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

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New Government Needed

Commenting on the Throne Speech at last week's opening of Parliament, the Ottawa Journal says: The doctrine, preached so consistently by Mr. King, that increased world trade would bring unemployment's solution, has broken down. It has crashed on the fact, shown conclusively and all too tragically during these years, that a nation which depends for its economic well-being upon what it can export to other nations necessarily leaves its prosperity and general economic well-being on the shifting sands of racial and nationalist turbulence in other lands; surrenders the determination of the measure of its prosperity to external events and forces it is powerless to control.

Nor can excuse be found for what is with us in the conflict of jurisdictions between the Dominion and the Provinces. If this be Mr. King's defence, then the question must be asked him, and fairly, why he permitted two years to elapse before creating the Rowell Royal Commission. Was that tardiness in harmony with his ringing declaration that the fight for economic security would be "carried on as never before"? As Parliament assembles once more there is the traditional hope; a sense of expectation. Yet, says our Ottawa contemporary, it is not from Parliament that solution will, or can, come for the problem of unemployment. Under our parliamentary system, action, if it is to come at all, must come from the Government. From the Cabinet. To clamor that "Parliament must do something", that it should take this step or that, is to misunderstand the meaning and realities of our system of government.

The Journal confesses that it holds no high hope that action will come. "In governments, as in other things, there is a law of diminishing returns. What examination of the history of ministries tells is that whatever of vigor they put into administration is in the days of their youth. Time brings weariness, loss of enthusiasm, decay. It brings as well remoteness from reality, complacency, incapacity to initiate or plan. That condition, we think, has come to the Ministry of today. Whoever it was that decreed an election for democracy every five years was perhaps wiser than he knew."

Gold Storage

International banking hoarders have begun depositing gold in Canada, regarding this country as a secure repository in times of world tension. Gold could have been deposited in Canada before this, but assurance could not be given that the gold imported or bought to store could be exported. Reasonable assurance of license to export now being forthcoming, gold is being stored in Canada.

As the second largest producer of gold in the Empire, Canada has for many years been a seller of gold. It has not permitted hoarding, that is storing, and of course individual hoarding practically ceased when gold stopped circulating. In a larger way, however, the Bank of Canada announced a short time ago that it is prepared to receive bids for bar gold, to be stored in Canada, and to be granted reasonable assurance of being licensed for export under normal circumstances.

Safe storage for gold stocks which are often national reserves has become an acute problem in the recurrence of unsettled times. Tremendous movements of gold into and out of the United States have accompanied each international ferment since the War years, and considerable stocks are stored under special arrangements in South Africa. Canada seems now to be preferred as a storage over South Africa, if only because of its greater geographical safety. This advantage, and assurance of export under normal conditions, may turn the Dominion into a repository of large reserve stocks of gold.

Gold in storage is not of pressing concern to the average citizen, but the reported amount held in the country may become a topic of some interest, just as is the volume of wheat unsold, or as were the fifteen million pounds of butter in cold storage, or as are the turkeys in storage before Christmas.

No Seaway Pact

According to the staff correspondent of the Montreal Star at Ottawa, Premier Duplessis recently expressed fear that the King Government will proceed with negotiations for the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway is quite groundless. The King Government, Ottawa politicians believe, will not approach so potentially explosive an issue on the eve of a general election.

"No real progress," writes the Star's reporter, "has been made with the matter for the past few years, though occasionally correspondence has been exchanged. A few days ago an official foreman in all such negotiations referred to the report that the Government would go ahead by itself as 'pure imagination.'"

"The fact that a report is denied does not necessarily in all cases imply inaccuracy, but in this instance the most formidable reasons prevail against the St. Lawrence plan being embarked on."

"Primarily there is the fact that at all times the Liberal party has been apathetic to the idea, with many members definitely opposed. Secondly, there has been the repeated declaration that the waterway and power development would require the consent of the Ontario and Quebec Governments. Both are decidedly opposed. Finally, if this is to be an election year, the St.

Lawrence scheme is considered to be about the last that the Dominion Government would put forth as an issue when, in the Province from which it derives so much support, the whole plan seems to be viewed with peculiar repugnance."

Editorial Notes

Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George born this date, 1863.

These last few weeks have been fatal to those of the journalistic and literary calling — Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Enman, Mrs. MacLeod all having written "30" to their copy.

Practically all the roads are open for vehicular traffic but that is not what the farmers want mostly. Two inches of snow covering their fields would be much more acceptable.

In Newfoundland they are using matches in lieu of coppers, because of a scarcity of small coins. This is merely history repeating itself; in the past matches have not infrequently been used to represent coins in card games.

Sir John Moore defeated the French at Cornuina this date, 1809.

We buried him darkly at dead of night, The sods with our bayonets turning, By the struggling moonbeams misty light, And the lantern dimly burning.

A correspondent of our esteemed contemporary suggests that the King and Queen should travel from Wood Islands to Pictou Landing by the proposed new ferry. Isn't it a blessing that the King's plans and routes are as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians?

Premier Maurice Duplessis has informed Ottawa, through Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Federal Minister of Labor, that the Provincial Government still believes unemployment to be a matter of national concern, and he sees no reason why Ottawa should not negotiate directly with the municipal representatives.

Although they have no blue laws in New York, Judge Charles J. Karabell put a cash value of \$11 on a kiss which State Policeman Gale Keessen testified he saw Clyde Bailey, 27, give a woman companion while driving in heavy traffic. "Was that kiss worth \$11?" asked the Judge. Bailey did not reply. "Well, that's what it's going to cost you," ordered the Court.

A great deal of unexpressed, and even expressed, resentment is felt in Montague and Georgetown over the new route to Pictou. It seems a regular boom in lots has set in at Wood Islands in the vicinity of the landing stage with the idea of building a new town like Borden there. Thus, what may be Wood Islands gain will likely prove loss to the King's County municipalities mentioned.

Music lovers are assured of a rare treat this evening in the performance to be given by Mr. Arthur Leblanc, noted violinist, in the Prince of Wales College hall. Though young in years, Mr. Leblanc's art is fully matured, and he has studied under some of the greatest masters of the instrument in Europe. The fact that he is a native of the Maritime Provinces enhances the interest which attaches to his present tour, which has received very favorable comment in the mainland press.

Adjudicator Skillan did not appear to be so skilled and competent a reporter of his decisions as his predecessor, Mr. Morley. He is without doubt an actor of the first rank, a good judge of plays and acting, but when it comes to letting the audience know about it, he gets rather muddled and confused. Thus it was on Friday night that he forgot some of the points he wished to make until he got behind the scenes, and then he took the opportunity of addressing the actors personally. But that is not exactly what they or the audience wanted—they expected the Adjudicator to say all that he had to say in front of the screen, so that those who paid for admission could hear him.

It is not wise, seemingly, for missionaries speaking before Presbyteries to be too candid in the expression of their views. Members of the Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church have decided to appoint an official to supervise future relations with newspapers in connection with a Press gag resolution, passed at a meeting "by which all Presbytery news must be censored before appearing in the public press." This step, it was explained resulted from a controversy raised by charges of Mr. R. J. Leighton student missionary, who claimed at a Presbytery meeting last November that life in northern mining camps was a round of "beer parlors, bridge parties and poker games." The remarks brought a reply from Mr. John E. Hammel, prominent Ontario mining man and staunch churchman who described Mr. Leighton's statement as "very stupid and untrue."

Liberal members of the House and Senate are expected to meet in caucus tomorrow morning when their leader, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, will give his reasons for declaring war on Premier Hepburn of Ontario, and he may also give an outline of the platform on which he will wage next Fall's election campaign. At the same caucus it is expected that the two peace envoys—Messrs Ross Gray and William Fraser—who after December's meeting were carrying an olive branch between Ottawa and Toronto and the Elgin Farm, will present a report on the result of their mission. That report may not contain much, but Ontario supporters of the King Government are in no humor to retard these peace efforts. It is possible that the Prime Minister may be told rather plainly at the caucus that if he chooses to wage war on the Ontario Premier he should confine the hostilities within a personal range. Even those who resent the Hepburn Liberals' domination of the party organization in Ontario are not prepared to carry the resentment to the fight stage. There is still more respect for the strength of Hepburn Liberals in Ontario, and their help might be useful in the Fall.

NOTES BY THE WAY

According to a scientist, our legs will eventually disappear entirely. The end of the musical comedy is in sight. —Montreal Star.

One good way of welcoming the King and Queen, and of giving them a better impression of the country, would be a liberal use of paint and whitewash on barns and outouses along the Royal way. —Ottawa Journal.

Perhaps some countries ought to appoint Ministers of Laughter. It might be a good way to get the nations from resorting to war. It might be more helpful than a dozen peace pacts. —Regina Leader-Post.

Improved lighting in the House of Commons chamber at Ottawa will enable the members to see better the members of the opposition. The dim shades of the Green Chamber are a thing of the past. It is to be hoped that the new lighting will enable the members to see the things that they should do for the benefit of Canada. This wider view seems to have been beclouded during the past few sessions. —Windsor Star.

A German enlisted in the Storm Troops, and his new assignment was to be a spy. He often that his wife was lonely. One night she made a little placard and hung it over his side of the bed. It said, "This is where my husband used to sleep before he joined the SA." They both laughed over it, and it was always good a joke that she printed on her forehead each year. The extent that it may be needed? There must be a catch somewhere.

The fact is that when two such players as Vines and Budge get together victory will seessaw back and forth between them for a long time. Budge has never, in his career, faced any player so good as Vines. Vines, in the last year, has not had the diversity of opposition that Budge enjoyed nor has he been so completely out of his game. Each man unquestionably plays the best tennis he can for that way lies fortune as well as satisfaction. The odds are that they probably provide the greatest tennis that can be seen in the world today. —Baltimore Sun.

Here is a story so singular that I had better begin by saying that I am completely satisfied of its authenticity; it concerns a family whose name is known to only one. A lady in London recently increased the wages of her Austrian (now, of course, German) maid to a handsome figure. The maid, who had mentioned her rise only to a few friends, was almost immediately informed by the German authorities in London that she would be expected to pay a tax of one per cent a week. She refused, and was told that in that case it would be taken out of her parents in Vienna. —London Spectator.

Private citizens must be safe in the sanctity of their own homes. That is a principle of British justice that has stood through the centuries, and Canadians will not tolerate the substitution of gang law for this safe haven. It is a principle that is being tested in the hands of the Toronto police. It is as to why there are still so many dangerous weapons in the hands of criminals. It is time the forces of the law made a complete round-up of all questionable characters and all dangerous weapons confiscated. —Brantford Expositor.

Tired of being the butt of unfair calumny, a group of headstrong persons in Cincinnati are organizing in their own defence. They hope to form an association of car-tops throughout the United States, to prove to the world that only good-tempered, but intellectually superior. We regard the movement sympathetically. Down through the ages people who have been unfortunate, or fortunate, enough to be born with red hair have been the subject of jokes, jibes, and other obnoxious forms of taunt. As soon as a child is born with rosy cheeks, it is nicknamed "Red," "Carrot-top," "Rosy," "Rusty," etc. names which are apt to stay with it the rest of its days. The children become the game of others, and as they grow up, of adults. If they are resentful, it only adds fuel to the flames. They are accused of having ungovernable tempers, of obstinacy, of passion, of bigotry and all manner of other traits of character. No matter how sweet their disposition, how even their temper, how tolerant they may be, they are the target of the taunt. We like red-headed people. They may have some of the characteristics attributed to them. But few of them are uninteresting. Few lack character. It may be said that it is seldom indifferent. They have personalities, whether these be charming or objectionable. There is usually something to them which makes them stand out in a crowd, quite apart from their red hair. It may be that some of them have fiery tempers, but we would much rather know a person like that than one with no temper. Some of them may have a great determination, but we prefer that to a wishy-washy individual lacking any of these characteristics. They may be very strong in their opinions, but this is better than having no opinion. They may be deeply conditioned by the fact that a person that one who is as cold as a dead fish. If the red-heads now strike back at their tormentors, they have our support. We like them. What more delightful sort of person could one meet than a red-headed Irishman? No one, unless it be a red-headed Highlander, perhaps. —Windsor Star.

Old Age is not a number of years; it is a state of mind. The human creature, whose body naturally weakens with time and finally decays, may run like a young colt like an apple or any other organized growth of matter. But this is not true of the mind. Things in Nature have their periods of growth, maturity, and decay. The mind, however, brooks no such law. The mind is the real man. And the mind can be as young as ninety.

PUBLIC FORUM

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RAILWAY FINANCING

Sir—Mr. Joseph Corbett of London, general chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Men of America, C. N. R. System, has recently written to several Canadian newspapers, expounding an ingenious plan for the solution of Canada's railway problem. While it is questionable whether Mr. Corbett's plan, if it could be put into effect, would do more than hasten national bankruptcy.

The essence of Mr. Corbett's plan is contained in the following recommendation: "The Government, through the Bank of Canada, to recall C. N. R. bonds, giving the bondholders credit in the Bank of Canada for the face value of their bonds. The security for the bank credit to be durable wealth represented by the railway property—the same security as at present for the bonds. The C. N. R. operating surplus to be used to cancel the capital investment."

What such a procedure would amount to is simply inflation. The Government would print paper money to replace the bonds and a few revolutions of the printing presses would wipe out our liabilities in the same manner. Why not carry the process a step further, and instead of raising money for our national requirements through taxes, always unpopular, why not simply print money each year to the extent that it may be needed? There must be a catch somewhere.

The catch, of course, is in the diminishing value of the proposed paper dollars. As the new money appeared, there would be a wild scramble to exchange it for goods. Within a few months what is now a comfortable monthly income in terms of dollars might be sufficient to buy a new toothbrush.

Wages and salaries would have to be continually adjusted upwards to keep pace with the soaring cost of commodities. Mortgages would be carried out in hundreds of dollars and mortgage and insurance companies would be wiped out. The whole process would be carried out in Germany, Hitler and his Nazis are a by-product.

The railway problem will not be solved by reflation and inflation. The responsible government would venture to advocate such a policy for it would be political suicide. We are, Sir, etc. CITIZENS' GROUP FOR RAILWAY ACTION. Dalton J. Little, Secretary-Treasurer. Toronto, Jan. 14.

"LESS ON RELIEF"

Sir—Are not those words an advertisement, designed to excite the depression and unemployment in Canada? Above all other countries, with our vast undeveloped resources why do we need to be helped by those while other countries are forging ahead out of the throes of depression?

Why are there "less on relief"? Not that there is any less of unemployment, nor less of need of relief. But because the purse strings in Ottawa have been tightened, the Bennett programme of help has been curtailed, provinces and municipalities have had contributions reduced, and local charities, churches, City governments, and individual contributions have had to continue much longer without relief—formerly helped by federal relief.

Why should there be unemployment, or less of work? There is ample work in the world to keep every man busy, as an ex-istable wage. Any overseer can see this. Ottawa has been tight on relief, and common sense upon what he sees on every hand.

How many have noticed the fact that every effort of governments of all parties, and in a measure of all countries, however well intended, have tended to reduce rather than increase employment? First their united effort to jack up wages (of those already employed) and with this increase the cost of goods. The idea as announced, to "increase purchasing power." But this is abortive in providing work for the unemployed. These wages, usually on a living and often a saving wage, are not in need. Their increased wage increases their savings, but it is not their savings that extent increases purchases. But the enhanced prices of what they manufacture, puts life's necessities further out of reach of the needy classes, and reduces consumption and with it reduces employment.

The Canadian law investigation committee's report, quoted by your correspondent "Reader" some time ago, included trades unions as an encouragement to depression. This is evident to many who are too timid to speak out. Why should one faction of industry claim a right to monopolize the market? If a man doesn't want to work at his employment, he is in a free country, with a perfect right to seek better quarters elsewhere. Why should he be allowed to "pick" and prevent others who are glad to get the work, sometimes at almost half the rate? One of Premier Hepburn's acts of virtue was, while allowing home agitators certain latitude, he prohibited communistic interference from U. S. trouble raisers. There is satisfaction in the fact that modern labor is learning to be less and becoming conformable to more modern methods. Yet "competition is the life of trade" and the more operation comes, and less encouragement of combines by governments, the more trade expansion and greater employment will follow. We bid for imports, with lower tariffs, and other inducements. But do we realize that every million dollars sent away to pay for goods manufactured in foreign land, deprives our own artisans and producers of a million dollars of wages paid to foreign workmen instead of to our own people? I am, Sir, etc. LEWIS P. TANTON THE BRIGHTON BRIDGE AND CHARLOTTETOWN HARBOR



TWILIGHT

When twilight walks in the west, Meeting the night with a sigh, When the wild bird comes to her nest, And a star to the open sky,

Tenderness flows on the air, In full tide deep and still; It frees the mind of care, And quiet the restless will.

The soul enters her own Home of delight long sought, The heaven of feeling stirred With nebulous stars of thought.

Beauty stirs in the breast, Ecstasy trembles there; When twilight walks in the west, And tenderness flows on the air.

—Duncan Campbell Scott

the phrase, "first things first," a new interpretation, contending that projects first spoken for should be given the preference over others of major importance. This of course is the very reverse of the intended meaning of the phrase. "Islander" is either a less adept special pleader than Mr. Gaudet or he is trying to get away with a hoax or two. In the first place he complains that the Brighton ferry has deprived Charlottetown of its shipping of days gone by. This can surely be true only to the extent of one boat. The real cause for the loss of our shipping is that large vessels today are traversing the seas instead of small ones as formerly and the large ships refuse to come to Charlottetown because they know the water is shallow and that the docks are neither large enough nor high enough to accommodate them. In any event, "Islander's" hobby, the Brighton Bridge, will never add one cubit to our shipping stature.

Where, however, "Islander" is chiefly astray is when he says "Would it not be more logical (before invading the Charlottetown Harbor) to wait until production increases, new markets open up, and port facilities become taxed?" It is evident that production will never increase until new markets have been opened up. For years production has been gradually decreasing and hundreds of farms have been abandoned simply because of the lack of new markets. Again the railway company has done what it could to carry our goods where they could be sold on the mainland, and by that means there is no hope of obtaining new markets. Finally, until we offer proper accommodation to ocean vessels, our harbor facilities will never be taxed. There simply is not a vestige of logic in any one of "Islander's" three proposals.

Now, Sir, it is not about time that a little common house sense be applied to the all-pervading question of water transportation, on which the progress of the whole Island so vitally depends? So long as each rising generation of Islanders emigrated to the mainland, it was possible for those who remained at home to find in Canada and the United States a market ample sufficient to absorb their surplus products, usually however, at a miserable price. Today conditions have changed, our young people no longer being able to find work in the other provinces are compelled to stay at home and become dependent upon the Island for employment, food, clothing and shelter. Each year the problem becomes more serious and unemployment is increasing rapidly and with it the already too heavy debts of our Province and City. These things cannot continue much longer without the disaster of some kind. When it is realized that the solution is comparatively simple and really within our own responsibility, inaction becomes all the greater.

We are living on an Island and it must therefore be evident, in the very nature of things, that our trade channels should be by water and not by rail. Nor should it be forgotten that the cost of sea freight per mile is but a fraction of that by rail, because of which fact it is possible to send our

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