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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1938 "The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

Mr. Bennett's Challenge

It remains to be seen whether Prime Minister King will accept Mr. Bennett's challenge to appoint a parliamentary committee to investigate the charges made by the Conservative leader with respect to electoral corruption under the present Liberal regime.

In the summarized report of the address of Premier King, who followed Mr. Bennett, no reference appears to this challenge, but it is obvious that the next move is up to the Government.

Mr. Bennett also moved an amendment to the Throne Speech, criticising the Government for not taking legislative action against the unfavorable economic conditions or proposing "to deal effectively with the prevailing uncertainty and insecurity resulting from the inadequate incomes of large numbers of our people."

Those Tax Increases

It is hard to understand the position of our evening contemporary with regard to federal taxation increases. It complains that we "ignore the fact that increased collections, with little if any change in the rate, means that the country is more prosperous."

Our contemporary says a large part of the Income Tax revenue credited to this Province comes from domiciled companies and not from residents. But the same argument applied in 1935, when Premier Campbell, then in Opposition, cited the income tax and declared that he was "amazed" at the increase in this tax in recent years.

Education in Manitoba

With the question of reforming the educational system so much to the fore in this Province, it is interesting to note a similar tendency in Manitoba, where the Minister of Education, Hon. Ivan Schultz, has laid before the Legislature a program of improvements.

A rather elaborate plan for the revision of the curriculum is proposed by Mr. Schultz. A committee of experts in education will be formed, each member to be a specialist in some line and to be the chairman of a committee on which laymen will serve.

Prohibition in India

Six districts in the United Province of India will "go dry" in the next financial year. This decision, taken by the U. P. Ministry, has been approved by the provincial Congress Party.

Editorial Notes

Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman M.D., born this date, 1821. Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett has given the Government something to ponder over as regards graft and confederation.

The City business men are worrying over the drift of Civic government. One of the younger live wires who was pressed to allow himself to nominate declined unless a complete slate for the whole city was prepared with a progressive policy outlined.

Not satisfied with converting the Canadian radio into a U.S.A. network, the Hon. Mr. Howe, Boston born Minister of Transportation, has converted our flying corps into a nursery under U.S.A. instructors.

Has the U.S.A. benefited by the Jap-Chinese war? Hon. Byron N. Scott says it has, and submits the following comparative statement of exports in proof of it:

Table with 4 columns: U.S.A. Exports, January-October 1936, January-October 1937, quantity, value. Rows include Crude oil, Gasoline, Kerosene, Lubricating oil, Gas and fuel oil, Wood pulp, Iron and steel scrap, Tin scrap, Wire rods, Tin plate and terneplate, Steel sheets, Copper, Copper old and scrap.

Without these materials, the war could not be continued, as Japan has little of them itself.

An anti-lynching bill is before the Senate at Washington, and, according to the New York Times, "only about half a dozen Senators are sincere convinced advocates" of it, leaving "ninety who are bitterly opposed to it."

A clergyman going up the steps of his church recently to conduct service, was accosted by a stately old lady in difficulties with her breathing.

"Pardon me," she said, "but would you do me the favor of assisting me up the steps?" "Certainly, madam," assented the clergyman, giving her his arm.

The inquest in connection with the St. Hyacinthe disaster has failed to discover the cause of the fire. Mr. Horace Labrecque, insurance broker, Montreal, stated that before 1935 the Brothers did the duty of nightwatchmen, and on his suggestion one had been engaged and the time-clock system had been put in.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A generation ago many persons made it a practice to take a brisk walk as often as possible and end the week with a long stroll on Sunday afternoon.

The losses of the Canadian National Railways are not operating ones. This year, for the first time in the year before that, the Canadian National has a net operating surplus.

The subject, brought to the fore when the privy council decided that the League of Nations should ally make a treaty with a foreign nation, it thereby it assumes powers reserved by the provinces.

Fantastic as it may seem, apparently a strong suspicion has been aroused in the U.S.A. that Joseph Stalin has been beating him at his own game.

Scotland Yard's quiet and efficient detectives solved thirty-nine cases in the London murder cases. They also checked the activities of blackmailers, forgers, counterfeiters and "share pushers," some Canadians and Americans being included.

Every month it becomes more apparent that a nation that does not control the making of munitions by its borders is only half-defended.

The power of the Germany army has been exercised again. This time it is the insistence that Dr. Schacht be kept within Germany. The army is necessary to the financial wizard so that he can curb some of the more revolutionary Nazis who have financial ideas that may seem bright but are hardly practical.

One of the leading pickpockets of Cairo wrote the steps to the pasha before King Farouk's wedding to the effect that he and his light-fingered brethren pledged themselves to abstain from snatching purses throughout the ceremony.

Let us give three cheers for the Albanian League of Nations. According to the League of Nations Monthly Review for 1936-37 it is the one currency in the world that has not been devalued, revalued, inflated, deflated or otherwise mismanaged.

Observing the advance of the Japanese mechanized army, a correspondent writes that Napoleon's saying should be revised to read: "Providence is always on the side of the mechanized battalions."

Employees over 40 are found happier on their jobs than those under 40, some great United States intelligence has discovered. Of course, it doesn't mean anything to him who has never survived a military war, a couple of depressions and are still at work, does it?—Ex.

The Ethiopian war cost twelve milliard in cash and a corresponding increase in the Italian national debt. It cost a six milliard lire loss in gold foreign exchange and foreign assets. This latter amounts to a most half of Italy's entire gold and exchange reserves and is, therefore more serious than the name only, and a peace more expensive than war.

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Property has to carry the burden, and when property already taxed is almost bankrupt, fails, what then? Press columns are loaded with never before with offerings of property—and no buyers. Many would be purchasers are already drained out of what they had, by taxes, and many more are those who have a few dollars left, but not invest in further tax obligations to swallow the little they have.

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.

REPLY TO MAYOR TURNER

Sir—Mayor Turner in his letter in your yesterday's issue states: "Details on ordinary account done, have during the term of several previous Councils, run from \$5,000 to \$110,000."

This statement is wholly and absolutely untrue. I am amazed that anyone professing to have the least acquaintance with figures should permit himself to be so far astray as to publish so absurd and fatuous a statement.

The only way to get out of the fiery furnace is to cut out the waste and extravagance, cut your garments according to the cloth you have, and let those who look for fringes at the expense of poorer people than themselves, dip into their own pockets for the luxuries.

There is today an arraignment of unpaid taxes ample to balance the budget. Why bother about an additional burdens be placed on the shoulders of those who do pay to liquidate their defaults?

The Mayor admits that during the term of the Council the city has been increased by \$266,896, a disgraceful admission which proves incompetence and mismanagement to a high degree.

When His Worship goes figuring again, I would advise him to keep close to the City Clerk, who understands figuring and accounts. He will, I am sure, be able to tell him that the figures I have given above are quite correct.

W. S. STEWART MAYOR TURNER'S REPLY TO JUDGE STEWART Sir—It is not my intention to enter into a verbal duel with Judge Stewart, but I must thank him for a very convincing vindication of my position for it is now generally known that anything the Judge opposes must possess considerable merit.

He says that the statement made in my letter as to "keep close to accounts alone, have during the life of several previous Councils ran from \$85,000 to \$110,000" is wholly and absolutely untrue.

He finally concludes his tirade by advising me to "keep close to the City Clerk, who understands figuring and accounts."

CITY TAXATION

Sir—In your business men's interview you say some were for increased taxes to wipe out deficits. From whom are we to get those taxes, and where is the money to come from to pay them?

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list of estates for sale, with no buyers, and then ask where the owners are to get their bread and butter if their purses are cleaned out of the last remnant to satisfy the craving for money spending and waste in Civic expenditure.

And did you ever hear of an increased tax being applied to debt reduction or budget balancing? Safely I say never. Look at 1919 when the country was overrun with politicians denouncing the appalling tax burdens of that day, and promising by economy, and most solemnly without further taxation, to balance the budget, and have a neat \$125,000 surplus to the good.

We have in memory another Council aspirant boldly coming out against city debt and city taxation and city deficit, and promising to put an end to all. But soon as elected he was the first to sponsor and railroad through the civic machine a \$20,000 tax increase, and at the end of the year to show the biggest deficit in City history.

You have the stories of 1935 where all the genius of oratory and persuasion was applied to convincing the populace that they were needlessly overtaxed, that the budget should, and with them in charge, would be balanced without a dollar additional taxation.

If you are in the time for a gamble you may lay your last dollar, if you have a dollar left, that if the Civic revenues were at once jumped up to half a million, you might find a balanced or a faked balanced budget for the first year.

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A CORRECTION (Re Old Teacher and Modern Education) Sir—In connection with the letter written by me in your issue of the 2nd inst., on the above topic, I wish to say that the Harvett Excursion mentioned by me with that of 1905 and not 1906 as some of your readers who went West with me may remember. The inaccuracy however does not affect the description I gave of conditions in Canada at that time, which was one of unbounded optimism. If your space permits I will touch briefly again on the subject of the unbounded optimism with the educational systems of the Western Provinces.

WATFORD, England—Every man on Garston Old Boys team scored in the club's 18-1 victory over Watford British Legion in a soccer match here. The Garston goalkeeper shot a couple past the rival custodian.

COMBAT RHEUMATISM Rheumatism is often caused by uric acid in the blood. This blood impurity should be extracted by the kidneys. If kidneys fail, and excess uric acid remains, it irritates the muscles and joints causing excruciating pains.

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SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES. "The purest form in which tobacco can be smoked." Image of a soldier in uniform.

The Poet's Corner. ST. ANDREWS, Scotland—The famous Royal and Ancient Golf Club is considering plans for reconstructing the New and Jubilee courses and the laying out of a new course. for CORNS & WARTS. MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT.

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