, and that is the right we as a province insist upon. The cheap sneer by the Minister of Defence that Mr. Hanson was playing politics in

bringing this matter to the attention of the House, is unworthy of him. As one of our representatives, Mr. Ralston knows that the maintenance of efficient continuous communication is not a question of politics, but of life or death. All institutions and organizations from the Legislature down have voiced their concern about the risk and danger of the Island being isolated next winter, and the Press of the Maritimes and Ottawa have given voice to our fears. That Mr. Ralston has interested himself in our cause is not on political grounds, except in so far as Dr. Grant conceded, it is easier for a member of the Opposition to attract the Speaker's eye than for a Government member who is subject to Government Whip discipline and must speak only when it serves the Government's purpose. Were the Opposition members to be subject to a like restraint, then responsible government would be at an end and we would already be in the hands of a dictator. Thank Heaven, Parliament is still a free institution, its Opposition members at any rate, having the right of speech in Parliament when the interests of the electorate are at stake. As we have said, the discussion will have served a good purpose in making our need better known throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is now for our Provincial Government to capitalize on this much needed publicity, and to see that our Confederation "priority" and legal contract is fulfilled to the letter, for on that depends all our future well-being and ability to help to the limit our war financial and other campaigns.

The Late Mr. MacLean

It is with deep regret we record this morning the passing of an old and esteemed citizen in the person of Mr. Angus A. MacLean, K.C. who died after a brief illness in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Mr. MacLean was one of the stalwart politicians in days past, proving one of the best and most energetic members of recent times in the House of Commons at Ottawa. It was largely due to his efforts and those of Mr. Donald Nicholson and the Matheson Government that the car ferry became an accomplished fact. He took a very prominent part in the Great War activities in 1914-18, his sons being at the front and suffering the casualties of war. For a considerable time he held the important position of Comptroller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, during which time important reorganizations took place in the staff and duties of that great body.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The next great event here will be the launching of the 4th War Bond Campaign. Be prepared.

It is stated in Ottawa that there will be sufficient butter in the country this year to maintain the present half-pound ration. But to make sure there is no serious threat at a sustained output of butter and cheese the present encouragement to the consumption of fluid milk may have to be reduced or removed. This is not an immediate threat, but weather conditions will be the determining factor.

Mr. R. C. Vaughan, president and chairman of the Canadian National Railways, said before the House of Commons Railway Committee that, with full employment in peacetime, gross earnings of the railway would probably approximate \$300,000,000. Gross earnings for 1942 were \$375,000,000, an all-time high. Earnings of \$300,000,000 were necessary to keep the line "out of the red," Mr. Vaughan said.

The Federal Government is "some" tenant. Rentals of office space by government departments cost \$2,514,595 during 1942, said a return tabled in the House of Commons. Figures given for specific cities were: Montreal \$337,738; Ottawa \$881,226; Toronto \$395,179; Fort William \$2,678; Moose Jaw \$36,643; Regina \$94,522; Vancouver \$97,165; Calgary \$58,999; Edmonton \$51,125; Halifax \$3,506; Quebec \$45,215.

The Buenos Aires newspaper Critica reports that Finland and Rumania are putting out peace feelers through diplomatic channels there. While this report and another published by La Prensa brought no immediate confirmation from the Argentine foreign office, it was learned that the Argentine government had received information from its diplomatic representatives in Europe that Rumania was greatly concerned over the military situation on the eastern front.

Joseph, 1st Baron Lister, English surgeon, born this date 1827; professor of surgery in Glasgow University 1860; of clinical surgery in Edinburgh 1860, and in King's College, London 1877; his researches had far reaching results in discovering the cause and prevention of septic infection of wounds; the immediate and definite success of the Listerian treatment soon led to its adoption by surgeons everywhere; was made a baronet in 1883, and raised to the peerage in 1897.

They should worry! Pointing to estimates that annual world sugar production after the war might soar to 40 million tons, as compared with approximately 33 1-2 millions in 1941-42, The Index, quarterly publication of The New York Trust Company, warns that unless the sugar-growing nations formulate a sound program of stabilization they will face the danger of a glutted market jeopardizing the entire economy of the industry. But won't the sugar-starved consumers be in a condition to dispose of the surplus?

The C.N.R. and C.P.R. are competitors for railway traffic and patronage, but when it comes to supporting the War and War Loan campaign they are as one uniting their forces and sponsoring a planned series of institutional advertising appearing in the Guardian for the three-fold object of (1) to sustain and nurture the morale of the railways' workers; (2) to bring to the attention of the public the important role which the railways are filling in the coming Victory Loan.

Notes By The Way

The hand that rocks the cradle runs a lather. —London Free Press.

Mussolini acts like a man who is getting ready to put a nose in the papers saying, "Any reasonable offer accepted." —Indianapolis News.

The wood-let is taking on a new significance this year, but owing to deep snow and ice, in many districts it is a frozen asset. —Farmer's Advocate.

One thing bound to result from the reduction in the supply of canned goods is an increased use of cook books. —Buffalo Courier-Express.

As the returns pour in from the snowbound steppes, it appears that old Gabriel D. Fahrenheit has a zero deadlier than the Japs. —Winnipeg Tribune.

War or no war, the income taxes notwithstanding, there comes a time in a man's life when a woman has to have another hat. —Stratford Beaver-Herald.

We will have to start spreading our butter more thinly, but should consider ourselves lucky to be able to get all the bread we want. —Niagara Falls Review.

Naturally some of the real oracles are sneering at the March and Beveridge Plans, impractical dreams. "Was ever thrust the first wheel-barrow, the first sewer, the first railway engine, the first airplane, the first insurance scheme — had its origin in the feverish raptures from the It-Can't-Be-Done Brigade." —Brantford Expositor.

Some months ago a Sheffield man walked into a Cairo cat and said, "I would like some pancakes, please." The proprietor was puzzled. "What are pancakes? How are they made?" "You tell me," he asked. "Yes," replied the Sheffielder. "I'll show you how to make them if you will let me." And so a busy trade in pancakes for the British troops was started. The Britishers, we are told, was Corporal George Simpson, R. A. F., a former member of the staff of the Star. —Sheffield Telegraph.

The latest method Netherlands have found to irritate Nazis is to talk English to them. When two members of the Dutch Nazi "Youth Storm" organization called at the State Forestry office in Utrecht to solicit funds for the Dutch Nazi Welfare Fund, they were greeted by flat refusal. They were in English — and went away empty handed. The collectors presented boxes to more than 100 employees, all of whom responded, "No, sorry, in English; and when informed the collection was for Winter relief, replied also in English. "I know what that is," the Dutch Nazi orator, Nationale Dagblad, reporting the incident, denounced "these ladies and gentlemen suffering from Anglo-Saxonitis." —Netherlands Information Bureau.

My own opinion is that a fundamental cause is the general lack of moral sexual morality. Do not mean sexual morality. There is no foundation for the notion common in Anglo-Saxon countries that the French had lower standards of sexual morality than other nations. I am speaking of morality in general. There were a great many Frenchmen, thousands and thousands, who were honorable, interested and patriotic. There were not enough. Too many politicians were unscrupulous; too many employers were grasping; too many men were venal; too many tyrants; too many working people dishonest and avaricious. France was defeated from within before ever she was defeated on the field of battle. —Somerset Maugham in Redbook.

Now that work on the 1941 census is virtually complete some of the larger cities in the Dominion are boasting of their mighty size. The really big towns of Canada are not counting. The really big as in truth they are being as "Greater" populations and, as Greater New York, we now speak of Greater Winnipeg, or Greater Windsor. When first we read these figures our desire was to cook up a set of figures for "Greater Peterborough, including Lakelfield, Bridgetown, Fraserville, Springfield, Burchell Falls, and counting at Chatham, who has a Summer home boost our population to 32,000 or so. But then we decided that an action would be vain glorious if we considered how many of the relations supported a legitimate theatre, or a symphony orchestra, or were celebrated for the excellence of their dress, or the elegance of their homes, or the size of their borough was not so far behind the parade that it needed to worry. We shall aspire to be "Greater" when our eight big teams are really great. —Peterborough Examiner.

"The British are slow in adopting modern mass production methods in industry, yet they are leading in We in America going over the way Henry Kaiser and other ship builders still the output per worker in United States yards in tons of steel, in British yards. In planes, too, the only elderly men children and raised food production to double per acre yields." —Minneapolis Star-Journal.

The truth is that we have not yet fully accepted the fact that we shall Russia after the war. Only one leading western writer so far as we can see, has made up his mind. He is Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister negotiated Britain's 20-year treaty of mutual assistance with Russia. The treaty also calls for mutual planning of the peace. It seems as if Eden is basing English policy working with Russia. We Americans have no such treaty, merely an indefinite executive agreement. Large into a British war, enlarge into a British war, enlarge into a Chinese-Soviet 20-year treaty? Can't we end the guessing-game that continues the relationships between Russia and the West? —New York Evening Post.

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(Globe and Mail) Now Parliament seems to have been delivered over to the care of the censors. The House of Commons, to which the Government is responsible, is being told what it can and cannot discuss by a censor bureau whose policies its responsible Minister was unable to define for the House. It is a queer condition of responsibility when the Prime Minister and his Cabinet are not aware of the basis on which the business of the House can be conducted, nor, apparently by whose authority it is interfered with.

In protesting interference by the censors, Mr. R. B. Hanson did not exaggerate when he said "the liberty of Parliament and of the members of Parliament is at stake." If Parliament is to be gagged at the whim of some appointed official, then why keep up the pretense of free and responsible government? Why bother with all the ornate camouflage of an Administration being responsible to Parliament?

It is quite irrelevant whether the judgment of the censors has been right in the past as the Prime Minister claimed. The point is that the censors are not the ones to pass judgment so far as Parliament is concerned. It is the Government, in the interests of wartime security — and for no other reason — then the onus is on the Government to make the request, and, in making it, to say why. The Government is and must remain the responsible party. This has been stated with great clarity by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Bennett, saying that the war effort being run by "irresponsible bureaucrats," Mr. Iley recently told the House: "All the officials have a Minister to whom they are responsible. The Ministers are part of a Government which is responsible to Parliament." Attacks made on bureaucrats, he said, "should be made upon (the Ministers) and upon the Government."

Apply the rule to the situation Mr. Hanson complained of. Neither the responsible Minister, Mr. MacLean, nor the Minister of Finance, Mr. Bennett, could tell the House of the policy governing censorship. He had no answer? Are the censors, it is the responsibility here? Follow it through: Officials who function according to a policy which their Ministers cannot define hold the power to censor. Questions, inquiries and statements of the members of Parliament to whom that Minister and the Government must account for their actions.

The thing is fantastic and dangerous in the extreme. Are Ministers to be held responsible for only those matters which a censor feels they need answer? Are the censors to determine what the Government shall be excused from answering, or within what boundaries was policy to be discussed, and debated? Carried to a logical conclusion, the censors could hold Parliament incommunicado at the wish of any nottender with a quirk about "security."

There is danger in wartime of loose or careless talk in Parliament as elsewhere. But this is the Government's responsibility. It is not for the censors to pass on what a free Parliament may know or ask about the nation's business. If danger of any degree the Government's conduct suggests, then the cure is with the Government itself. For some reason it has shunned that cure in the past. By intelligent use of the secret member Government could reduce the danger, real or imagined, opportunity to discuss the war and the conduct of the war in all its phases; assured of getting frank and honest answers to their questions; members could be relied upon to leave their seats for sessions any questions or statements which might embarrass or endanger the war effort. In the absence of such a safety measure, the Government must accept responsibility for censoring Parliament.

ALREADY ON JOB

HORNSEY, Eng. (OP) — Tom Hornsey, 15, of the police force here for 15 years, received a notice from the Ministry of Labor to join the war effort. He is a big, strong, and well-built man, and he is doing his bit in a big way.

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WHEATLEY RIVER SCHOOL. The following is the report of the Wheatley River School for the month of March. Grade VII.—1, Keith Rackham; 2, Stanley MacLean. Grade VII, Sr.—1, Robert Rackham; 2, Cecil Eikhoud. Grade VII, Jr.—1, Garnet Gamblester. Grade VI.—1, Lois Daye; 2, Thelma Barrett. Grade IV.—1, Eleanor Axworthy; 2, Gertrude Barrett; 3, June Eikhoud. Grade II.—1, Arnold MacLean. Grade I A.—1, Allison MacLean. Grade I B.—1, Jean Chandler, Shirley and Helen Rose Eikhoud, equal. Grade I C.—1, Marjorie Axworthy. Highest average in Junior Grades, Jean Chandler, Shirley and Helen Rose Eikhoud 98%. Highest average in Senior Grades, Robert Rackham 83.1%. Prize for Arithmetic — Keith Rackham. Teacher—Thelma S. Smith.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL. Report of Pleasant Valley School for the month of March. Grade X.—1, Barbara Smith. Grade IX.—1, Raymond Morrison; 2, Dorothy Smith; 3, Audrey Stevenson and Lisa Somers equal. Grade VII.—1, Allison Somers. Grade VI.—1, Phyllis Ling; 2, Evelyn Smith and Bertha Smith, equal; 3, Laura Smith. Grade IV.—1, Joyce Ling; 2, Shirley Stevenson; 3, William Carr. Grade III.—1, Norman Ling and Vernon Somers, equal; 2, Cecil Smith; 3, Brenton Smith. Grade II.—1, Donnie Somers. Perfect attendance — Raymond Morrison, Audrey Stevenson, Shirley Stevenson, Norman Ling, Brenton Smith. Highest average — Phyllis Ling.

ROCHFORD SQUARE SCHOOL. Honor Roll for March. Grade X.—1, Alice Trainor; 2, Phyllis MacMillan; 3, Ethel Trainor. Grade IX.—1, Joan Sherrin; 2, Lorraine McNeely; 3, Bernadette Hagan. Grade VIII.—1, Edna Power; 2, Nora Pollard; 3, Leah McMahon. Grade VII.—1, Shirley Sherrin; 2, Helen Roach; 3, Bernadette Hughes. Grade VII.—1, Noreen Connolly;

Advertisement for The Poet's Corner, featuring a poem by Edith Cavell and the text "The world hath its own dead; great motions start in human breasts, and makes for them a place in that hushed sanctuary of the race. Where every day men come, kneel and depart. Of them, O English nurse, henceforth thou art. A name to pray on and to all a face Of household consecration; such His grace Whose universal dwelling is the heart. O gentle hands that soothed the soldier's brow, And knew no service save of Christ the Lord! Thy country now is all humanity! How like a flower thy womanhood doth show. In the harsh scything of the German sword And hasten to the world that saw it die!" —George Edward Woodberry.

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