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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1944

The Man With The Bayonet

This fine tribute by W. L. Clark in the Windsor Star is worth quoting:

"We want to say another word for the infantryman who gets right up there facing the enemy. He is so far forward in the fighting, he often escapes attention. He is the chap who goes out on patrol, seeking out the patrols of the Boche, and when he finds them, he gives battle. Often the struggle is a grim and silent one, with death coming suddenly and unexpectedly. At other times there is a brief skirmish for advantage, and then death to the foe—if the foe does not deal out death first.

"It is hard to imagine just how that little squad or platoon of men feels as it inches forward here, dashes ahead a few yards there. The men have to concentrate on their work, or they will fall in their tracks. Even with the keenest concentration, they lose out sometimes.

"Those are the men who are winning the land battles. Artillery and aerial preparation helps them go forward, but when they come to grips with the enemy, they are on their own and so alone."

Housing Legislation

Hon. J. L. Ilsley prophesies that expenditures under the National Housing Act, which has been passed by the House of Commons, may reach nearly a billion dollars.

The immediate objective is to distribute about $275,000,000 in loans for home building and improvement and slum clearance. Mr. Ilsley explains that this figure is set only for the next two or three years, during which time the merits of the legislation can be judged. If it works out according to expectations, it will be for future Parliaments to continue and extend it.

It is emphasized that the principle of the bill does not put the Government in the housing business. There is flat rejection of the Socialist idea that the State should enter this field directly. Rather, the Government proposes to lend public money, supplemented with private funds from the recognized lending institutions, to accomplish general community betterment throughout the Dominion.

World Calendar

Among the multifarious suggestions for promoting the welfare of the human race urged upon the attention of the statesmen who will be charged with the responsibility of making over the world when this war has been won is the reform of the Gregorian calendar now in use. Indeed, the World Calendar Association would like to see their new calendar adopted in 1945, instead of waiting till the end of the war. The reason for this is that December 30 falls on a Saturday this year and by designating the next day an extra Saturday and proclaiming it a world holiday, the year 1945 would start with Sunday, January 1, from which date all would be smooth sailing. Many nations have officially recognised the new World Calendar, and it is not thought to be over-optimistic to expect that those who have not already done so will give their endorsation when the benefits have been more clearly realized. Briefly stated, they consist in the division of the year into four equal quarters of 91 days, each beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday; every month has twenty-six week days, plus four or five Sundays. The first month of each quarter has 31 days, all the other months 30 days.

By the adoption of the World Calendar, it is claimed that money, time and effort would be saved in industry; that it would provide "specific benefits for the working man," that it would be welcomed by Government departments, and that it holds definite advantages for the legal profession and for financial institutions. For retail traders, for agriculture, for scientists and those engaged in the educational profession the resulting benefits would, it is claimed, be substantial.

Britain's Leaders

An analysis of the antecedents of leading personalities in the British Government throws an interesting light on the whole structure of British democracy, showing that Britain's leaders are representative in the fullest sense. The heterogeneous character of British leaders is itself the best proof that only one qualification is necessary for entering the British Government — the capacity for leadership. For example:

In the War Cabinet from aristocratic tradition are:

(1) *Churchill*: Grandson of the Duke of Marlborough, son of the brilliant Tory rebel, Lord Randolph Churchill. Educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, passing by way of active military service, war journalism to politics.

(2) *Eden* (Foreign Secretary): Son of a landed Baronet and famous Whig family. Educated at Eton and Oxford, gaining a brilliant first in Oriental languages. Returned to Parliament at the age of twenty-six, specializing in foreign politics.

(3) *Lyttleton* (Minister of Production): Member of a famous political family, son of a former Colonial Secretary. Educated at Eton and Cambridge. Took up business as a career until called by Churchill to the Government.

From the middle class are:

(1) *Attlee* (Lord President of the Council): Son of a solicitor. Educated at Haileybury and Oxford. Had a legal career.

(2) *Anderson* (Chancellor of the Exchequer): Of Scots parentage. Educated at Edinburgh and Leipzig, gaining brilliant firsts in mathematics and philosophy. Career in Civil Service.

From men of the people are:

(2) *Bevin* (Minister of Labour): Started work on a farm at the age of eleven for sixpence weekly. From there he drifted through a variety of jobs; became a clerk in the office of the Dockers' Union. From then on his efforts were devoted to trade union organization.

(2) *Morrison* (Minister of Home Security): Was born in London's East End, son of a policeman. Left school at fourteen, became an errand boy, studying in his spare time. At the age of twenty-seven he became secretary of the London Labour Party and worked his way into national politics through local government.

(3) *Woolton* (Minister of Reconstruction): Has hewn out a fine scholastic and business career from nothing. Educated at the Manchester grammar school and university. He started to earn a living as a school master but abandoned his career to make an intensive study of social conditions. After the last war he took up business with particular reference to social organization with brilliant success. Abandoned his business interests when called to serve in the Government.

EDITORIAL NOTES —

Old Home Week is nearing its close—and now for the much needed rain.

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Few places of the size of Charlottetown could or would provide such an entertainment for its citizens at home and abroad as does the Exhibition Association here in Old Home Week. A visit to the Exhibition grounds any day from Tuesday provided an eye-opener to visiting strangers.

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Battle of Gravelotte in Alsace-Lorraine, France, fought this date 1870, in the Franco-Prussian war; was considered the most sanguinary in all that war, resulting in a victory for the Prussians, and the transfer of the two provinces to the victors, providing a bone of contention which has continued to the present day.

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Prof. D. B. Johnstone-Wallace of Cornell University, who has returned to the United States after 18 months of service with the British Ministry of Agriculture, states that Great Britain "is producing about 75 per cent of her own food requirements." This statement is in itself a tribute to the remarkable way in which the British have been able to maintain and increase their agricultural production, despite the urgent calls upon manpower for arms manufacture and service with the armed forces.

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The story may or may not be true but it is appropriate to the occasion. Two visitors, accompanied by their wives, attended the Exhibition, but were sorely handicapped by their better halves, who stuck to them like glue. One of the women at length expressed a desire to recall the days of her youth by a jaunt on the Ferris Wheel, and the other agreed to accompany her. The husbands assented, but one of them gave the attendant a $2 bill and suggested he should prolong the whirl. "All right boss", exclaimed the attendant, "I'll keep them going till you return."

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For a' that, and a' that,
It's comin' yet, for a' that
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that.

In an English north-west coast resort, American soldiers are voluntarily contributing towards the cost of entertaining parties of evacuees from robombed London, for whom they are acting as fairy godfathers. Local amusement caterers are granting them special facilities, and both children and parents are overwhelmed by the gracious consideration shown them in their troubles.

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In a prisoner-of-war cage this morning (writes Mr. W. S. B. Shapiro) I spoke to a young SS trooper. He was 18 years old, had been in the Hitler youth movement since 1938 when the Sudetenland came into the Reich. I asked him what was his religion. "I was a Catholic until six months ago," he said. "Now I am nothing. A good SS soldier does not belong to any religion. It is a sign of weakness and superstition." I asked him why he allowed himself to be taken prisoner. "It was an accident," he replied. "Your soldiers got me too fast. I could not reach my grenades. Otherwise I would have died in my trench and I would have been happier than I am now. It is something fine to die for the Fatherland. It was time for me to die. I have had a full life." The 18-year-old shuffled off. He is the type who is fighting Hitler's last battles.

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Lord Gowrie, soon to return home after setting a record for length of service, first as Governor of South Australia and then as Governor-General of the Commonwealth for 15 years, has symbolized the unity of the Empire. In the dignity of these high offices and in the simplicity of his private life, he has left an enduring mark in the South Pacific. During war Lord Gowrie had a specially intimate appeal to the Australian soldier, for he is a soldier, too. When in command of a Camel Corps Detachment in the Sudan campaign of 1898 he was awarded the V.C. for rescuing a brother officer. That was when he was the Hon. A. Hore-Ruthven, representative of one of the oldest families in Scotland. Omdurman, the battles of France and Belgium in the last war, and Gallipoli, gave him further trials of strength to win the D.S.O., C.B., and C.M.G. and to suffer wounds.

Notes By The Way

Commenting on several recent instances of people being gored and trampled by bulls the St. Thomas Times-Journal suggests on every barn door there should be a sign reading: "Beware of the bull." It could be used at political meetings, too. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

The fact that communistic Russia has twice reached for the lifebelt of profit-taking in an emergency might persuade some of our comfortable parlor Communists over here that the Canadian system has some merit. It might even convince them that abuses under capitalism can be corrected without destroying the system. It might, but it probably will not.—Victoria Times.

Britain's summer salads are endangered by a newly-discovered virus disease that destructively attacks lettuce, B. Kassanis of the Rothamsted experimental station reports in Nature, published in London. Dead areas appear in the leaves, soon rendering the plants worthless. The virus has also been found attacking the leaves of common dandelions, which is a botanical cousin of lettuce. The virus is carried from plant to plant by at least one species of aphid.

We are careless people. Careless and wasteful takes about $5 every week from every Canadian family. Asked some years ago what most struck him about Canada, a famous European statesman replied that it was our colosal waste. And that is true. We are a careless people. Careless and wasteful to the point where we recklessly burn up money. This carelessness and wastefulness cannot go on. Our resources, contrary to our after-dinner orators, are not inexhaustible; and, unless we mend our ways, the time may soon come when we shall find our estate beggared through our wanton spirit of destructiveness. — Guelph Mercury.

If you wish to entertain a veteran, do not take him to see a sham battle on the motion picture screen. He may have seen the real thing. He may have ducked from shells that were live shot, listened to the moaning of real ricochets, bound up wounds, or had his own bound up. Generally speaking that is what the returning veteran desperately is trying to forget. Why bring it back? Why regale him with a sham fight, in the middle of a world he will find sham and hollow enough for all of its protestations towards those who serve on the battlefield? Take the veteran to a good comedy. It may have been some time since he has had a laugh. Grief is for yesterday.—Victoria Colonist.

It is unlikely that the mistakes of the old Soldiers' Settlement Board will be repeated after this war. Then many ex-soldiers were placed on unquestionable land, often in remote communities, and often, too, with a heavy debt burden. In many instances it would have been a near-miracle if they had succeeded. The present plan is much more likely of success. It contemplates the purchase of existing farms now in the hands of older people, widows and farmers ready to retire, and of good land which has not been worked for various reasons. The placing of younger men on such farms, reasonably well financed, will be an asset to the country. — Ottawa Journal.

For some reason there seems to be a suspicion that some of these low-flying acrobatics are stunts by youngsters who desire to give their girl friends or relatives down below a treat. While willing to go to great lengths to meet the pleasure of these young chaps who have so willingly undertaken the dangers of air combat, it is felt that when they want to pass the time of day with their friends they should do it otherwise than by low flying over built-up area, where the workaday world may be trying to get a little sleep. Under the present difficulty of getting repairs done, they would oblige by not tangling with our chimneys. Incidentally, complaint is made that planes on regular commercial routes fly too low over the north part of the city. — Toronto Telegram.

What is the essence of the best modern American humor? It is a ticklish question, and to try to answer it is a thankless task. Well, it might be suggested that the more snappy lines of Will Rogers were just about perfect. For another example, there was the time when Mrs. Coolidge asked President Coolidge what the preacher had talked about that Sunday and Mr. Collidge replied "Sin." And what did he say about sin? "He was against it," replied the President. This, we submit, also nears perfection. Then there is the old southern story of the Negro who wanted a divorce because his wife talked too much—talked on and on all the time. And what about? the judge wanted to know. "She don't say." Here is our humor at its best. Similarly, when news came that a prominent stuffed shirt, noted for his coldness, had died, and somebody asked, "How can they tell?" we have typical humor. And for terse, pointed incongruity, what about the genius who first said, "No more conscience than a snake has hips?"—New York Herald Tribune.

The well-known Canadian writer Bruce Hutchison writes in regret of the passing of mustard. The public, he says, appear to be indifferent about mustard, and in recent years the scientists have taken mustard in hand and inject into it a flavor that is certainly not the flavor of real mustard. We share Mr. Hutchison's regrets over the tinkerings of the chemists with our good old-fashioned mustard. Time was when every housewife made her own mustard, using the powder from a can. Nowadays, if mustard is used in the home at all, or supplied in a restaurant it is "prepared" mustard. But it has no "bite" in it at all. It is weak, namby-pamby stuff which looks like mustard, but there the resemblance ends. For ourselves we prefer the real heman mustard that mother used to make; stuff that made your eyes blink if you took more than a mite of it. One seldom sees a mustard-pot on a restaurant table nowadays. If you want mustard on your cold ham or cold meat you have to ask for it. And if the waitress should bring you some it is "prepared" in a factory and is so mild it could almost be spread on bread instead of jam. "Hot dogs" aren't "hot" unless the mustard is hot also.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Our Duty To The King's Forces

By Hon. John Bracken
Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party

Text of an address delivered at Irricana, Alberta, on August 11th.

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I come now to another matter. No question more vitally affects those on service, than the provision of adequate reinforcements. The Progressive Conservative Party in the policies laid down at its Winnipeg convention, at which I had the honor to be chosen Leader, went on record without equivocation of any kind in asserting as its policy compulsory national selective service, and that all those selected to serve in the armed forces should be available for service wherever required.

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The people of Canada by an overwhelming majority gave the present Liberal Government the release which it asked for from it's political promise not to enforce this equitable policy. Yet, in spite of the plebiscite and the positive answer it gave, the Government has conscripted for what it calls home defence, an army of over seventy thousand men, which it holds here in Canada at a cost to the taxpayer of some One Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars a year. It is this army which the Govern ment refuses to send into active service or to make available for useful tasks at home. All this at a time when we are witnessing the spectacle of industry, agriculture, and war departments as well, all crying for more men; and the further spectacle, disgraceful as it is, of senior recruiting officers with the encouragement and approval of the Government loudly asserting that the overseas army is urgently in need of reinforcements and endeavouring to meet that need by shaming home defence draftees, as well as other men into going active. Is there any wonder that dissention is rife in Canada?

The policy of our party on this matter has been announced. In Parliament our members have reiterated that policy time and again. Outside Parliament our candidates, of whom over one third, up to the present are service or ex-service men, have spoken in the same terms.

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And I say to you now what I have said time after time before that this Party stands committed to the principle of the total utilization and proper allocation for war, by compulsion where necessary, of all the resources of Canada, including agriculture and industry and finance as well as man-power; and that our aim is at all times to bring about, so far as human means can achieve it, an equality in service and sacrifice.

The Canadian Nation cannot exist without unity. It cannot have unity without the equal sharings of responsibilities as well as rights. A two army system, one to fight the war and the other to be sheltered at home is not an equal sharing of responsibilities. To the philosiphy of the continuance of confederation on the basis of equal responsibilities to all as well as equal rights to all, the Progressive Conservative Party has dedicated itself.

The present Government's manpower policy is splitting this country apart. Yet it must be held together. And there is no other basis save equality of sacrifice upon which in the long run it can be held together. Disunity reigns today in Canada more than ever before in our history. It is the fruit of twenty-seven years of false teaching. We must retrace those steps. Let us hope, nay, let us determine that we shall retrace them in sanity, in tolerance, in understanding, and above all in peace.

To Be Continued

Be good to yourself
Try
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FINE CUT
for rolling your own

PUBLIC FORUM

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

YOUTH WARNING

Sir,—Talk of a better world to come is going on almost continuously but who are to people it? Surely not the youngster whose time is spent rolling dice tossing pennies and smoking from the age of 6 and 7 years. Strong healthy bodies count a lot in building keen aiert minds. Scouts do a lot for a boy in this way. Some people think that Scouts and other similar organizations are too militaristic. This is untrue.

The Scouts make men of the boys. Unfortunately the war requires soldiers and scouts make up some of the best, but we also need men to build a better nation. Does that mean that Scouts are made for soldiers? It is for a better and more advanced nation that I am thinking and I therefore suggest the expansion of these youth organizations.

Another step towards strong bodies would be to have facilities such as properly supervised playgrounds, clean and accessible swimming pools could be made available.

This would give the coming generation at least a half chance of getting a good start instead of being led astray as they are today.

I am, Sir, etc
W. R. W.

REV. MR. SHAW REPLIES

Sir,—Although Premier Jones is probably an expert on butter production and possibly on potato growing, he does not thereby become an expert on temperance. He can scarcely expect that his reply to my letter of six weeks ago will go unanswered, though I am now residing in Nova Scotia, and am no longer secretary of the Temperance Federation. That the Premier has made the statements he did and now denounces Prohibition will surprise no person who has noticed the studied discourtesy of Mr. Jones toward the temperance people of Prince Edward Island. My former letter, to which Mr. Jones referred in his published statement, was a somewhat pointed criticism of the speech the Premier had made at the annual convention of the Women's Institute. The clergymen whom the Premier attacked on that occasion, of course need no defense against anything Mr. Jones can say.

In attempting to defend himself, the Premier first distorted the meaning of my letter, built up a straw man but did not even manage to knock it down. My opening statement which he ridiculed was: "With fourteen dead in saint John and sixteen more dangerously ill in hospital as a result of their having drunk poisonous alcohol Premier Jones chose a most inopportune moment to attack the clergymen of this Province for their stand on the temperance question." I have since learned that there were more than 60 in hospital. What a commentary on the "government control" system which New Brunswick people believed would reduce liquor drinking and bootlegging and purveying of poisonous alcohol to a minimum! Thus after a decade of government sales promotion in N. B., with liquor sales higher than ever before in history, Dominion restrictions notwithstanding, methyl alcohol was actually stolen, as the Premier helpfully reminded us, and was sold to a public whose appetite for drink has been whetted by an iniquitous system. Wherein a reference to this incident was stupid will be clear only to the Premier.

My letter did not say that "our government" i.e. the Jones government alone, doubled or trebled liquor sales.

Nor does the Premier's vehement denial of large liquor sales in vendors' stores carry conviction. To be sure, per capita sales in P.E.I., are only about one-fifth what they are in the rest of Canada. But not so long ago sales of $200,000 a year in P.E.I., would provoke the sharpest criticism, Mr. Strong's estimate of vendors sales of $643,000 last year have not been denied, and no public accounts have been published. The increase can be accounted for only in part by increased taxes. Perhaps these increases explain the Premier's statement: "Some people

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That cool unflawed retreat
Where the pulses slow their beat
To an aspen-yellow age.
Today we cannot discipline
The ferments rattling underneath
our skin.
Where is the formula to win
Composure from defeat?
And what specific can unmesh
The tangle of civilian flesh
From the traction of the pampered
And when our children cry aloud
At screaming comers in the sky
what serves
To head that's bloody but unbowed
What are the stoic answers
To those who flay us at the dance
curves
Along the quivering labyrinth of
nerves?

—E. J. Pratt

OLD HOME WEEK and
PROVINCIAL LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION
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