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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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Economy Vs. Expansion

A correspondent in the Forum raises the question of economy by curtailment of bureaux and expansion by means of continued high taxation.

The real purpose behind the spending of all the government money on Social Security and Public Works is to create purchasing power in the hands of the public and therefore, by stimulating trade, increase the possibilities of employment in Canadian industry.

On the other hand, there is a diametrically opposed point of view developing among Canadian businessmen as indicated by "Producer". Their idea is that the government must remove as many as possible of the regulations and controls which are hampering the freedom of legitimate business.

Canada's future prosperity for the next fifty years lies in the decisions being made now. The decision is whether a large measure of state control should be retained, or whether private enterprise should be allowed to carry the load of the country's business.

Potatoes For Penicillin

United Kingdom scientists have discovered two methods of producing penicillin on a tremendous scale. Potatoes—or even potato peelings—form the basis of the first method, which was developed by research workers of the Highgate Hospital, in London.

The second method, which was discovered by a young Glasgow doctor, is based on colchicine—a chemical which is used to increase growth of tobacco plants. For six months Dr. Gordon and Mr. J. McKechnie, his laboratory technician, have been trying to find an agent which would double the growth of penicillin mould.

Export Bacon Crisis

According to the Financial Post, the anticipated post-war export bacon crisis is looming more quickly than even the pessimists predicted. The other day the first mild cure Danish bacon since the spring of 1940 arrived on the British market and competition for Canada's greatly expanded hog industry became a reality.

It is exceedingly doubtful whether the Danes can do much more than make fairly large token shipments to Great Britain just now. True, their agricultural industry has escaped direct war damage but for anything like full functioning it is dependent on outside cheap feed. Adequate supplies of this will not be possible until world shipping has been restored to normal.

"The bacon that Canada shipped to Britain during the war years," says the Post, "was not of the highest quality nor will it be until much better transport facilities are available. We were forced to expand our industry much too fast. Main emphasis was on volume, and for a while also on fat. Britain needed food and fat—delicate flavor and mild cure were not encouraged, could not be afforded, and would not survive slow and exposed war shipment."

At the express desire of the British Government we lowered our standards to meet the new conditions. It was not a matter of profit but war economics. Actually, much of the bacon exported in the last four years has been a gift to the Mother Country in partial acknowledgement of the magnificent fight being put up against the aggressors.

"Those points must be emphasized in Brit-

ain, now offered fresh, mild cured supplies from a country only a few hours away. And we must keep on emphasizing them until we have re-organized our industry to produce a higher type hog and fast transport across the Atlantic again allows us to ship a mild cure. At the same time there is most urgent need for a re-education of Canadian hog producers, stressing the vital necessity of new, high quality if we hope to retain permanently a substantial share of the British market.

Prince Edward Island farmers are vitally interested in this matter. Hog production in this Province increased 14 per cent last year, the total representing a value of approximately two million dollars. Moreover, Island hogs graded a higher percentage of Grade A than any other province. Since quality is to be accentuated in the post-war British market every effort should be made by our producers to retain this enviable prestige.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rumania surrendered this date 1943.

A change in the weather would be welcomed by everybody; one may have too much of a good thing.

Now the war is over, social activities are to be resumed. His Honour and Mrs. Bernard are leading the way by being at Home this day week at Government House to receive visitors.

If ever there was justification for the maxim qui s'excuse, s'excuse, it is to be found in Prime Minister King's laudation of the fallen hero, General McNaughton. Mr. King has the satisfaction, if any there be, of having set the trap which General McNaughton entered on his return from the front. The steel teeth closed on him, and ended his career as a great soldier, leaving nothing to replace it but the skeleton of a fourth rate politician, despised and rejected by friend and foe alike.

The new Minister of Defence, Mr. D. C. Abbott is one of the rising hopes of the sadly depleted Liberal forces in Quebec, representing St. Antoine-Westmount in the House. He is a lawyer, forty-five years of age, married with one girl and two boys; served overseas with the McGill Battery in Great War I, and entered the Air Force in the last year of that war.

Sir William Wallace, Scottish hero, executed at Smithfield, London, this date 1305; he raised forces to oppose those of Edward I of England, who by craft and violence, had taken military possession of Scotland; after defeating Edward repeatedly, he in turn was defeated at Falkirk in July, 1298, and escaped to Holland, where he remained seven years, returning only to be seized, subjected to mock trial, and executed as a traitor.

Food products developed for the Army by the various companies are likely to appear in the civilian market before long. Many of these new foods were sampled at the Food Editors' Conference in New York this month. They included canned ham and eggs. One was a pre-cooked rice that, with boiling water and time to absorb it, is as fluffy and delicious as anything the best Southern cook could turn out.

An unknown German (says The Times, London), must be given credit for achieving in the war no ended the greatest of all known flukes. One day in September 1940 a 500-lb. bomb fell on the British Museum, made one hole in the roof of a room in the Prince Department and another in the floor, and ultimately came to rest on a lower floor without exploding.

Reading a recent statement by the head of an important Canadian food concern, we were impressed by his references to the important, even essential, part which had been played by his older hands in maintaining production during the war years. Quite frankly, this executive declared that his firm could not possibly have functioned without the assistance rendered by these men and women, many of whom had cheerfully worked long hours to make up for absenteeism on the part of newer and less reliable employees who had thus made possible the production that was required by not only the home population but the armed forces and other countries depending on Canada for food supply.

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Notes By The Way

The advantage of the truth is that you needn't try to remember how you told it the last time. — Grand Rapids Press.

Nevertheless, the wonderful electronic home of the future will be incomplete without a peddler when pushed.—Detroit News.

Crops worth \$26,000 (\$115,180) were grown in Britain's royal parks in 1944. They included 70 tons of tomatoes, 688 tons of corn, 300 tons of potatoes, 275 tons of mangels and swede turnips.

With the approval of Alaska as another state of the Union by Senator Harold L. Ickes, there is likely to blossom forth a movement for the separation of the Yukon and Northwest Territories as Canada's tenth province. Perhaps the Eskimo and Indian native cons would be the subject of Dominion a thing or two provincially.—Ottawa Citizen.

Among the many strange things for which Hollywood is noted must be listed the amazing amount of money which is spent on the industry. It is estimated that the industry spends \$100,000,000 a year on salaries and expenses. One is tempted to wonder if the industry is not a bit over-furnished with money.

A sobering thought arises from the circumstance that the American cruiser Indianapolis should be sunk with such heavy losses. She carried the first atomic bomb from the United States to the target in Japan. Call it the hazards of war, or that there is something in the air, but the Indianapolis was a ship—something which should be humbly.—Hamilton Spectator.

During the last 12 to 15 years of depression and war, the considerable increase in the total accommodation available in Canadian mental hospitals has been in proportion to the increase in the number of admissions. In 1943, the latest year for which statistics have been issued, normal bed capacity increased by more than a third, but resident population over capacity was ten per cent at the end of 1943.

The British Ministry of Food has listed the main reasons for the shortage of foodstuffs in the Dominion. Both still eat plenty and don't have to queue for it. There is nothing mysterious about the food scarcity. It is the result of a number of causes. Not one factor but several cause the shortage. The most important are: (1) Lack of men on the farms owing to the call-up for the armed forces. (2) Shortage of fertilizer. (3) Disastrous drought in Australia, New Zealand, South America, South Africa and the Caribbean area. (4) Vastly increased cost of production.

News that a Vancouver woman, Miss Bernice Biggs, home teacher for the Canadian National Society for the Blind, is recovering her sight in hospital in New York, draws attention to one of the latest miracles of modern surgery and raises the hope that from 10,000 to 20,000 blind persons in the Dominion could be restored to sight. The operation involves the removal of the opaque or defective cornea—the transparent part of the outer covering of the eye—and its replacement by a healthy cornea from a living or dead donor. It can not give sight to those who are blind because of an effective type of blindness, but is effective in the many cases of blindness caused by opacity of the cornea where the rest of the eye is healthy.

Following this and other successes, The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration has received from the Government an initial grant of \$25,000 from the Milbank Memorial Fund. It is undertaking to raise \$1,000,000 for research in eye diseases. With this extension of knowledge and skill in this delicate operation.—From Vancouver Province.

Jobs. They might also have become absentees. They preferred, however, to remain on their normal job through thick and thin and Canada owes much to them.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The CharloTTetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

LESS TAXATION, MORE ENTERPRISE

Sir,—It seems to me that our people are staying up at night to think up schemes whereby our Governments—Federal, Provincial and Civic—will be called on to provide funds for all kinds of post-war projects.

Many of these already suggested, have a measure of merit and most of them, one could endorse. It seems to me that instead of pressing for expenditure of this nature, the proper approach is by the creation of conditions which will encourage and encourage private enterprise to put money and efforts behind sound business projects and thus provide opportunities for our people to show that they can do it in business what they did in war—"Take the Lead."

The removal of existing tax penalties on enterprise and effort is essential if Canada is to take its proper place in world markets and thus provide work for our people. The depression is a real and a justifiable cause for concern. The many suggested projects which are being proposed as a "cure all" for the depression are, in fact, a Government expenditure except as an "evener" in times of depression. It is the same as when the drink of rum to the crew when what is really needed is a good square meal.

THE OVER FORTIES

Sir,—A group of well-known citizens of this city during the last depression formed an organization known as "Forty Plus of Canada." Its major purpose was to help men in the class designated "over-forties" to obtain employment. It was an organization which sought to encourage these unfortunate people to obtain employment through the organization and the co-operation of interested citizens.

The objects of the new organization will be to help men and women above the age of forty possess qualifications and skills which can not be easily exercised to earn a livelihood, to make a material contribution to the welfare of the nation. Those who obtain employment or appointments when the war started feel that they should suffer no economic prejudice following the termination of the war. They believe that they can make as effective a contribution to the production as they did during the war.

The Association would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to publish this letter, or one of those who are interested may be prepared to co-operate take steps to form a branch in your area. It is intended to form a sufficient number of branches have been formed, to call a national convention which will discuss and deliberate upon a larger programme, and what action should be taken to secure for the Association the consideration to which its members are entitled as citizens seeking nothing more than an opportunity to be employed in their several professions or occupations.

Thanking you, I am, Sir, etc., M. HALLER, Secretary, 235 Markham Road, Town Mount Royal, Montreal 16, Que.

London Letter

By JOHN DAUPHINE Canadian Press Writer London, England

(By John Dauphine, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Eng.—The first permitted aerial photograph of London since the war began have been published in the newspapers, providing a striking picture of the damage done by German bombs in the heaviest blitzed portion of the City.

The best view appeared in The Times. The camera was set at almost due north from across the murky Thames, with Blackfriars Bridge in the left foreground and the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in the centre.

The miracle of St. Paul's escape becomes more evident when all the surrounding devastation is unfolded from the air. On the river side of the Cathedral, the ruined church of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey is one of the few surviving buildings which remain—although the area of destruction is even larger, sweeping around behind St. Paul's and almost down to the river west of the cathedral.

In The Pacific

By DEWITT MacKENZIE Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst

The shadow of that most dreaded of all conditions—civil war—is striking across China and, if we accept Tokyo reports, Japan also is hearing internal rumblings which grow out of her surrender to the Allies.

The point which we can stress here is that the relations among the Big Three—Britain, Russia and the United States—may be put to the acid test by these political difficulties in the orient and in Europe. That of far greater importance to the peace of the world than is a civil war or half dozen of them, is the recent trend of opinion that international peace depends on unity of the Big Three. We have an example in Russia's sphere of influence in the Balkans. Last Saturday, U.S. state secretary Byrnes notified the Bulgarian Government that the United States considered it didn't fully represent the people of Bulgaria. Yesterday British Foreign Secretary Bevin told the House of Commons that Britain won't recognize the govern-

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The five-column photograph published in The Times gives some indication of historic buildings which have been destroyed and those which remain—although most suffered some damage. Even St. Paul's did not escape unscathed. One bomb dropped into the choir, destroying the altar and doing other damage. Another fell through the roof of the north transept, and into the crypt. Together they blasted out all the Cathedral's windows. It is believed that the Times photograph is not been for strengthening carried out between 1925 and 1930.

Just to the east of St. Paul's Cathedral in the Times photograph is the spire of St. Vedast and the bare walls of this burned-out church rebuilt by Christopher Wren after the Great Fire to a famous steeple—that of St. Mary Le Bow where bells used to ring. The church has been ruined but the spire is still standing. William the Conqueror remains.

This War—Four Years Ago

By The Canadian Press Aug. 23, 1941—Prime Minister MacKenzie King visited Canadian Army overseas. Count Edward

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The Poet's Corner

SPECULA When He appoints thee, so forth— It matters not, if south or north, Bleak waste or sunny spot. Nor think, if haply he thou wold be laid, He does thee wrong, To stifle or gale Lean thou thy head, and lo! It may be that to thy shoe thou Upon a tower mounting Or in thy counting Thou hast mistaken the hour. But, if He comes not, neither do thou so Till Vesper chime, Belike thou then shalt know He hath been with thee all the time. —T. I. Brown

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