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

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Some Vital Factors

Finance Minister Ralston at yesterday's Liberal convention in Summerside made, as was expected of him, an able speech in defense of the King Government. But the facts and figures he cited would be more impressive if it were not for the damning evidence of the Government's refusal to give any direction to the Canadian people in the critical months leading up to September, 1939, for its shabby contribution of equipment to the militia and armed forces in general, and finally for its scuttling of Parliament where alone a constitutional inquiry into its conduct and record can be conducted.

Scuttling Democracy

Liberal campaign speakers show a marked disinclination to discuss the constitutional issues raised by Premier King's abrupt dissolution of Parliament. Yet it has serious complications as Hon. C. H. Cahan, an outstanding authority on Parliamentary procedure, pointed out in a recent speech.

For example, not one of a score of blue-books, which are annually prepared, was produced this January session of less than three hours, although these are required by law to be presented to Parliament at each annual session. This is the year 1940, and yet no financial accounts subsequent to March 31st, 1938, have been tabled.

Material amendments to the law governing the election of members to Parliament, which had been prepared by the Government for submission to Parliament, were held in abeyance and never introduced, and those amendments to existing statutes have now, it appears, been adopted and will be enforced by arbitrary decrees of the Government.

Even after this present general election is held, the present Prime Minister is not obliged, under the provisions of the B.N.A. Act, to summon the new Parliament until twelve more months have elapsed. His Government may proceed in the meantime to legislate and govern Canada by their own arbitrary decrees.

"Need I remind you," comments Mr. Cahan, "that with equal solemnity he promised in September last, at the time of the special session, that Parliament would be called for the despatch of business before the holding of the general elections, and that he now pretends that his official promise was fulfilled by summoning and then immediately dissolving Parliament before a single item of pressing business could be considered, or a single dollar voted by Parliament for carrying on the war."

"If the official promises of the Prime Minister of Canada are subject to such equivocal and sophisticated subtlety, what reliance may be placed on the more recent promise that Parliament will be convened in April or in May next? That is for you to decide, each for yourself. I could

not amplify this issue without resorting to more extreme language than I am accustomed to use in public debate, nor without subjecting myself to fine and imprisonment under the arbitrary decrees which the Government has promulgated."

Paardeberg Anniversary

Methods of warfare have changed radically in the last forty years, but the qualities of courage and devotion to duty were, then as now, essential factors in achieving victory. It is forty years ago this month since Paardeberg, the first decisive British victory in the Boer War, was won, the attacking force being led by the Royal Canadian Regiment, which included some sixty volunteers from this Province. Two Charlottetown men were killed, Roland Taylor on Feb. 18, the second day of the battle, and Alfred Riggs on the last day of the engagement. Among the casualties were J. F. Waye, Hunter River, Nelson Bruce and J. J. Harris, Charlottetown. The surviving Island veterans of Paardeberg, now fewer than a dozen, have commemorated the anniversary with unflagging regularity. Again this year the Soldiers' Monument has been draped with the Union Jack, arrangements have been made for an anniversary dinner on Tuesday, and tomorrow there will be a church parade to St. James Church. Legion members and the public generally are invited to participate in the church service, which has special significance in view of the fact that we are again at war, this time facing a much greater crisis in our Empire history.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mackenzie King's "dollar a year men" are on a par with his "not worth a cent" provincials.

"It's an ill-wind blows nobody any good." On the eve of the election C.N.R. locomotive repair shops have been placed on a 44 hour week instead of 40 hours.

Bacon and ham in airtight containers and lard, have been added to the list of commodities, the importation of which is prohibited into the United Kingdom, except under licence.

The Canadian Active Force now in England have been invited to march through the city of London next month on the occasion of the banquet to General McNaughton, arranged by the United Wards Club.

It is pleasing to note from our advertising columns that Mr. G. Harold Hennessy has decided to continue the business of his late father, Councillor Andy Hennessy. He has the advantage of having had both a practical technical and college education, assets which he should find valuable in following in his father's footsteps.

Thomas Bowdler, M.D., died this date, 1825. Notorious as the editor of "The Family of Shakespeare" in ten volumes, in which all words and expressions were omitted which might offend the prudish sense. From his name is derived the phrase "to bowdlerize". Though execrated by many, his work has been praised by Swinbourne.

There is still smouldering trouble in the Liberal Party over the leadership. It will be recalled that after the U.S.A. Reciprocity Pact, Mr. Mackenzie King considered his public life ended, and indicated Hon. Norman Rogers his successor. That started the row. Others favored themselves for the job, including Mr. Gardiner. He went to see Mr. Hepburn. Then Mr. Rogers opened up about plots to dethrone Mr. King at Port Arthur. Today Mr. Lapointe is Mr. King's favourite. And this is the "united Canada" Mr. King claims to have brought about!

Can you beat this? Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture member of the most extravagant Canadian Government of all time, urges economy on the farms? Reviewing past experiences of war, he told the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, a proper conclusion to reach was that the war period should be used on each farm as a period of retrenchment. "Every dollar that should be used to put equipment and title in good shape," he said. "If that is accomplished everything over and above ordinary earnings should be put into safe keeping, possibly in Government bonds, so that it will be available to carry through the difficult period which follows every war."

In addressing 7,000 candidates for commissions in the German army, Herr Hitler told them to take as their model Frederick the Great, who was born 228 years ago. Frederick was a capable soldier but a cynical politician, who is reputed to have kept his high boots on every day of the year, save on his wife's birthday, when she held court. He was a despot and no department of Church or State was immune from his interference. He would clap a judge into jail or appoint a cardinal for his Roman Catholic subjects when the whim seized him. He shared in the partition of Poland in 1772. Now, apparently, says the Montreal Gazette, he is Hitler's model, with the Fuehrer trying to go him one or two better.

A survey of Australia's credit in the United States has revealed an insufficiency of funds to meet the first year's heavy capital expenditure under the Empire air-training scheme, and a more liberal share of the Empire dollar exchange pool is being sought from Great Britain. The Commonwealth's normal exchange requirements are met from the Empire pool by the establishment of a £10,000,000 reserve. War purchases in the United States have already absorbed £7,000,000 of the normal allocation. The balance of £3,000,000 will be supplemented by savings in dollar exchange of £3,500,000 on the import licensing system and £500,000 through prohibition of imports of super grade petrol. This will give Australia £7,000,000 on which to operate for the remainder of the current fiscal year, but it is expected that more than this amount will be required. Large numbers of planes will be obtained from America.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Scandinavian countries have enjoyed peace for practically a century, but they are now perilously close to war and they know it. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Nothing in traditional Southern hospitality would seem to top the announcement by the Birmingham, Alabama, street car company of the appointment of Miss Virginia Pitt as street car "mistress". Miss Pitt's duties will include among other things, serving coffee to the passengers. — Frederickian Green-er.

Embarrassing questions are bound to be asked concerning the appointment of a member of the Council, at Ottawa, making provision for a large number of ward boards and advisory committees. Some of these Orders-in-Council provide for living expenses amounting to as high as \$20 a day for these super-officials. In the last war, many public-spirited men offered their services free to the government, in any capacity; they were known as "volunteers". Some of these extravagant sums were paid for living expenses as the present government is handing out. — St. Catharines Standard.

The antidote for Communist propaganda may be a good dose of old-fashioned patriotic teaching. It has helped members of many young groups to keep their feet on sound ground during the most troublesome economic conditions. The great need of youth, especially that variety that plays with political ideas, is opportunity for enterprise while it is one thing to wave a red flag among kids that have nothing to do but watch the manoeuvre; quite another to spread discontent among really busy young men and women. As long as our men are old "crackpots" haranguing adults, there will be young "crackpots" practising on their own generation. — Philadelphia Bulletin

City dwellers today know little of the joy of smaller communities in Ontario when they secured even a one-train-a-day service. They do not realize what an arrival meant; that it was the event of the day. When the locomotive's whistle was heard down the line the busman's horses knew they were in for a touch of the hay. There was a general hurrying toward the station where were friends to be met or good-byes to be said to departing guests. With one train a day there was no time to waste in waiting at the station; the train itself seldom was on time. Those who had no business at the station waited at the post office, the mail, also carried by the busman, was never no afternoon-tea events, but always there was a social gathering at the postoffice. If a night train must be placed, the platform was the muster-place; and after the engine had purged out again the stillness of night settled over the community. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

The Japanese people this week began the celebration of the 2600th anniversary of their first emperor, Jimmu Tenno. Such at least is the tradition. Later-minded historians say that the Japanese history goes back to the 10th century of our western era. But a revered tradition is as important as truth, and the Japanese do reverence the tradition and centre upon it their thoughts about their civilization and their destiny. More than any other people they mingle their patriotism with their religion and loyalty to the titular head of state with love of their native soil, mountains, coasts and rivers. There are aspects of beauty in this symbolism. Thousands of Japanese make pilgrimages to the thousand-year-old shrine of Ise; pageants and ceremonies in even the remotest villages making long-dead centuries real; the homecoming of the ancestral spirits, lighted in their invisible return by torches; the fluttering of poems on bamboo poles in exquisite gardens; the artistically expressed hope of a peaceful war; all are romantic and touching. — New York Times.

The King's Printer has sent us a letter that he had like us a plan to cure a little financial headache. We are going to get Hansard free during the next session of Parliament. Hansard is the official record of the proceedings of the House of Commons or the Senate. You pay three dollars per session for the official reports, which are issued daily. A couple of weeks ago we sent along our six dollars to pay for daily copies of both the Commons and Senate proceedings. But, there was only one day. That looked like an expensive number, at three dollars per copy. However, a note within the booklet tells us that the King's Printer is keeping a record of our subscription. When the next session of the Commons and Senate comes around we are going to get Hansard for those sittings without further charge. That's nice of the King's Printer. — Windsor Daily Star.

Mr. W. D. Herridge, prophet of the New Democracy, is nothing if not an odd politician. Here he is, with an election on, telling us that his movement will "continue its candidacy to those constituencies where the electorate is ready for it." Somehow we seem to remember that only a few months ago Mr. Herridge was telling us the whole country was practically ready for his New Democracy, just waiting its chance to kick the old party into limbo. What's happened since? Also what sort of a prophet is it that tells us who voters only with the converted? Here we thought we had a crusader, a chieftain whose word would flash against wrong no matter where he found it, one who would care no more about the odds, but what we find is a canny opportunist who will march only where the marching is easiest, making a fortune on the better part of value. Oh, Mr. Herridge! — Ottawa Journal.

What India needs as much as fighting men is technicians and industrialists to expand her mills, arsenals and factories and reduce her dependence on overseas supplies. Some of these men, holding key jobs in industry, have been called up to their posts in the British Territorial Reserve, and had the Government not quickly stepped in, India would have lost their services which cannot be easily replaced. If some men chafe at staying here while their friends fight, they should remember they will be called up at once if more men are needed. Meantime, India herself is

The Health League Of Canada

HYPERTRICHOSIS

The skin surface of the body with the exception of the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet and the dorsal surfaces of the terminal phalanges of the fingers and toes is provided with long or short hairs. The scalp, eyebrows, axilla, pubis, lower part of the face of adult males, have normally thick and long hairs, whilst the rest of the body has lanugo, or fine hairs. An abnormal increase in the size and length of the hair is called hypertrichosis or hirsuties. Occurring on the face of a young woman or girl the condition is called the personal appearance and may be very embarrassing. The cause is not definitely known but is undoubtedly bound up in part with the personal appearance and internal secretion. Certain ovarian tumours and of the cortex of the adrenal gland may be associated with hypertrichosis. Amongst methods of treatment advised for this condition is the use of x-rays, but to be effective this method requires doses of the order of tolerance of the skin. Dangerous sequelae are apt to occur some time after such treatment. At present, all responsible physicians are of the opinion that x-rays should not be used for the removal of facial hair for cosmetic purposes. Safer methods are the electrolysis of the hair with personal solution to make them less conspicuous, removal by forceps, the use of an epilating wax and electrolysis. The hair with personal solution, if properly done, a safe procedure and removes the hair permanently. It takes a long time and is painful, but what is a little pain if the woman's beauty is restored. By John W. S. McCullough, M. D., D. P. H.

The British Were Right

(Moncton Transcript)

Neutral experts hold that Britain was right. Norway wrong, in the positions taken regarding the Altmark. Some assert that the British were slow as usual in getting their side before the world, and they recall the battle of Jutland, which even yet is not everywhere recognized as a British victory. It happens that Churchill was called back to the Admiralty to set the first story straight and this time Churchill is at the Admiralty. In fact, in this whole affair there is the evidence of the Churchill touch. But we take it that Churchill was more interested in the do and daring side of the affair than in technicalities. Nevertheless, the Admiralty acted on the advice of international law, and the issue of whether two wrongs make a right, for Mr. Chamberlain made it plain yesterday that Britain gave Norway every opportunity to move before the British took arbitrary action.

In New York, Frederic R. Couder told The New York Times that Britain was "entirely right" and "entirely wrong" in the case of the arrival of the "Appam" at Newport News, Virginia, in 1916, manned by a German prize crew, and with 429 British prisoners on board. The United States, then neutral, released the prisoners and the act was sustained by the Supreme Court. James W. Gerard, former American ambassador at Berlin, said that the Germans had no more right to take prisoners through Norwegian waters than they would have to bring them to New York and take them in chains to San Francisco. James W. Ryan, chairman of the American Bar Association's committee protecting the international rights of Americans, took as his text a remark by the German ambassador at Berlin, who said it was the duty of Norway to have determined the true status of the Altmark before letting it use Norwegian waters.

As remarked in these columns the other day, the most obvious and recent precedent was that furnished by Captain Lang-corr, who told his prisoners as the Graf Spee neared Montevideo, "the war is over for you people," and get them free. The Norwegians would answer that the Graf Spee was a warship and they did not recognize the Altmark as such. To this, Mr. Ryan replied: "The Altmark was a supply ship for the Graf Spee and a prison ship, she should have been treated as a warship."

We think it possible to prove by the Norwegian statement that they did recognize the Altmark as a warship, their disclaimer to the contrary. They say that the Altmark was using its wireless in Norwegian waters and this they forbade. How did they know the messages came from the Altmark? Obviously because they heard and identified its call signal. So did the British intercept those messages, and the call signal was "DRAK. Now as it happens Lloyd's Register of Commercial Shipping lists no vessel by the name of Altmark. The call signal DRAK is the signal allotted to the Altmark by the International Union of Wireless Communication, of Berne.

not out of danger. If their civil work does not press, the Army here will gladly sign them on. — Times of India (Bombay).

J. Mo. Fully Says:

Some people don't carry automobile collision insurance because they figure that if they have a collision, it won't be their fault, and they'll collect from the other fellow.

"It's a fact that only 15% are able to collect damages in case of collision with other cars. And, don't forget, you can't collect from a tree or a stone wall if you happen to skid and cave in the side of your car. No sir, my car is taken care of by the agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford. I'm all through taking chances."

W. K. ROGERS AGENCIES LTD CHARLOTTETOWN

The Poet's Corner

THE RAINBIRD

I hear a rainbird singing Far off. How fine and clear His plaintive voice comes ringing With rapture, to the ear. Over the misty wood-lots, Across the first spring heat, Comes the enchanted cadence, So clear, so solemn-sweet. How often I have hearkened To that high pealing strain Across wild cedar barrens, Under the soft grey rain! How often I have wondered, And longed in vain to know The source of that enchantment, That touch of human woe! O brother, who first taught thee To haunt the teeming spring With that sad mortal wisdom Which only age can bring? —Bills Carman.

Sunday Radio Advertising

Woodstock Sentinel-Review. What would householders say if vendors of commodities rang their doorbells on a Sabbath afternoon and put his foot in the doorway? The general situation in regard to Sunday radio advertising as permitted by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation leaves much to be desired. A few days ago an item appeared in the press stating that the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, at its annual meeting in Toronto, had expressed "disappointment that the announced policy of the Board of Governors of the CBC to curtail the amount of commercial advertising on Sunday programs has not yet become effective." This recalls the fact that in the Fall of 1937 the Alliance placed before the board representations that commercial advertising over the radio was, in its opinion, quite as illegal as if indulged in by any newspaper. No objection was made to a simple statement giving the name of the sponsor—some quite good musical programs come in that way—but the Alliance asked that sales talks and spot advertising be eliminated.

The answer was to the effect that the board would proceed toward the objective mentioned in the representations. It was stated that spot advertising would immediately be eliminated, but that the CBC was under certain contracts with U. S. radio hook-ups to carry commercial programs, also that the CBC required the revenue to be obtained from that source until such times as it had provided satisfactory coverage over the whole Dominion. It was suggested that the Alliance be patient for a time and later it would find that the board was moving in the direction desired.

The result of two years' patient waiting has been disappointing. Further representations have been made recently and a conference is said to be in prospect. This is a matter upon which there should be little division of opinion, and a body sponsored by the Inter-Provincial Union and in its last list of coast and ship stations published in June, 1939, the name of the German ship Altmark appears with crossed swords; to indicate that it is a ship of the German navy.

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With Trial Size Free — 69c
Palmolive Baby Food — 45c
10 Cakes
Violeta Castile Soap — 25c
Carter's Little Liver Pills 15c
Scott's Emulsion — 53c and 58c
Noxzema Cream 15c, 49c, 54c

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King's County Federal Election DR. A. A. McDONALD, Candidate POLITICAL MEETINGS

Murray Harbor—Tuesday, Feb. 27
Murray River—Wednesday, Feb. 28
Montague—Friday, March 1
Georgetown—Monday, March 4
Cardigan—Wednesday, March 6
Annandale—Friday, March 8
Dundas—Monday, March 11
St. Theresa—Wednesday, March 13
Morell—Friday, March 15
St. Peters—Monday, March 18
St. Margarets—Tuesday, March 19
Elmira—Thursday, March 21
Souris—Friday, March 22
Meetings open at 7.45 P. M.
Government candidate invited and will be given half time.

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The Alliance should feel that it is representing the public in general, if Sunday advertising of the kind mentioned is illegal, it is illegal even though the CBC thinks it needs the money. Virtually all offences against the Lord's Day Act are similarly attributable to greed, and that is the word to use in the case of the CBC.

SEW WHILE WAITING LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23—(AP)—Faced with a four-day recess, six

women jurors demanded a sewing machine. Judge William J. Palmer got the machine. The women now are sewing at top speed, awaiting resumption of the trial Monday.

HON. EARL ROWE NOMINATED

ALLISTON, Ont., Feb. 23—(C.P.)—Hon. Earl Rowe, former Ontario Conservative Leader and member of the last Parliament for Dufferin-Simcoe riding, was chosen as Conservative candidate for the riding today. He was unopposed.

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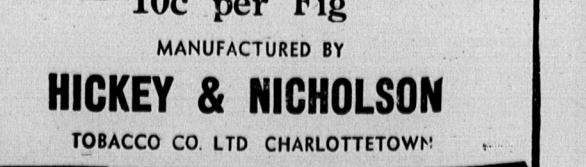
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