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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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Selective Service

There seems to be general agreement that
some system of compulsory selective service is
essential to Canada's war effort.

A Montreal paper which has been a sub-
servient supporter of the King Government de-
clares that selective national service cannot be
opposed on any valid grounds.

But is the Government ready with the ma-
chinery to put selective service into effect? Only
the other day, Defence Minister Ralston aston-
ished the House and the country by declaring

Why the delay? Early in the war a national
registration was made of the Canadian people,
and later an elaborate census was taken at the
cost of millions of dollars of the taxpayers'
money.

All the information required by the authori-
ties was supposed to have been obtained by the
first national registration. It was understood that
a card system would be used so as to facilitate
access to this information.

Canada has just been made.

Free France At Sea

The Free French naval forces and the Free
French merchant marine, both commanded by
Admiral Emile Muselier, face their second winter
of active participation in the Allied war effort
with steadily growing numbers and with top
quality in men and ships.

The spirit of Admiral Muselier pervades the
Free French fleet, when he learned that Paris
was to be abandoned to the Germans, he drove
hurriedly into the capital while the enemy entered
from the opposite side.

The motley crowd of sailors, officers and ships
which gradually arrived had to be sorted and
organized into effective working units. At first

it was necessary for many of them to serve on
British ships, but now they man their own boats,
with the colors of France flying from the poop
and a blue pennant, with the Cross of Lorraine,
Free French symbol, at the prow.

Submarines, submarine chasers, destroyers,
minesweepers, patrol boats and battleships have
done their task so well that the British Admi-
rality has awarded a number of decorations to
members of the Free French Navy, while Admi-
ral Muselier has cited for unusual achievement
the destroyer, la Melpomene; the mine-
sweeper, Chevreuil; the patrol boat, Poulmic;
and the battleship, Courbet, which brought down
five German bombers.

The 100 and more ships totalling over 500-
000 tons, which fly the Free French pennant at
the prow, represent over a fourth of the pre-
war merchant fleet of France and include some
of the best known in the Atlantic and South
Atlantic as well as in Near and Far Eastern
services. The Ile de France, famous passenger
boat, is busy transporting Free French fighting
men and young recruits who have finished their
training in England to join their compatriots
and Allies in Africa and the Near East. The
Felix Roussel, Paul Doumer, and Pierre Loti,
known in the Far East, and the Pasteur which
had just begun its South American service when
the war broke out, are all rendering valuable
service in maintaining supply lines for the Allied
war effort.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Buy your apple repeatedly today.

Of all the agencies for the development of
Boyhood, the British Government places the
Scout movement first.

At the Blackout organization meeting on Thurs-
day, Major Poole said that elsewhere Boy Scouts
played an important part by keeping up lines of
communication. Group Captain Blake said that
in England they had proven to be "able fire-
fighters." Buy an Apple today and help the
Movement to be kept to the front.

Barons of Nova Scotia are not overplentiful.
One has been removed by the death on Mon-
day of the 10th Earl of Southesk at Kinnaid
Castle, Brechin, Scotland, at the age of 87.
Descendant of an ancient Scottish family and
owner of about 22,700 acres, Lord Southesk held
a number of titles which now pass to his son,
Lord Carnegie. Among these titles is that of
Baronet of Nova Scotia, created in 1663.

Brazil became a republic this date 1889 when
Emperor Pedro II was deposed. A constitution
based upon that of the U. S. A. was drawn up,
the former provinces being converted into states.
In 1892-5 insurrections in Rio Grande do Sul
and elsewhere were suppressed, and the country
has since that time rapidly progressed and de-
veloped, being now the foremost on the South
American continent.

It is reported by War Services Minister Thor-
son that 217 young men, evidently physically and
otherwise fit, of this province have been exempted
from service or had their call postponed. It
would be interesting to have the names published.
In England, all conscientious objectors and
others seeking exemption for necessitous ser-
vices elsewhere, have their names and the reasons
for exemption or delay published in the
region in which they are located. Similarly here
during the last war open court was held to hear
applicants.

Here is the sort of thing that puzzles and
confuses the ordinary sort of citizen. The Federal
Government prosecuted and had severely
fined tobacco manufacturers who agreed upon a
fixed price for their products and combined to
make them effective, by all tobaccoists and
their sales media. At the same time the City of
Montreal prosecuted and had fined a barber for
refusing to be bound by a combination of his fel-
low tradesmen who stipulated what charges
should be made for a shave or hair cut.

Job seekers in Windsor, Ont., cannot get work
unless they have obligated themselves to sub-
scribe "for a fair proportion" of War Savings
Certificates, according to Mr. Donald W. Mc-
Gregor, chairman of the War Weapons Commit-
tee. He said that Windsor is confident it will
go over the top in the present drive to gain sub-
scribers for War Savings Certificates and
termed "an ace in the hole" the fact that unless
job seekers can show badges showing them to be
subscribers they cannot get work.

The local Conservative Association will be
pleased to learn that the question of a national
moratorium on all mortgages on land including
homes and other buildings for the duration of
the war and two years thereafter, was put to the
government by Mr. T. C. Church (Con.-Toron-
to Broadview), as a matter of government policy.
Replying to Mr. Church, in an order tabled in
the Commons the Prime Minister said, "It is
not usual for the government to make statements
on matters of policy in giving replies to ques-
tions."

No one can convince us that the Hon. member
for Kingston is opposed to selective conscription.
"I believe the English people to a man are deter-
mined to die on English soil as Englishmen rather
than live under the heel of Hitler," he de-
clared in an address before Cornwall Board of
Trade. Giving some impressions of his visit to
England last summer Mr. Macdonald, Minister
of Defence for Naval Affairs, said the people of
London have been an example to the rest of
Britain and to the rest of the world for their
courage and indomitable spirit in standing up
before the worst Hitler could offer. In direct
contrast to the spirit in which the British have
made tremendous sacrifices for victory, small
sacrifice in Canada brings "a howl" from one end
of the country to the other," the Navy Minister
declared. "Britain knows sacrifice is necessary to
win the war and so must we," he continued.
"We must be prepared to make sacrifices." In
other words, Selective Conscription

NOTES BY THE WAY

One hostelry-keeper in the
town is fed up with being asked
for a match. So on the counter he
has placed a sal-bottle, filled
with matches. A visitor is handed
through a brass tube in the cirk,
and the thing burns for two days
and saves a lot of nerve strain. —
Ginsburg Herald.

The aura of mystery which
the motive for calling the Demo-
cratic Monetary Reform con-
vention in Winnipeg this week has
been pierced. Ostensibly it was to
elect a successor to Hon. W. D.
Herridge, one-time leader of the
New Party, the late Sir C. G.
Dunn. At least that was what
many people thought. Actually it
was to organize a holy war against
the Canadian banking and cur-
rency system, to light propa-
ganda fire to destroy that system,
and to unite all the currency
critics and funny-money addicts
under one banner. — Winnipeg
Free Press.

What this country needs, it
seems to us, is a prohibitive tax
on all cigars. We smoke too many
cigars. Or as a colleague put it,
the cigars of this type are smoke
constituents too many. But reduc-
ing cigar consumption is much
more difficult than cutting out
cigarettes. It is no trick at all
to stop smoking cigarettes. We
stopped, just like that. It is all
a question of will-power. But we
always seem to be fresh out of
will-power on the subject. And
stopping smoking cigars comes
up. — J. H. G. in Winnipeg Free
Press.

Sir Charles Wilson, now in
Moscow to report upon medical aid
to the Soviet, is a doctor, and son
of a doctor, and the husband of a
doctor's daughter. It is hard to
hold him in high esteem. So does
Winston, who is Sir Charles' most
faithful and least fertile patient.
When Winston has a cold or is
feeling out of sorts, Sir Charles
is in personal attendance, accom-
panying him on visits to the Fleet,
and to the cities, to the great use
of the patient. Observed on these
trips, Sir Charles is always amazed by the great care
the patient takes of the doctor. —
Reynolds News (London).

It is cheering to hear that
"Rowdy", the California terrier
condemned to death by the terms
of a Federal Act, has been granted
a writ of habeas corpus. The de-
struction has been invalidated by
court order and "Rowdy" is to be
an army mascot at Hamlet, N. C.
The dog has been very popular
and he would be unhappy without
her, or that he would not be given
good care but the attitude
of British authorities is
selfish. The judge acted wisely in
ruling that "Rowdy", a healthy,
lively dog, had a right to his own
life. — Boston Post.

Rumor tells of a happening in a
Canadian military hospital (in me
deleted by the censor) which was
decried by the members of the
of the government (name also
deleted). The dignitary in question
made a very pleasing inspection of
stomping at his superior officers.
here and there in the various
wards and exchanging a few words
with the patients. As the tour went
on and his feet grew tired he
delivered his remarks to a single ser-
vante, uttered with a charming
smile: "Well, my lad, I hope you'll
soon be out of here." This went
down like a bomb, which he re-
sponded "Thank you very much,
Sir." All that is to say, except
one boy who was a little flustered
by the incident, and officers in the
land. When he heard the stock
sentence he blushed and stum-
bled. "The—the same to you,
Sir." — Printed Word.

Why must Hitler fail in the
long run? The despatch recently
printed in the Swedish news-
paper Nyheter gives the greatest
clue. According to this paper, the
"after-the-war" plan for Norway
has been agreed upon between
Germany and Norway. Germany
is to have the Norwegian in active
charge there for the Nazis. The
Germans would remain in the im-
portant towns as a garrison and a
Vanguard of the "New Order" in
the country. Norwegians would be
allowed to govern the rest of their
country provided that the Quisling
became the head of the present
Government in the rest of the coun-
try that its permanent leadership
is considered assured. "When that
the 'New Order' is established in
Europe is assured. And when will
that be? Never, never, never!" —
the Victoria Times.

A Royal Air Force officer
walked into a Birmingham jeweller's
shop one day this week. In
despair "I've been into every
jeweller's shop in Birmingham, but I
can't get an engagement ring any-
where," he said. "Can't you ool-
ge me? I've got special leave to
come in today. But he had to go
back to his duties. The jeweller
demanded for engagement and wedding
rings exceeds manufacturers' pro-
duction, which has fallen because
of labor shortage and limited raw
supplies. In Birmingham now not
only is there a steady demand for
rings, but wrist watches, and even
pocket watches, have been in
stock for years, as are being snapped
up. At one jeweller's a £30 watch
was sold within a few minutes of
its appearance in the shop window.
No watches are being manufactured
in this country, and, of
course, no Swiss watches have
been imported since the war be-
gan, but American alarm clocks
are selling like hot cakes, even
though they cost nearly a pound
each. — Birmingham Post.

"Previously reported missing, now
reported killed", is the sad annou-
cement concerning the young
Earl of Aylesford. It will be a mat-
ter of regret to many Warwick-
shire folk, for he was lord of
Packington Hall, one of the most
historic of Midland manor houses,
and he had that day for sport that
he endeavored to manage his an-
cestors to the countryside. One of
my earliest recollections (writes a
correspondent) is that of standing
on the Country road to see the Earl
of Aylesford on the box of the
coach which he ran every day be-
tween Coventry and Birmingham
in the early part of the summer
of 1879. He was the proprietor and
driver of this wellworn vehicle,
and handled the ribbons in a fas-
hion that would have won the ap-
proval of Tom Weller himself.
But the coach was not a paying
venture; very few of the things he
endeavored were paying ventures;
and the young Earl recently died
of a fever which he contracted from
his ancestor's extravagance. The old
Earl, as we may call him, entertain-
ed at Packington Hall for several
years the young Earl had to
draw in his belt. — Birmingham
Post.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

SOLEMN CEREMONY
DISTURBED

Sir,—How many parents like to
have their children referred to
as "hoodlums"?
Various visitors to this Island
who witness the solemn and
impressive ceremony in front of
the War Memorial on Tuesday
last used just this term in refer-
ring to certain children who were
present.

Should not the spirit that
prompts us older people to dedi-
cate two minutes of silence to the
thousands of near and dear ones
who sacrificed their lives for free-
dom in the last war be passed on
to the children?

These solemn thoughts were in-
terrupted by the screams of
youngsters calling to one another,
the chatter of those who through
lack of understanding had forced
their way right into the midst of
the lines of soldiers.

What our visitors are asking
themselves is—Have the mothers
and fathers of these children no
divided pride? Have they no control
over their children? And finally
what shall be the fate of Char-
lottetown in the future when these
children are called on to hold the
reins of Government and to run
the City's affairs?

It might appear that there is
laxity in the authority exercised by
the City Police and a lack of
understanding among the adult
population as neither made any
effort to keep these children in
check during the service.

I am, Sir, etc.
J. I. WHEAR.

ENDORSES FEDERATION
RESOLUTIONS

Sir,—Among the various resolu-
tions adopted at the recent meet-
ing of the Prince Edward Island
Federation of Agriculture, as re-
ported in the Charlottetown Free
Press (Nov. 8), this Toronto reader fully
endorses the general principles:
(a)—"that this Federation urge
the Federal authorities to take
the necessary of placing Agriculture on
a basis of parity with other indus-
tries," and (b)—"that no maximum
prices be fixed on agricultural pro-
ducts without first fixing a mini-
mum parity price on these pro-
ducts."

Only the other day the leader
of the Conservative party in On-
tario (Col. George Drew) drew the
attention of a gathering at St.
Thomas, Ont., to the organization
of British agriculture which he
termed "one of the brightest spots
in the British war effort," and he
reminded his hearers that "agri-
cultural products are munitions of
war of the first importance." This
latter forthright declaration is, in
this reader's opinion, alike con-
structive and timely, and it's
not too much to expect that the
hon. member for the riding of
Capt. J. L. Read in the course of
his presidential report: "I think
it is only fair to ask that Agricul-
ture be classified as a vital war
industry."

In conclusion, may I say that I
like the varied references of your
farmers to the general effects (so-
cial as well as economic) likely to
flow from rural organization, and
the general principle of "Co-opera-
tion." Here is what their rural
brethren in my home Province (Al-
berta) think of this same trend in
Agriculture: "Co-operation distrib-
utes wealth among the masses. It
has never, until its rise, 1933, pro-
duced any real benefit to the farmer
in the one system that provides for
the fairest diffusion of wealth. Co-
operation is the greatest hope of
Agriculture. It is the only way to
flow from rural organization, and
the general principle of "Co-opera-
tion" promise to the human race."
I am, Sir, etc.
"ALBERTAN"
Toronto, Ont.

TRINITY'S ANNIVERSARY

Sir—I was interested in read-
ing the reference in your paper of
the Anniversary services to be
held in Trinity United Church to-
morrow (Sunday). It is quite true
that it is the 77th Anniversary of
the opening of the Prince Edward
Church and its dedication to the worship
of Almighty God but it is not
only that event which we cele-
brate but the organization and
formation of the congregation from
which the present is the
outgrowth.

It was in the Autumn of 1794
that a Black of Nova Scotia was
brought to the Island by
Nathaniel Wright of Bequee. Mr.
Black had made a previous visit
here on 22nd October 1783 on the
invitation of Mr. Benjamin Chap-
pell. According to the records Mr.
Black's reception in Charlottetown
was of a most pleasing character.
(The people heard him gladly and
expressed much friendship) and offered to
assist in the erection of a chapel in
town. It is recorded "Thus the
foundations of Methodism in the
beautiful Island of Prince Edward
were laid. Mr. Black's work proved
of a genuine and permanent char-
acter. Classes were formed at
Charlottetown, Bequee, Tryon,
Murray Harbor and other settle-
ments in the Province and the
work developed on thoroughly
Wesleyan lines and motto was
"The best of all is God is with us."
Mr. Black was succeeded by
James Bulpit, John Hicks, John
Bass Strong and a long suc-
cession of godly and devoted men
whose ministries are cherished and
whose "words follow after them."
These are the events which we
will keep in reverent remembrance
on Sunday and thank God for the
heritage that has been passed on
to us.

In November 1814 the frame of
the first church building was
raised and in the partly finished
edifice the first sermon was
preached in June 1816.
"More and more it spread and
grew
Ever mightily to prevail."
and in order to accommodate
the rapidly increasing congrega-
tion a site was secured on Prince
Street and in 1835 a new church
was dedicated. In 1838-39 the
church was considerably enlarged
and a few years later a spacious
and dignified Sanctuary could boast

of Wales, and the Czarevitch of
Russia, all on such a lavish scale
that the balliffs were soon on the
spot to seize the furniture and
effects of Packington Hall. No
wonder the young Earl had to
draw in his belt. — Birmingham
Post.

WORDS OF
CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"But we know too that our
triumph cannot be attained
without an effort that is un-
paralleled in the history of
the world." — R. B. Hanson.

of no special architectural attrac-
tions but the many occasions on
which the Most High did in very
deed dwell with men gathered
within its walls and the rich
music for which it became famed
made it difficult for any resident
or visiting worshipper ever to
forget it.

It is a pleasing fact that this
valuable asset of rich and de-
lightful music has remained with
our church to the present day and
our hearts will be cheered as we
listen tomorrow to that old and
familiar Anthem "Jerusalem My
glorious home, Name ever dear to
me. When shall my labors have
an end, in joy and peace with
Thee. Oh when, thou City of my
God, shall I thy courts ascend.
These congregations never break
up and Sabbaths have no end.

I will close by giving the names
of the first Trustees of the present
Church. They were Robert Long-
worth, Richard Hearty, James
Moore, Thomas Alley, Thomas
Dawson, George Bee, Charles
Young, Mark Butcher and William
Heard.

I am, Sir, etc.
JOHN F. WHEAR.

ISLAND AIR MAIL SERVICE

Sir,—At the recent quarterly
meeting of the Charlottetown Board
of Trade it was decided to call
a special meeting of the Board to
discuss the all-important question
of the proposed changes in the Is-
land's Air Mail service. This is
a complicated subject, and one that
affects Summerside equally with
Charlottetown. May I suggest that
the Boards meet together in advance
of the general meetings, and prepare a
resolution to be submitted to both
Boards and by them in turn to the
postal authorities and to the Pro-
vincial Government.

The facts in this connection, as
I understand them are as follows:—
1. Trans-Canada Airlines will
shortly cease to carry airmail be-
tween Moncton and Prince Edward
Island, also between Moncton and
Saint John, N. B., and a contract
for the above service will be made
with a company to be known as
Maritime Central Airways Ltd.

2. All first class mail arriving by
train in Moncton from Nova Sco-
tia, New Brunswick, the Eastern
Provinces, and from Quebec, Ontario
and the West, will be carried to
Summerside and Charlottetown and
to Saint John, by the new com-
pany, including also all airmail
(double postage letters to and
from Moncton on the one hand
and Prince Edward Island and New
Brunswick on the other, same to
be delivered to Trans-Canada Air-
lines for transport throughout their
system and vice versa.

3. For eight years, and until the
Spring of 1940, the Island was ser-
viced very satisfactorily by Canadian
Airways Ltd. the weekday time-
table being as follows:

First Plane Left Moncton 11:15
A. M.
First Plane Arrived Charlottetown
12:15 P. M.
First Plane Left Charlottetown
12:45 P. M.
First Plane Arrived Moncton 1:45
P. M.
Second Plane Left Moncton, ar-
rival Moncton, train 3:45 P. M.
Second Plane Arrived Charlottetown
4:30 P. M.
Second Plane Left Charlottetown
4:45 P. M.
Second Plane Arrived Moncton
5:45 P. M.

Making connection with plane for
Montreal and West at 6:15 P. M.
4. When Trans-Canada Lines was
awarded the contract for carry-
ing air mail from Halifax to
Charlottetown, the time table was
discovered they prepared a new
time table under which the plane
left Moncton for Montreal and West
at 5:15 instead of 6:15. This rendered
it impossible for the plane
leaving Charlottetown at 6:45 P.
M. to make close connections as
formerly.

5. The afternoon time table for
the Island was then altered so that
the plane now leaves Moncton at
5:05 P. M. instead of 5:45 P. M., ar-
rives Charlottetown at 6:20 P. M., in-
stead of 4:30 P. M. The plane stays
in Charlottetown over night and
leaves for Moncton at 7:00 A. M.
the following day.

6. As a result of the above
changes in the time tables, the
Prince Edward Island air mail ser-
vice was injured in two respects:
A. Letters were received two hours
later than formerly and after of-
fice hours. B. No afternoon plane
carried our mail to Moncton and
we were prevented from replying by
immediate air mail to letters re-
ceived at 12:15, resulting in a loss
of twenty four hours in the deliv-
ery of Island letters in Halifax, To-
ronto, Montreal and West.

7. So far as can be seen Saint
John as the distributing point for
New Brunswick is in precisely the
same position as Summerside and
Charlottetown, a fact that adds
strength to any demands that may
be made by Prince Edward Island
for an improved time table in the
main Halifax to Vancouver route.

8. In studying the Trans-Canada
time table there does not appear to
be a single important city from
Halifax to Vancouver that would be
injured in any respect, were the
planes to arrive one hour later than
present.

9. From the above it would be
evident that our Boards of Trade
would be justified in requesting
that a return be made to the time
table in force under the Canadian
Airways Contract.

I am, Sir, etc.
H. K. S. HEMMING.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY

BRISBANE — (CP) — A new
mining plant near here, occupy-
ing 140 acres and employing 5,500
people, will be Queensland's largest
industrial enterprise.



"The telephone has always
more than paid for itself
on my place"

"A telephone on the farm is worth much more
than it costs... I can't see how any farmer can
get along without it... The telephone has always
more than paid for itself on my place, and during
a recent fire help was called by telephone
which could not have been done in sufficient
time by any other means... Yes—a telephone
on the farm is necessary for every-day calls and
comfort and security in times of emergency."

A telephone more than pays for itself on
the farm for business alone... and in
an emergency, such as fire, thieves, acci-
dent or sickness, one call may be worth
more than service costs for a lifetime.

ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED

Compulsory National
Service

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal.)
Prime Minister Mackenzie King,
speaking in the House of Commons
this week, after declaring that a de-
cision against conscription for over-
seas service had been made by the
Canadian people at the last gen-
eral election, went on to say: "So
far as I am concerned, with the con-
sultation with the people on
this subject, I do not intend to take
the responsibility of supporting any
policy of conscription for services
overseas."

Let us examine both of these
statements carefully. What is the
basis of the prime minister's declar-
ation that a decision against con-
scription for overseas service had
been made by the Canadian people
at the last general election? The
question of conscription was not an
issue in that campaign. The leaders
of both the principal political par-
ties were almost unanimous against
it, so it was utterly impossible for
the electors to signify by their votes
what their convictions were as re-
gards compulsory service. The re-
turn of the King government, and
the large majority, therefore, settled
nothing so far as the people's opin-
ion of conscription went.

Much has happened since the last
election which took place in March,
1940. Starting with the invasion of
Denmark and Norway in April, the
German forces have overrun Lux-
embourg, Belgium, the Netherlands
and France, thousands of civilians
very, very few and far between

A RELIEF

A stormy night, slippery highway, blinding head-
lights, an unavoidable accident, some one injured—an
emergency ride to the hospital.

Then what a relief when you suddenly realize, for
the first time, perhaps, the full value of your Auto-
mobile Insurance Policy, which protects your inter-
ests, and, if lawful claims result, pays damages to the
limits of the policy.

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cost.

Let our nearest Agent quote you for full and com-
plete cover.

Insurance service since 1872.

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Offices: Charlottetown, Summerside, and Montague

THE QUESTION IS

HOW?

Yes, how did Hickey's Twist outlive so
many of its early competitors. It has been
on the market more than fifty years. There
is only one answer—because it delivered the
goods.

Hickey's
Black Twist
Chewing
10c Per Fig

MANUFACTURED BY
HICKEY & NICHOLSON
TOBACCO CO., LTD., CHARLOTTETOWN

Minard's kills pain.