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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1941.

The Fall Of Hong Kong

Another chapter has been added to the annals of British heroism by the gallant defense of Hong Kong by Canadian and other Empire troops. The announcement that the colony had fallen under relentless enemy assault by land, sea and air forces was not unexpected; indeed, it was regarded as a foregone conclusion. No relief could be expected over the 1,500-mile sea route from Singapore, a fortress itself beleaguered. Yet our forces grimly held on in response to the orders received, thereby keeping a large Japanese army engaged, and affording precious time for the strengthening of Singapore and Manila and Hawaii. "So ends a great fight against overwhelming odds," the Colonial Office declared last night, in announcing the surrender. Lack of water was one of the great handicaps of the defenders. It is feared that the casualties have been considerable. This brings sharply home to us the realities of the war situation. While there will be sorrow in many Canadian homes as a result of yesterday's news, there will be pride also in the fact that our troops have lived up to the highest traditions of the service. Their sacrifice should inspire us all to greater effort in the cause of victory.

Courageous Liberal

Mr. Ralph Maybank, the Liberal Federal member for South-Centre Winnipeg, has emerged as an advocate of the removal of the present absurd limitations upon compulsory service. In an address delivered to a local branch of the Canadian Legion he endorsed the program submitted by the Legion to the Prime Minister, which called for a total war effort by the complete and scientific mobilization of all our resources and urged the removal of the provisions of the National Resources Mobilization Act which exempt men called up under it from liability for military service overseas.

It is true that Mr. Maybank professed not to be a critic of the voluntary system and maintained that so far the Government had followed a wise course for the preservation of national unity. But the fact remains that he has reached the conclusion that other things have become more important than the so-called preservation of national unity, and that he is ready to part company with his leaders if they persist in refusing to take the measures urgently needed for the strengthening of our fighting forces.

Mr. Maybank, after serving three years in the Manitoba Legislature, was elected as a Liberal to the Federal Parliament in 1935, and since he went to Ottawa has shown at intervals a streak of independence all too rare among the occupants of the Liberal benches. Now he has won for himself the distinction of being the first Liberal member to pronounce openly against the stubborn adherence of his leaders to a policy which makes a mockery of their pledges to organize a total war effort to the limit of our resources.

Dominion-Provincial Financing

Coupled with the announcement from Ottawa that a formula has been found for arranging Dominion-Provincial financing was the statement (unofficial) that the Maritime Provinces and Saskatchewan would accept the Dominion proposal in the form of payment of carrying charges on the provincial debt and that the others would make grants equivalent to the revenues from income tax. The Dominion proposal is, in brief, that the provincial governments leave the field of personal and corporation income tax exclusively to the Dominion for the duration of the war.

This was an essential part of the plan under the Sirois Commission Report. The Commission's tax recommendations were based on two grounds: (1) The withdrawal of the provinces from the fields of income, corporation and inheritance (or succession duty) taxes would enable the Dominion to assume all deadweight provincial debt, responsibility for unemployed employables, and new national adjustment grants to certain provinces. All provinces would, under these circumstances, receive an adequate quid pro quo for withdrawal from the tax fields specified. (2) The transfer of these tax sources to the Dominion and their use by a single jurisdiction was essential, both for reasons of equity as between provinces, and for assuring that these tax fields would be exploited with least harm to the national income.

Under the Sirois Commission plan this Province, after relinquishing the taxes transferred to the Dominion (\$244,000) and its former subsidies (\$657,000) would have an estimated annual revenue of \$680,000, to which it was proposed to add by way of national adjustment grant the sum of \$750,000 yearly, making a total of \$1,430,000 on the credit side of the budget on current account. Our ordinary annual expenditures were estimated at \$1,170,000, leaving an estimated surplus of \$260,000 annually to apply to public welfare, education and developmental expenditures, and for reduction of taxation.

The Sirois Conference, held at Ottawa Jan. 14-15 last, proved a failure, the Ontario, British

Columbia and Alberta representatives refusing, in the words of Premier Hepburn, to "sell out" their respective provinces under the exigencies of war.

At the close of the conference, Finance Minister Ilsley intimated that the Dominion might find it necessary to invade the income and corporation tax fields. "The war burden," he said, "cannot be distributed fairly so long as the provinces occupy the progressive fields of taxation and use them in such a way as to produce a tax system with varying rates of burden and of incidence in different provinces, and with inevitable conflicts, overlapping, duplication and needless expense and waste." Under the British North America Act the Dominion's taxing authority is not limited. Under the War Measures Act it may do what is necessary as a war measure. In view of the failure of the Sirois Conference Report it would be necessary to make arrangements with the provinces individually.

This apparently is what has now been done. Whether we have made a good or ill bargain remains to be seen. Doubtless the whole question of Dominion-Provincial financial relations will be threshed out at the next sitting of the Provincial Legislature. In the meantime it seems to be a case, so far as the provinces are concerned, in relation to the Dominion Government, of "every one for himself."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Boxing Day.

St. Stephen's Day.

Lord Baden-Powell, Chief World Scout, left an estate worth \$37,475. But his heritage in boyhood welfare is beyond calculation.

Rev. John Calvin MacKay, a native of Lucknow, Ont., has been chosen Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland for next year. His father Rev. Angus MacKay, Kingussie was Moderator in 1916, and this is the first time in the past forty years that a son has stepped into the Moderator's chair formerly occupied by his father.

His seventh was unlucky. Four times torpedoed in the last war, and captain of three ships torpedoed in the present war, Captain John D. Muir (63), Glasgow, has been killed at sea by enemy action. Captain Muir had survived two sinkings in this war, but on the third occasion he lost his life. His aged mother said that he had intended to retire after the voyage on which he lost his life.

When Ontario Legislature meets in February, Col. George A. Drew, Conservative Leader, will move that the term of the present legislature be extended until after the war instead of expiring in October. A precedent for this was established in 1918 when Mr. William Proudfoot, K. C., leader of the Liberal Opposition, moved that the duration of the Assembly which had sat since 1914 be extended after the close of the war and for a sufficient time thereafter to allow the return of all Ontario soldiers. The Government of Sir William Hearst accepted the motion and it was enacted.

For the six months prior to December 8, or it may have been longer, says the Gazette, it was the habit of the Chicago ("No Recriminations") Tribune to print at the head of its editorial page out-of-context quotations from Abraham Lincoln, or from the Founding Fathers or other great figures of the past, often supporting an insolationist point of view. Since Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, the Tribune has stuck to one question, from Stephen Decatur: "Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be right, but our country, right or wrong." May we suggest an addendum: "An open enemy is better than a false friend."

Whoever else may have doubts of the outcome of the World War, Aberdeen, Scotland, has absolutely none. A draft scheme of works, costing \$11,438,775, and providing employment for 2095 men for periods varying from nine months to two years, which could be undertaken after the war has been given general approval by the Streets and Works Committee of Aberdeen Town Council. Other committees are making up similar lists of works, so that by the time the whole of the council's scheme is completed it will involve an outlay of many millions. Nothing like taking time by the forelock.

Hugh Conway (pseudonym of Frederick John Fergus), English novelist and poet, born this date 1847; devoted most of his talent to writing popular novels at a time when the printing press and cheap paper induced publishers to flood the market with sensations; his best known, most successful novel was "Called Back"; contributed verses to magazines and published volume: "I know not when the day shall be, I know not when our eyes may meet; What welcome you may give to me, Or will your words be sad or sweet, 'Till eyes are dim and tresses gray; The world is wide, but love, at last, Our hands, our hearts, must meet some day."

An appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice W. T. Henderson, Toronto, in dismissing action of Angus McIntosh against Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, Ont., "definitely will be launched." Dismissal of the action and nullification of a Supreme Court jury's award of \$337,554.46 to McIntosh in his damage suit for false imprisonment at Homewood was previously announced in Toronto. Mr. Hobson, Associate Counsel, said the appeal would be made against the previous dismissal of McIntosh's joint suit against Dr. Harvey Clare, Homewood superintendent, dismissal of the action against the sanitarium, and a ruling by Mr. Justice Henderson at the beginning of the trial that the conspiracy claim in the suit should be tried separately from the claim of false imprisonment. McIntosh is a former Montreal and Hamilton businessman. He sued for \$1,600,000 damages, charging false imprisonment from March 4, 1934, to January 14, 1938. Mr. Justice Henderson's ruling came on a motion for non-suit made at the beginning of the trial. He reserved judgment after the jury returned its verdict two weeks ago, and then dismissed the case.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Should the Canadian provinces adopt the "permanent" type of automobile license plates? Obviously this is hardly a question that can be given any offhand answer but it is one of growing interest and importance in view of our critical shortage of steel. Ontario requires about 350 tons of steel annually for its automobile license plates. Allowing a proportionate amount for the other provinces this means that at least 750 tons metal is issued for this purpose every year in Canada. Probably much of this can be salvaged. In fact, many of the old license plates are being specifically requested to turn in old plates, but would not a permanent marker be still more worthwhile? In the United States, Connecticut has been planning the use of "permanent" license plates for some time. After next year, California, Delaware and Wisconsin are going to adopt "permanent" plates. —Toronto Financial Post.

There seems to be little reason for placing two broad conclusions: first, that crime among children has increased, and is likely, falling some vigorous constructive policy, to increase further; and secondly, that the brighter mechanism background against which these dead-end children of the evacuation areas develop their anti-social activities is, if not a primary general cause, at least a contributory factor in the release of latent criminal tendencies held under normal conditions in check. Obviously, the problem is not one that should be viewed as peculiar to our conditions. On the contrary, it is one that is always with us, for in times of peace every home which contains an unhappy child contains a potential delinquent. For this reason, at least, the examination of children so soon as they exhibit signs of emotional disturbance is the ideal at which we should aim, so that delinquency can be nipped in the bud as it were, or removed in the masked stage of potency. Along with such expert examination must go also medical investigation and a review of the social background of the child — George Godwin in The Contemporary Review (London).

When Ottawa talks about the necessity of curtailing production for civilian supply a distinction ought to be made between those things which are not directly required for war purposes. There will be no disagreement with the policy which gives the munitions factories priority on steel, copper, zinc and aluminum required for airplanes, tanks, guns and shells. On the other hand, the production of food, clothing and other articles which do not interfere with the requirements of the armed forces ought to be encouraged. In these things it is not less production, but more production, that is required. The Government has done this in the War-time Prices and Trade Board a job which has implications beyond that of controlling inflation. It must determine whether some of the things which are not directly required and thereby harm rather than help the national effort. There is the further question as to whether it desires to see farmers and other producers who are not connected to the wall—and if not, how it is to be prevented under a hard and fast price ceiling policy. —Toronto Telegram.

Alleged experts on children's behavior who talk profoundly about the proper upbringing of Australia, a new race of problem parents, declared a Melbourne Children's Court magistrate. "The great majority of Australian parents are rich with inferiority complex when the proper control of their children has to be faced," he said. "This is because they are always being told they are incapable of controlling their own children. You can take up scarcely a book or newspaper without seeing articles on the control of children and false criticism of Australian parents. The result is that parents are almost afraid to deal with their children. Very often these critics have no children of their own — but this does not stop them setting themselves up as experts." The magistrate enjoined a "truce" on the press with which he was dealing "to enable the father to assert himself." —Australian Press Union.

These in close touch with the Prime Minister, now only three years from his seventieth birthday, are equally amazed and delighted by the way he is standing up to the immense strain and pressure of the war. One of Mr. Churchill's intimates told me not long ago that Winston seems to revel in an ordeal which would wear down most men who were 70 years younger. The Prime Minister does the greater part of his work at night, and most of that after midnight. But he shares L. G.'s heaven-sent gift of being able to snatch sound, refreshing sleep whenever he feels like it, and he usually manages to get an afternoon nap in addition to sleeping late in the morning. No doubt his early Army training in polo playing have helped to keep Mr. Churchill remarkably fit in the sixties despite the fact that he has put on a good deal of weight. His one bad habit, from a medical point of view, is smoking. Winston practically chain-smokes strong cigars. But he is no doubt thoroughly seasoned to nicotine, and even strong cigars are said to be less pernicious than inhaling a mild cigarette. Advancing years have not in the least impaired Mr. Churchill's terrific power of concentration. —Ottawa Journal.

A poster which the Germans intended to paste up in this country when they invaded it has been reproduced in the Belgian clandes-tine newspaper, the Libres Belges. A copy of the poster has reached London. Along with the reproduction of the poster was published a picture of a German signpost bearing the words "London is being bombed by the German army." The signpost was being carried back across Belgium to Germany when a parcel fell from it. It was found by passers-by to contain copies of the poster. From the London Daily Telegraph.

In a factory for airplane instruments, recently, a rush order demanded a higher output than ever before. The manager met the emergency with a special bonus system—and music. Production rose by twenty per cent. When the rush was over, the bonus was withdrawn but the loud-speakers remained. The workers' production ten per cent above of normal ever since. In a cannery factory girls were preparing 60,000 tins of food a day—until the grocers

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.

WARTIME EXTRAVAGANCES

Sir:—We hear many appeals and much pleading over the radio to the people to save and buy War Savings Certificates, but the response can not be very general while so many people are spending their money in one or both of the two worst evils that ever beset humanity. Viz: Liquor and tobacco. We learn from statistics that Canada is now spending over \$200,000,000 a year in strong drink with the traffic increasing by leaps and bounds. We have no statistics of what is spent in tobacco but I would estimate that the cost would far exceed that of the liquor because there are thousands who use tobacco in one form or another who don't drink liquor. There always were the old pipe smokers and chewers, which kept many a family poor and there were always some drinkards who were despoiled by the advent of the cigarette there came a wave of spending which has developed into a flood of extravagance which no financial system can afford unless there should come about a general reformation from these two evils, whether there be war or no war, many will sink into poverty and degradation.

Seeing the trend of modern life with its changing habits with so little regard for saving we sometimes hear the expression that saving is fast becoming a lost art. And if this war with all its horrors should bring in a reform in the saving habits of many people it might be a blessing in disguise; for all savings will be needed after the war.

About eight or ten years ago seeing the trend of these evils a young man what his father called a cheap, and his mother a day is cheap. And about that time a school teacher told me that the Principal of a school in which she had taught spent 75 cents a day in cigarettes, and a Christian minister told me that he knew a man in an office who spent 90 cents a day in cigarettes, and I suppose that they would each spend more now, for I understand that since the war the price of tobacco has gone up. A merchant told me not long ago that young fellows will come into his store and buy two packages a day so I have undertaken to figure out what is spending would amount to in a life time. I am taking a package and a half 15 cents a basis which is a low average of the foregoing figures.

If a boy starts at 15 and saves 15 cents a day and buys War Savings Certificates instead of cigarettes, and continues to save in War Savings and invests it in War Savings or any safe investment at 3 per cent interest and follows that saving and investing until he is 70 years of age, he will have \$22,775 which will give him at that same time of interest the sum of \$23,714 a year for his old age without striking another tap, but if he spends it in cigarettes he will have nothing and may have to apply for an old age pension. Now this is only a moderate spender in cigarettes. When you come to consider those who spend five times and six times as much as this and save a day respectively, you can imagine what is going on in the world. But I can't imagine what the end will be if it goes on with increasing magnitude, but I would try to imagine that the result would be if they were both banished from our land which would be done if people were wise to their own good and the good of their children.

Any one desirous to give up these habits can do so now, if they will determine to do so, but if they put it off for an appointed time they may not be able. I have heard lately of some inveterate smokers who seeing the evil of it have stopped it short with disdain for the habit. Therefore I would implore all good thinking people to consider this matter in the light of their own best good and the good of others, by stopping out of these evils which would be an advance step in bringing in a new order in moral, economic, and national life which would not be of Hitler's design but of peace, good will, and national progress when relieved of this awful drain of half a billion dollars a year with all other accruing waste and misery.

I am, Sir, etc. North Carleton, P. E. Island. W. S. MUTTART

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A Valuable Organization

(Exchange) We doubt that the Canadian public has a proper appreciation of the valuable work being quietly performed by the National Research Council of Canada, but it should learn some of the very important results accruing from it by a perusal of the council's report for 1941, prepared by Dr. C. J. MacKenzie, who is its acting president in the absence of Lieutenant-General McNaughton.

It asserts in conservative language that the accomplishments of the Associate Committee on Aviation Medical Research, of which the late Sir Frederick Banting was its timely death was a leading spirit, "have been of very great value to aviation throughout the Empire." The Radio Section staff has been "developing prototypes of important significance," and the Electrical Engineering Section has been occupied with the design and production of various kinds of secret gear and equipment in connection with naval protective devices. The development of magnesium has been entrusted to a special laboratory, and as a result of its work plans have been laid for a substantial production in Canada. A 5,000-hp plant has just been announced by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Profitable tests of a new de-icing fluid for aircraft propellers have been carried out, and exhaustive investigations have been made on the use of laminated plastics for components of aircraft.

Naturally the staff of the council has been devoting its main energies to problems connected with the war effort, but it has also found time to evolve a new technique for oiling eggs which promises to reduce greatly the risk of spoilage on shipments to the United Kingdom. And it can record good progress with a process which aims to convert by fermentation the valuable constituents of waste sulphite liquor to utilizable form. Publicity has already been freely given to the successful investigation and ex-

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