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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Quebec's Regret

According to the Montreal Gazette, regret that Marshal Stalin of Russia and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China had not also come to Quebec to join in the Churchill-Roosevelt-King conference, was voiced by Hon. T. D. Bouchard, Minister of Roads of the provincial Government.

Another Try
The Minister of Labor, Mr. Mitchell, has announced the approval by the Government of a seven-point program for reorganization of National Selective Service.

The question that a good many people will ask and which will no doubt be answered in due course, is to what extent this plan of Mr. McNamara's differs in any major extent from that proposed by Elliot Little who resigned when he couldn't get his way.

Mr. King's Omission
Mr. Mackenzie King has always professed a deep concern for the preservation of the amenities in public life.

The choice of the right kind of personnel has had much to do with the successes of the C. C. F. in recent elections. In the Pas, Manitoba, for instance the party had the advantage of a very popular candidate, Mr. Beresford Richards is a university-trained mining engineer who works below ground.

Notes By The Way
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Harvest weather at last.
Nobody seems interested in an election, and it will be hard to rouse any enthusiasm. The war and its outcome is the all-absorbing topic.

EDITORIAL NOTES
The reason that some civilian people "talk too much" is that the proper authority at Ottawa neglects to tell them enough to make it obvious they should not talk as much as they do.

Max Beerbohm, English essayist and caricaturist, born this date 1872; a half-brother of Sir Herbert Tree, the noted actor and dramatist; his literary work is marked by whimsical humour and by delightfully easy style; as a caricaturist he is master of biting portraiture; publications, "The Work of Max Beerbohm", "The Happy Hypocrite", "The Poet's Corner", "Fifty Caricatures".

Deepest sympathy will be extended to Mr. P. J. Macdonald and his family on the loss in active service in Sicily of a gallant son and brother, Dr. "Ken" had a brilliant scholastic career and gave promise of attaining great heights in the surgical profession to which he was devoted.

Lord Haw Haw, whose Oxonian voice out-Oxforded anything ever heard on the banks of the Isis, has at last been introduced over DNB as "William Joyce." His propaganda schedule has been reduced twice a week.

The conference machinery or mode of operation at Quebec is described as a four-stage or four-level system. At the top, both in rank and in actual physical location (the Citadel towers over everything in these parts), are Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Mackenzie King.

Progressive Conservative policy "shall always continue to be the jealous defence of the autonomy of the provinces and the principle that the Confederation Act constitutes an agreement among them; that no part of the Charter of the Dominion is to be interpreted solely in the interests of the federal authority," according to a letter sent out last week to several thousand citizens in the Province of Quebec.

The breakfast cup of coffee may now be made a little stronger; the soothing dish of tea may give out an even richer aroma. Now, with a bit more of sugar, patise, candy, adians will be feeling almost as if the war had ended. Exchange.

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If peace breaks out suddenly a lot of post-war planners will be caught scrapping. —Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Rye, Sussex —population of 4,000 —has only one hairdresser. The town council were asked to remedy this by Councilor Mrs. Hacking, who said: "I know a man whose wife had to cut his hair and now he dares't take off his hat. The mayor, Brigadier-General E. G. Wace, said: 'I had to borrow a hair-cutting machine from the Government ahead for a haircut.'" —London Evening News.

A group of armchair critics had voiced many and varied views on Allied war strategy while a soldier in the opposite corner of the car listened with his hand on his chin. As the train drew up at the next station, one of the armchair strategists was expounding, in a somewhat optimistic strain, the value of airborne troops in modern war. "I'll tell you what it is," cut in the soldier, as he let down the window and leached for the door handle. "It's time some of your armchair troops were called upon." —Leeds Yorkshire Post.

In a tribute to Polish soldiers in Scotland, a friend said: "Very intelligent chaps, admirable flyers, not only expert but daring. Many of our optimistic modern war." The lassies now hear their brows and wonder whether this is a right- or left-hand compliment. — Windsor Star.

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The question is asked by The New York Herald Tribune, which notified a cartoon in The Cleveland Plain Dealer which showed two horses, labelled "Prices" and "Wages" and running madly in the direction of a place called "Inflationville." The driver is pulling on the reins, while his load baskets, called "Cost of Living" and "Economic Stabilization," was being scattered. The caption of the cartoon was, "Hold 'Em Newt, Hold 'Em!"

There is a famous saying in regard to technical guidance in public affairs: "The expert, should be on top, not on the bottom." We may apply this to the present to the problem of public relations and say: In international relations private enterprise should be on top, not on top. Windsor Star.

Let short-memoried folk of the Sacoglio-is-a-Nice-Man school take note of the fact that this successor to Mussolini proudly uses the name and title of "Duke of Addis Ababa." Remember the place —Brantford Exporter.

They can now take the white of an egg and make a thread substitute for silk. Which prompts the wise crack: How will you handle your stockings, ladies, scrambled or sunny side up? —St. Catharines Standard.

There must have been something vastly so satisfying about the way Corporal Pete Hutchinson, one of the Canadians in the Sicilian invasion armies, captured an Italian pillbox. His machine gun was dithering away when the corporal circled it and came on it from the rear. He saw a gunner busy at work. He silenced the gun by an unorthodox but effective method to wit, he kicked the machine gunner in the penis. This is not quite the technical use used by the Italians against France, but it is certain that Corporal Pete's Army issue brogan sped through its arc accompanied by the good wishes of every Canadian. —Winnipeg Tribune.

My admiration for Mr. Churchill is almost unalloyed, and I appreciate the gesture of the American troops in this country who have decided to erect a lasting memorial to Anglo-American friendship by erecting a stained-glass window in the village church —with President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill as two of its symbolic figures. But something cannot quite visualize the Prime Minister in a stained-glass window. Mr. Churchill's face epitomizes the spirit of Britain at war, but I should not say that its dominant expression is one of saintly contemplation. Still, that is perhaps not an insuperable obstacle. After all, there are warriors whose worth is fittingly commemorated in stained-glass, and helmets and body armor have an established place in symbolic decoration. Neither Premier nor President would look amiss thus marially garbed. Of course, there is the Churchillian cigar. That would never do. Ecclesiastical glass. —Leeds Yorkshire Post.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of general interest. The Charlottetown Guardian reserves the right to edit and to condense the opinions of correspondents.

PREMIER JONES' ALIBI

Sir, Premier Jones' explanation for holding the provincial general elections next month is not convincing. His best solution of the problem would be to have by-election in 2nd Prince for Hon. Mr. Barbour, and very probably there would be no opposition to the Minister of Public Works getting a seat in the Legislature; and why the Government following their usual line of doing little or nothing, the other vacancies could have been left unfilled. There would be none of the disturbance Premier Jones anticipated. But why pick Sept. 15, one of the busiest seasons for our over-extended Government? Immediately after potato digging would have been much better. Consideration for busy farmers was not the factor. The order of Prime Minister King to get this election over before Liberal stocks struck rock bottom was evidently the deciding factor.

There is no satisfactory explanation for the attempt at a snap verdict or the fact that eleven or twelve thousand of the cream of our voters are disfranchised.

DUCK SEASON

Sir, —On taking a walk around some ponds recently I see we have a great crop of ducks this year and they are being hunted by a great many gunners that I see. I have been suggested to me by a great many gunners that this season for shooting Black Ducks should be extended to the end of Sept. 20, and I myself along with those others really think owing to the rationing and scarcity of food that the ducks should be allowed to shoot on Sept. 10, for the average farmer or hard working man should have meat at least a day a week and the way it is now, he has got to make extra trips to the meat shop perhaps drive several miles and then when he gets home he has to wait for the butcher will say, "We are all sold out for today." That means that he and his family will have to do without meat for perhaps an hour in the morning or evening and get enough for the household for at least a couple of days. I cannot see any benefit in having the season open so late as far as the country people are concerned, as the ducks leave the ponds and go to the rivers in early Fall or at the first sign of frost. Of course, perhaps all this is done for the sake of those who are not quite so busy as the farmer are in their car and come out along the rivers and shoot, whys trying to get his work done, and if he did have a slack spell when he could have gone shooting the season was not open.

I am, Sir, etc.
"GUNNER."
The House Of Savoy
Carlo Scorzani (Manchester Guardian) stated that "one symbol of the eternal glories of Italy is the House of Savoy." This name is famous among the rulers of Europe does indeed go back to the eleventh century in the person of Umberto Biancamano, Duke of Savoy, who was White Hand, while the first Count of Savoy, Amadeus III, dates from the twelfth century.

But "eternal glory" is an extravagant term to apply to a family of whom it has been said that, as Duke of Savoy, the great-grandfather did not permit them to behave like honest men. Tortuous diplomacy in the eighteenth century bursary added the royal crown of Sardinia to the ducal crowns of Piedmont and Savoy, and they gradually acquired Lombardy, "eating it" as was said. "Like an archbishop, leaf by leaf."

The coronation of the House of Savoy was singularly unhappy. Of the uncles of Eleanor, Queen of France, Henry, Duke of Savoy, banished the palace in the Strand later known as the Savoy. The King made him Earl of Richmond, but he withdrew in face of the hostility he incurred. On the Continent Peter was known as "Charlesme the Little", perhaps a measure of his political stature. The Queen's other uncle, Boniface, was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by the King. He was, says Matthew Paris, "tall and of a handsome figure, but in knowledge, morals, and age totally unfit for his office."

He pillaged the churches of Faversham and Rochester, and while at the latter he was the canon of St. Bartholomew in London, smote the aged sub-prior with a staff about the head and heart, knocked the old man against the wall of the choir, and all but killed him. In the tumult provoked the Archbishop was found to be wearing a suit of armor under his priestly robes. The King supported the Archbishop but, owing to the indignation and uproar aroused in the City, Boniface was compelled to depart overseas.

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It preens itself, it smooths its fur, it would arrive unruined there, its frontlet is a diamond flare, it looks down under.
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—Daniel Sargent, in The Atlantic Monthly.

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