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

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Road Work And Politics

It is to be hoped that in its road and bridge-making activities next year the Campbell Government will endeavour to give a fairer distribution of the work and keep more effective check on the activities of local patronage committees whose partisan interference last season was the subject of many complaints.

For example there was complaint that in the Fourth District of Prince a member of the patronage committee who is also a highway foreman, was employed as timekeeper on bridge repairs at an extra \$3.00 per day, this in addition to a job foreman who received \$4.00 per day.

In the Belfast district, again, it is complained there were at least two instances in which the highway foreman was also the boss of a particular road job. Similar complaints have come from other sections of the Province, indicating that this practice under the Campbell Government is pretty general.

Section 42 of the Road Act, 1935, prohibits any highway foreman from having any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract under the Act or from receiving any remuneration for any work done under the Act except his salary as determined by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Whatever the legal interpretation of this section may be, it is evident that it was the intention of the Legislature to restrict highway foremen to their own particular duties and remuneration. In view of the amount of unemployment existing it is grossly unjust to permit government officials to act in other remunerative capacities. The Government should also remember that its primary responsibility is to the taxpayers, not its own party supporters, and that it will be held strictly accountable for permitting such abuses of the patronage system as were complained of last summer.

Grand Jurors Urge Action

Comment is scarcely necessary on the following recommendations of the Grand Jury at the opening of the Supreme Court in Summerside this week:

"Regarding the motor traffic we are of the opinion that the law is not enforced as it should be. With the paved roads we have now, there is a tendency for speeding, making it very dangerous for the public in general. We are of the opinion that motor trucks, some of them carrying as much as seven tons, travel very much too fast and this should be stopped before it is too late. Also we wish to say that not enough care is given to dimming lights at night, which is also very dangerous. So we would recommend that the traffic officers be instructed to put a stop to these dangerous practices.

"We would also recommend our Government to do all in its power to provide some employment of some kind for our young men, desirous and willing to work, as we know that idleness breeds evil. It is generally believed that delinquency and waywardness among our youth are on the increase and this is no doubt due to unemployment of same."

The Grand Jurors were complimented by the presiding Judge, Mr. Justice Saunders, on their report, which places responsibility squarely upon the Government of taking prompt and effective action.

The Ottawa Agreements

The Saint John Telegraph-Journal takes sharply to task the Winnipeg Free Press for attempting to find satisfaction in seeing in the recent trade treaties "a wide breach" driven into the underlying principle of the Ottawa agreements. Our New Brunswick contemporary points out that the Imperial Conference of 1932 "clearly issued an invitation to all nations whose trade with British nations was impeded by tariffs, quotas, currency control and so forth to conclude like agreements, and many have done so. The direction of world trade was then changing and obstacles to free trade were rising. The countries that kept trade as free as possible were constrained to protect themselves; but British countries simultaneously announced the true underlying principle—freer trade with freer traders. To make a start the British Empire felt that within itself it was immediately practicable, largely because of the existing sentiment of full trust and prior agreement to the principle, no matter how divergent on details thought might be."

This aim was fully realized at the Ottawa conference. It is to the everlasting discredit of the Liberal press and party in this country that it not only opposed the agreements in their passage through Parliament, but has persistently falsified both the principles at stake and the measure of success achieved.

Speaking at the close of the conference, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin well said: "The agreements made at Ottawa mark a degree of success far beyond anything ever expected before we left England. We are confident that the agreements made will lead to increased trade between the several parts of the Empire and increased prosperity which cannot fail to exercise an influence far beyond the boundaries of the Empire itself. No previous Empire Conference achieved such a degree of success or held out such expectations for the future."

And his late Majesty King George V sent the following message to the conference delegates at the close of their labours at Ottawa: "Your

work has been arduous and intricate, but I rejoice to think that your achievement has justified the high expectations with which the conference began, and that you have been able not only to conclude important practical agreements for the protection of trade within the British Empire, but also to adopt principles to help in future development. I am confident that the results of your labours and the spirit of co-operation which has brought about their success will be of real benefit to our people."

Editorial Notes

From now on "the man with the bag" will be selling pellets.

Hudson's Bay Company sold out their North West Territory to the Federal Government this date, 1869.

If there be one thing surer than another it is that there are to be increased expenditures by the Federal Government. What the depressed taxpayer is worrying about is how he is going to be forced to foot the bill.

Mr. A. E. McLean, M.P., was quite at home discussing the Dominion at the Caledonian Club dinner last evening. A speaker who has had the honour of replying to such a toast in the Capital of the Empire would find it an easy matter speaking to it "among his ain folk."

May 20th next, fixed for the celebration of the King's Birthday in Canada, is a Saturday. The 24th usually celebrated as Empire Day, and a statutory holiday, is on the following Wednesday, will both holidays be observed during Their Majesties visit?

Members of charitable committees of organizations will be generally in agreement with the statement made by Miss Adelaide Lash Miller, Toronto, that most welfare boards are composed of one-third "deadwood", one-third "window dressing" and one-third active workers. Miss Miller made the statement before a representative group of welfare workers in Toronto the good.

Flats, according to Mr. Roy Rousel, Sydney artist, are one of the chief causes for a slump in the demand for art. "Because there is no space for hanging pictures in flats there is little demand for them," he said. "Gone are the days of the large town and country homes where pictures were a definite part of interior decoration." Mr. Rousel also blamed high taxes and motor cars for their share in the slump.

Johanna Hoffman, one of the convicted German spies in New York, pretended she could not speak or understand English, and the Court provided an interpreter. Then all of a sudden she burst out in the most fluent English protesting the interpreter was not giving a correct translation, and addressing the Court so vigorously that it decided to dispense with the interpreter. Part of her defence was that as she did not understand English she could not possibly have gleaned information from conversations taking place in her vicinity.

During the forthcoming Parliamentary session, the Senate will engage itself largely with a study of Canada's Constitution. To this end the Upper House in the closing days of the last session voted funds to enable its law clerk, Mr. W. F. O'Connor, to prosecute a study of the subject. Mr. O'Connor's assignment authorized him to examine all the legislation that had been passed since 1867 amending the British North America Act. He has also been studying the various judgments on constitutional points handed down by the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council since Confederation. Mr. O'Connor will present a report to the Senate when the House opens.

There is hardly a member of the House of Commons, according to Mr. Grattan O'Leary, in addressing a meeting in Montreal, who does not believe himself qualified for a Cabinet post. In this connection Mr. O'Leary referred to the Bren contract, declaring that it was permitted to pass through the House after only five minutes of discussion even though it involved between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Such practices constitute improper uses of the instruments of democracy, the audience was told. Examination of estimates and expenditures by the Cabinet is the sole duty of a Member of Parliament, Mr. O'Leary contended, pointing out that in England young men are educated especially for Parliament, whereas in Canada the man who can solicit most votes is selected in each riding. Such measures, the speaker continued, constitute a dangerous trend in public life and are harmful to democracy.

As might have been expected the old journalistic war-horse, Mr. Winston Churchill, is a staunch up-holder of the freedom of the Press. At a Press Club gathering in London the other evening he assailed the controlled press of the totalitarian states as a menace to world stability. To Britons, it would be terrible to live in a country "where everything is cooked and doctored and everything pervaded according to rule and decision," he said. "Great dangers can come from that, and while countries may be aroused to a state of fury without ever hearing the other side, because their entire press is ordered to write in a certain strain, however violent it might be," he continued. It might be convenient "if we could suppress public opinion here and everything could go on quietly without knowing there were any troubles outside," he added with a smile, "but one day there would be an uncomfortable awakening." He said that on the whole public men were treated with the greatest consideration and tolerance by the press. "There is not in this country the kind of mood which would enable a dead set to be made against anyone," Mr. Churchill concluded. "You could not start to hue and cry any honorable public man without rousing in other quarters people who would come forward with keen pens and powerful authority to put down their own viewpoint."

NOTES BY THE WAY

The "open door" in China is the open door to trouble. We only hope that fact will be faced. In any event, neither the note to Japan nor the President's renunciation of aggressors in his speech squares with the State Department's continued approval of the sale of munitions to Japan and the other aggressors. More important, such a contradiction is dangerous to us. If we have anything to fear from the aggressors as the President suggests we have, then, it is certainly undermining our own national defense if we assist in arming those potential enemies. — New York Post.

Canadian National Railways is compelled to buy Nova Scotia coal for its locomotives at a price much in excess of what it could import coal for. The C. N. R. has just been ordered by the Dominion Government to pay 50 cents per ton more than it has been paying for the Nova Scotia coal. All this is the Prime Minister of Nova Scotia. Perhaps as a measure in the interests of Canada as a whole it can be justified. But it is one of many political reasons why the Canadian National Railway should be sold.

They do these things rather well in Canada. Maybe that's why the crime record of the dominion is one of the lowest on earth. A Montreal man who turned in a false fire alarm was sentenced to six months in prison. The judge, in delivering the sentence, castigated the offender for endangering the lives of his fellow citizens by his expense to the city. The judge said: "By ringing in the false alarm you brought into peril of your lives the many city firemen who were called out by your action. You are asked that the cost to the city to answer an alarm is \$500." The daily fire department records of Buffalo and other communities in the United States are cluttered by all too many references about false fire alarms. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

Nazi and Fascist authorities are supposed to be smart propagandists. The truth is that they have blinded their own people to the true situation seem to indicate they have been successful in their purpose. To other people, however, some of the stiffest heads are put across is balderdash and nonsense. For instance, the German people are told about the "Indian" man who "Canada treats its Indian population allegedly destroying them by a surfeit of liquor and a scarcity of food. The German people may believe this because under a controlled press they have no way of finding out the truth. But the truth will out sometime. When dictators nations start their people on a diet of lies, they must feed them more and more lies. Sometime the German people will wake up and refuse to swallow the trash they are being served. There is a limit to everything, even to such ridiculous nonsense. — Windsor Star.

The Germany of Hitler does not seem to be a safe place for anybody to live in. What is happening to the Jews is world-wide knowledge. Members of the Roman Catholic faith have been "cracked down" on for years. Two cardinals have recently been publicly attacked and the interiors of churches wrecks. Protestants are not immune either. Pastor Niemöller is still languishing in a camp somewhere. Protestant churches have been ordered to eliminate the name of Jehovah, and of the Prophets wherever they are displayed in churches and books. Members of the Nazi organizations are not safe because their spies upon the other. It is very doubtful that the Fuehrer himself feels safe. He must know that his dictatorial methods are building up a cumulative opposition to him, and he must live in fear that one day he will be toppled from his throne—perhaps by violent methods. — Stratford Beacon Herald.

It is as petty to sneer at popular songs as it is to lift a supercilious eyebrow at popular novels like Edgar Wallace's. In this wilderness of a universe it is a valuable service to provide harmless pleasure for millions, and after all, for a book to remain unread or a song to be forgotten is a waste. It is not a conspiracy to "crack down" on for years. Two cardinals have recently been publicly attacked and the interiors of churches wrecks. Protestants are not immune either. Pastor Niemöller is still languishing in a camp somewhere. Protestant churches have been ordered to eliminate the name of Jehovah, and of the Prophets wherever they are displayed in churches and books. Members of the Nazi organizations are not safe because their spies upon the other. It is very doubtful that the Fuehrer himself feels safe. He must know that his dictatorial methods are building up a cumulative opposition to him, and he must live in fear that one day he will be toppled from his throne—perhaps by violent methods. — Stratford Beacon Herald.

Nobody can say what any country would do even in given circumstances, let alone when the circumstances are unknown. In view of what has actually happened, speculations about Italy's attitude if something else happened are of purely academic interest. The important thing to note is that the outlook in Europe, and therefore of Italy before October 1st, is entirely different from the prospect which confronts us all today. The accession of strength to Germany which has resulted from the Munich conference has shifted the balance of power in Europe. With her eastern frontier secured either by neutral States such as Poland, or by subservient quasi-independence like Czechoslovakia and Hungary, and with the danger from blockade progressively diminishing, Germany becomes at least the equal in strength of Britain and France combined. Italy's control of the balance passes definitely out of the hands of this

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SHUNNING, FAINTING, DIZZINESS, RINGING IN EARS, NOISY SIGNS OF HEART DISEASE

As heart disease stands first in causing death, it is only natural that any little symptom at or near the heart may cause concern or worry. Practically everybody now knows that the first sign of a failing heart is getting out of breath easily, and when breathlessness occurs in a great many cases, it is a blocked nose, overweight, overeating, or eating too much acid food that causes the breathlessness.

Another early symptom is swelling of the feet and this may occur without being due to the heart. Many individuals consult their physician and even after being assured that their heart is normal, insist upon consulting a heart specialist, and having a n electrocardiograph reading and an examination under the fluoroscope. After this examination by their physician and heart specialist, they usually become satisfied that they have not heart disease.

While there are symptoms present in heart disease other than breathlessness and swelling of the feet, there are a number of symptoms commonly considered as "heart" symptoms that have nothing to do with the heart whatever. These are called "inconsequential" symptoms by Dr. Philip Morgan, Emporia, in the Journal of the Kansas Medical Society.

Sighing, fainting, dizziness, roaring or ringing in ears, tender flesh over the heart, gas on the stomach and belching, lump in the throat, cough and weak attacks, sudden attack of breathing, chest pain around the chest, annoyance (not pain) in left shoulder and arm, hearing the heart beat on the pillow at night—all these and others are among the outstanding complaints given by persons who are concerned about their hearts but in whom no heart disease is found on careful study. Sighing, for instance, usually means a man who does it as a restless, bored, inward-looking person. The thought then is that the above symptoms are of no consequence as far as the heart is concerned and no attention should be given them. When a walk or other exercise or work to which one has been accustomed begins to cause breathlessness and is not taken immediately after eating, then it would be worth while to consult a physician about the heart.

The Poet's Corner

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Nor have my title-leaf on posts or walls,
Or in cleft sticks, advanced to make calls
For terms, or some clerk-like serving man,
Who scarce can spell hard names;
Whose knight less can,
—Ben Jonson.

country. The advantage enjoyed by Britain for the last two centuries, which enabled her, thanks to the nice balancing of continental forces, either to remain aloof or to tip the scales in her own favour, is lost—perhaps for ever. If the Four-Power Pact becomes a reality as was proposed at Munich, it is Italy who will henceforth hold the balance.—George Martelli in World Review, London.

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The Choice Of Youth

A questionnaire used in an exercise on current events in Toronto secondary schools perhaps offers insight into the views of Canadian youth on the world today. The students were asked to name best book read (1) and best movie seen (2) within the last year; favorite stars, male and female (3); best movie ever seen (4); most interesting book ever read (5) favorite comic strip (6); favorite type of music, classical, popular, swing or jazz (7); greatest man in world today (8); greatest woman (9); greatest Canadian and greatest Canadian woman (10).

Matthew Halton, Canadian correspondent, spoke of Hitler as the greatest German who ever lived, "greatest" in the sense that he would make the deepest mark in history; but "greatest," it was explained to the students, was not used in this sense, or in that of "the most powerful" but "the most useful." Even with this definition, Hitler got one vote; but the overwhelming vote went not to the man who could have involved the world in war but to Chamberlain, who seemed to stand for peace. Roosevelt came second, but with only a fifth of Chamberlain's vote. Eden Ford and Sir Frederick Banting received some support; the rest of the vote was scattered. Acclaimed the greatest woman overwhelming vote by the aggregate vote and by the several schools (thus eliminating collusion) was Madame Chiang. High on the list were Mrs. Roosevelt and Queen Mary.

For the greatest living Canadian, Sir Frederick Banting, of insulin fame, was definitely the choice, having seven times the vote of his nearest rival, Prime Minister King. Hepburn, Woodsworth, Leacock, Lord Tweedsmuir, Hon. H. A. Bruce and Bennett drew scattered votes. Aberhart, Beverley Baxter, Dr. Dufour, Canon Cody, Sir Ernest MacMillan and Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, one or more.

For the Canadian woman the vote was closer. Miss Agnes MacPhail leading Mrs. George Black, fellow member of the Commons. Mazo de la Roche, novelist, was third. Mrs. Dionne got one vote as the world's greatest woman and three as the greatest Canadian woman.

"The Citadel," by Dr. A.J. Cronin, was held the best book for the year and "Gone With the Wind" best book ever read. Three voted the Bible the best. "Robin Hood" was the favorite movie for the year and Errol Flynn, who played the title role, the favorite movie star. "San Francisco" was the best picture ever seen. Errol Flynn was just ahead of Nelson Eddy, with Gary Cooper and Clark Gable behind. Myrna Loy topped the women stars, followed by two Canadians, Norma Shearer, second and Deanna Durbin, third. Shirley Temple received only one vote. One is left to speculate as to whether these selections would be made in other parts of Canada.

CLAUDE FALKNER BACK
LONDON—(CP)—Claude Falkner, noted billiards player who has been out of the game for eight years, is making a comeback and will be a competitor in some big matches this winter.

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