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

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Mr. Howe Once Again

It is doubtful that any member of the King Government has achieved the reputation for making more foolish speeches than Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction in the Federal Cabinet. Maritimers will remember particularly his vulgar and impertinent reference to the "yapping" of these provinces when we dared to ask for our rights at Ottawa. But in the speech he delivered before the Canadian Club of Chicago last week, Mr. Howe surpassed himself and attained a new altitude of irresponsibility when he declared that conscription in Canada "is rather a political question than a question of meeting an urgent need."

Analyzing this statement, the Sydney Post-Record finds that it contains two obvious falsehoods. One is that there is no "urgent need" of reinforcements for Canada's overseas forces, notwithstanding Colonel Ralston's insistence on this point, after a tour of the battlefronts and after conferring with the officers in command of our overseas divisions. The other is that the demand for the dispatch of draftees from the Home Army to Europe without delay is part of a political game on the part of the King Government's opponents, designed to embarrass the regime at Ottawa. And this notwithstanding the known fact that this issue has been forced upon the country by the resignation from the Cabinet of the Minister of Defence, whose long and unwavering fidelity to the Liberal party will certainly suffer nothing by comparison with the record of Mr. C. D. Howe.

It is inconceivable that Mr. Howe would dare to make so brazen and senseless a speech in Canada, where the facts are known, where the Canadian Legion is demanding an immediate draft from the Home Army with a united voice, and where Liberal newspapers and Liberal members of parliament are speaking out earnestly in support of that demand. But in so speaking in the United States the Minister of Reconstruction has done vastly more to prejudice the Canadian war effort abroad than he could have done by giving voice to any such nonsense in Canada where he is too well known to do any harm.

If there is a disturbing political aspect to this issue which is now stirring the whole Dominion, everyone knows its origin. It has had its genesis and derives its sustenance from Mr. King's determination to stand in with the Quebec anti-conscriptionists at all hazards. There is no reason why policies should play any part in this question of reinforcements, and there will be no danger of anything of the kind if Mr. King and his colleagues give honest and prompt effect to the will of the people, as expressed in the overwhelming majority recorded in the manpower plebiscite of April 1942.

Eden On Controls

Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden is not in love with controls of any kind, especially with regard to industry. "To defeat the totalitarian States our people have accepted regimentation and controls to an extent never before known in our history, but though we use these weapons we do not love them. Though we employ them for a specific purpose to defeat our enemy in war we have no intention to perpetuate them for their own sake in peace." Any attempt to abolish all controls the moment the war was won would land us in chaos; ordered reduction must be our object. In international affairs the capital lesson today was that of the interdependence of nations. "Nations can no longer go their own way and seek to be masters of their own destiny regardless of their neighbours' fortune. Neutrality has become a delusion and immediate frontiers offer no defence." None would dispute the need of some international authority which must command sufficient armed strength to enable it to enforce its decree in a world not yet ready to accept control by international law. If the new international order was to have a fair chance of success it must be based upon the closest understanding between the three great Powers—the U.S., the Soviet Union, and the British Commonwealth of Nations. The British Commonwealth and Empire could make an ever-growing contribution to its record of service to mankind. "I am no pessimist about the future," he said. "I have faith in our people. I have confidence in their destiny. In the last four years we have played no mean part. We have led the world at its darkest hour. We can lead it, too, into the sun-splashed periods that break beyond." Provided we keep our armour bright and our ardour unimpaired.

Party Discipline

In spite of the desires of the people of his constituency, the British Columbia executive of the C. C. F. refused to allow Mr. H. W. Herdige, M.L.A., to run as a Federal candidate in Kootenay West. The decision "involved principles of far-reaching importance," declared Harold Winch, leader of the party in British Columbia. "Mr. Winch is correct in his statement but, we believe, wrong in his stand," comments the Vancouver News-Herald. "The principle of party executive control of elected representatives is indeed of very far-reaching importance. It goes to the very foundation of our democratic system, and it has an evil and pernicious effect on that system. It is not confined to the C. C. F. by any means. Other parties suffer from the same

evil to a greater or less degree. The only difference is that the C.C.F. is the only major political party in Canada which enforces machine control all the way down the line without exception and without compunction; the only party which maintains as a matter of principle and a universal practice that the members of our legislative bodies shall represent the party, and not the people who elect them.

"The whole basis of democratic government is that the people shall be governed by the representatives of the people. The whole trend of the 'far-reaching principle' announced by Mr. Winch is that the people are to be governed by representatives of a party or faction.

"In theory at least, while a candidate for election may be supported by, and declare his adherence to the principles of, a political party, his first allegiance is to the people of his constituency. He represents all the people of that constituency, those who voted against him as well as those who voted for him.

"When he speaks and votes in the legislative body to which he is accredited by the people of his district, he speaks and votes for the people, not for a party machine or the dictator of a faction.

"The principle which Mr. Winch has enunciated—the principle that exactly the opposite is the case—is an evil and dangerous principle. It is a principle which is already too much accepted in our political life, and whether or not the C. C. F. chooses to stand or fall by it, it is a principle which every believer in democratic government should oppose and uproot wherever it is found."

EDITORIAL NOTES

T. B. Week. The Navy Week. Welcome the canvassers with a smile and open purse. The education campaign is opening up and broadening out. Prime Minister King must have been pretty scared politically when he condescended to consult the leaders of the opposition before opening Parliament.

An Adelaide factory which had been making hand grenades has switched over to alarm clocks. Before the war Australia imported 600,000 clocks a year and made none herself. What has this province developed as a permanent asset?

Isaac Todhunter, English mathematician, born this date 1820; was senior wrangler at Cambridge in 1848; elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1862 on the publication of his Magnum Opus on Euclid, adopted as the standard in British educational institutions; author of many other treatises on mathematical subjects.

There is plenty money in town and country these days, the trouble with many of the possessors is how to spend it and make it circulate. To some extent it is going of entertainments, gimcracks and joy-riding, but the larger portion is being prudently used to pay off mortgages, past indebtedness, and in investments for the inevitable rainy day. This still leaves a goodly proportion for the stores to pick up in the disposal of necessary and useful articles for Christmas and after.

Revolutionary changes in clothes were predicted at a recent meeting of the American Chemical Society, by adding to the tensile strength of textile fibres. New treatments make it possible to produce stockings that will not run, trousers that will not shine, suits that will not wrinkle even when wet and woollens that will wear three-times as long without changing the feel or texture of the cloth. Use of phosphor crystals in fluorescent lamps, it was also forecast, would illuminate workplaces and homes better and cheaper, also brighten street signs with vari-coloured tubing.

A denial usually finds it hard to overtake a lie once it gets twenty-four hours start. A case in point is the report that President Roosevelt vented blasphemous expletives at the expense of the voting machine when he voted at Hyde Park. Miss Mildred M. Todd, a Democratic election inspector, said she did not hear President Roosevelt use profanity, or any other words, while he was in the voting machine booth. Miss Todd said she was sitting "just a few feet from the voting booth" when the President voted. "I did not hear him say a word while he was in the booth," she said, adding she did not recall that the voting machine failed to work.

A graduate of McGill University and one of that institution's women pioneers in the field of economics has added further laurels to her career in American politics. She is Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, Connecticut Secretary of State from 1941 to 1942 who defeated the second district Republican incumbent, Representative John D. McWilliams, to become a Democratic congresswoman, the second congresswoman, elected by the state of Connecticut. Born in Victoria, B. C., Mrs. Woodhouse, who was formerly Margaret Chase Going, entered McGill in 1908 electing economics as her field in the days when few women devoted their attention to that study. Four years later she received a B.A. degree from McGill, and in 1913 was granted the M.A. degree, the subject of her Master's thesis being "Women and Prison Reform in the United States." At present a professor of economics at the Connecticut College for Women, Mrs. Woodhouse was at one time assistant in the department of political economy at the University of Chicago. She is also at the present time director of the Women's Institute of Professional Relations. She is the mother of two children, one of her sons being in the United States Army Air Force.

Notes By The Way

Franco wants a place at the peace conference. You have only to look over European history since 1926 to realize the pure, unadulterated brass of this proposal. —Ottawa Citizen.

A physician says that the best remedy for insomnia is a drink of whisky every fifteen minutes. This carries on the modern custom of giving new and elegant names to things, what used to be called a "bender" is now "insomnia therapy." —Peterborough Examiner.

Goderich has extinguished its debt and has \$170,000 invested in Victory Bonds for the future. His happy financial position is a tribute to the competence of its municipal administration. —Hamilton Spectator.

Just one remark alone that Mrs. Roosevelt made not long ago to a student of mine will require it to gain my respect and admiration. She was asked: "Mrs. Roosevelt, why do you go all over the place, gad-gad-ing here and there, what don't you stay put?" She looked at her inquisitor and quietly replied, "You times when I have to be the president's legs." —Elsa Maxwell in New York Post.

All the organized entertainment and hospitality that can be offered by the Club will not be more welcome than the cookie jar that has been established here. Every man or woman in uniform gets a thrill out of digging into this treasure for a few of the baked goodies that will bring a taste of home. —Windsor Star.

Firmly brushing aside the possibility that the Court Chancery might some day be asked to approve of crossword puzzles or bequeath an educational instrument, Mr. Justice Vaisey, satisfied by the legacy for the establishment of a chess tournament for the youth of Portsmouth was not so charitable. Those profound experts who sometimes plead for a bigger board to make a harder game, should remember the judicial compliment. They might introduce the Judge as a new piece, and his move might be neglected at an international conference. —Manchester Guardian.

In all the planning for world peace one proposition appears to be the least expected. It is that the maintenance of law and order develops upon the most powerful nations and because of this the great powers, the United States, Russia, and China, and France, later on—must have a natural place and what will amount to an overriding vote in the organization charged with preventing future aggression. —Toronto Telegram.

A survey conducted by the Communist Party Committee in a cross-section of Waterloo County schools, in which pupils were required to keep a score sheet and enter the number of minutes a week to show the nutritive value of the food consumed, provides that the children of the working class eat an education campaign, the report records. The report states that out of nearly 4,000 pupils, only 10 per cent in the "well nourished" class, the 26.3 per cent were listed under "fair nutrition" and 64.6 per cent under "poor nutrition."

There is a new inducement to hasten the end of the war in the announcement that chemical treatment of the days' meal and other foodstuffs for use in the ready-made state of perfection that women can be assured of, is being developed. It is all due to the explosion of a deposit of ammonium nitrate in a silo which prevented the fibres from slipping out of the positions they had been intended for. The men, the same process means suits that won't wrinkle or wilt, and will never pick up a shine and will always retain their creases. —Boston Post.

This is a story about a Kensington lady in the old "bitz" period. A warden hammered at the door of the lady's room at night and when she slightly opened the door she found a light in the hallway. "That's not a light," she said, "that's a light-bulb." And if you don't disturb me again my sister and I will put it out. The warden best from a Kensington lady since war. The burglar case after the last war. The chief witness in the Kensington lady, who deposed "I heard a noise and a metallic clinking sound, and went to the top of the stairs and saw a light. If there is anyone there, will you please tell me what it is?" "Of course," she said, "it is a light-bulb." Well, she said that Hampstead is as bright as day. —Manchester Guardian.

Jeanne Paulin was 16 when in 1940 she joined the clandestine resistance movement in France after the downfall of her country. She became a message carrier, and gathered of information, and went about her dangerous task with remarkable bravery and cool-headedness for her years. One day she was caught. If the enemy had been able to make her talk they would have learned invaluable details about the organization to which she belonged. For more than a year she was held in prison, then torture, failed to drag her secrets from her. "You will get nothing from me in spite of my years," she said. "I am French." In intervals between one lengthy examination and another Jeanne Paulin passed her time cheering her companions in captivity. She sang the folk songs of France to them, until the exhausted Gestapo officials transferred her to a solitary cell. Then came the trial and sentence. Jeanne Paulin laughed at the grave faces of her judges. Then she said simply, "I have nothing to say." If she had anything to say, she would have worked for liberty. I have done my duty. I can allow myself to die. Shortly before her execution she sang again, this time "Auld Lang Syne." It was the last song she shared the captivity of the young martyr, gathered together from time to time and in memory of her they sing "Auld Lang Syne." —From News From France.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the expression of views on questions of interest. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent those of the newspaper.

THE HOG INDUSTRY

Sir—When Mr. J. A. Gillies, Secretary of the P.E.I. Co-operative Marketing Board, made a contribution to the forum he always gives us something worth reading. His letter in Saturday's Guardian on the hog industry has no doubt been read widely by all who take an interest in the trade of this Island. Apart, moreover, from giving the farmers very valuable assistance in marketing their hogs Mr. Gillies is proving to them the great value to all farmers of the co-operative sale.

Now Mr. Gillies has promised a second letter and in that letter he is going to ask them to look to certain specific questions. From the war the trade with the Motherland in bacon, hams, eggs, butter and to some extent in cheese, was practically controlled by Denmark. They had representatives in all the larger cities and towns, either as consuls or sales agents, and these men all complaints and suggestions for improvement were sent regularly to the Danish government, so soon as the war is over Denmark will no doubt return to this plan and I would like to see Mr. Gillies' opinion as to the availability of Prince Edward Island having at least one local representative traveling from point to point in England and Scotland, constantly seeking popularity for P.E.I. products in the retail stores.

My second question would be as to the advisability of having all Island hogs slaughtered and dressed on the Island and subjected to strict government inspection, only first class shipments being allowed to be sent to Britain. There is, of course, satisfaction in seeing other parts of Canada but the Island bacon would lose its identity if shipped from Montreal as part from the fact that there are extra freight charges to that city.

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When I advocate science instead of Latin, I am not advocating a scientific rather than a liberal or classical education. I simply do not believe that the amount of Latin taught, and the way it is taught, in the Common Schools bears any relation to classical, liberal or cultural education. I believe that teaching English to the pupils in such a way as to lead them to study the great works in English would indeed make for a cultural education.

I am no proponent of any one way of life. There will always be those who are interested in delving into the past, those looking toward the future, and those interested more in the immediate present. However, education should lead to an overlapping of interests. The man of science may and often does read the classics in his leisure. The scholar often takes to a trade. The ideal of classical education will afford opportunities for development along all lines.

There is a great deal more to be said on this subject and I hope a great many express their views, both for and against. This is a democracy. When all have had their say, may the majority be on my side, but in any event, the opinion of the majority should prevail.

I shall end by quoting Matthew Arnold, the famous proponent of the classical or cultural education, and Thomas Huxley, the great scientist. Not because it is necessary to this discourse, but because it is interesting. Matthew Arnold says: "When I speak of knowledge Greek and Roman Antiquity, therefore, as a help to knowing ourselves and the world, I mean more than the knowledge of so much vocabulary, so much grammar, so many portions of authors in the Greek and the Latin languages. I mean knowing life and genius, and what they were and did in the world; what we got from them and what it is worth. Note that can all be done through fine English translation."



Canadian Army Photo

To keep going, in the face of nerve-shattering mortar fire; to hold fast against the deafening concussion of artillery, until it seems that flesh and blood and nerve and bone can stand no more... that is the daily task of thousands of Canada's fighting men.

It is not enough that the seamen be fed... they must be fed well. They must have the strength, the stamina and the staying power to smother the resistance of an enemy that is desperate, yet still powerful. They must have the finest food that Canada can give them.

If you miss your favorite seafood, remember... during the past four years nearly 4,000,000 cases of canned salmon have gone to the Government for distribution to the fighting fronts and civilians in the war areas. As soon as conditions permit, Clover Leaf Salmon will return to your grocer's shelves.

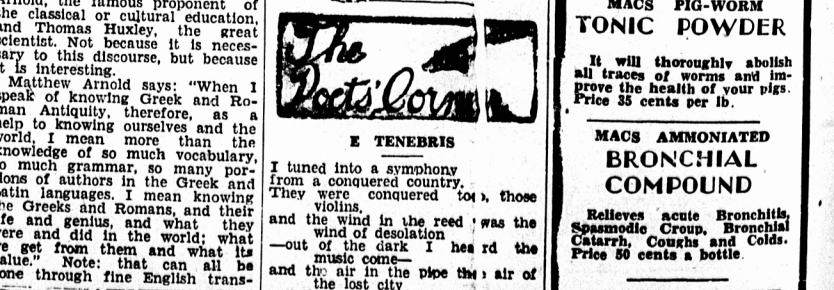
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