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

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Car Ferry & Dominion Day

July 1st, Dominion Day, with the backing of history and tradition, is the birthday of the Dominion of Canada. It is, of course, the anniversary marking the date when Confederation formally came into being.

This double anniversary falls at an opportune time—on the eve of the arrival here of S. S. Abegweit to inaugurate a new era in our transportation history, so intimately linked with the Confederation compact.

We have come a long way from the old sailboat crossing days to the acquisition of a five million dollar Diesel-powered icebreaker. But it is all inherent in the terms of union which the Fathers of Confederation consummated.

Let us recall what this country was at that time—a group of scattered colonies, circumscribed in population, suspicious one of another, and lacking in everything except undeveloped resources.

So, if we have advanced under Confederation in Prince Edward Island with the advent of a fine new car ferry, let us remind our sister Provinces that they haven't exactly been standing still!

Mr Abbott Institutes Reform

Hon. Douglas C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, has made it clear to a committee of the House of Commons that he intends to abolish, so far as administratively possible, the much-criticized practice in the Income Department of exercising wide, arbitrary, ministerial rulings.

The list of what Mr. Abbott proposes was brought out in several debates on interim amendments to the Income War Tax Act. A general overhaul and revision of the entire Act is under way, to be submitted later to the House.

Mr. Abbott said that a certain flexibility must be allowed for administration after Parliament laid down general principles. But he said regulations of the kind should be widely publicized, be made known to all taxpayers, and subject to "burning criticism" in the House if the executive has presumed to go further than it should go.

"I am trying," he said, "to get away from those purely ministerial discretions and put in something by regulation which will be the tax law, to which the taxpayer can have recourse and which the Courts can interpret and rule on which is not the case with ministerial discretions. That is what I want to get away from as much as possible."

This is a commendable attitude on the part of the Finance Minister, and one which will receive the full endorsement of the taxpayers.

Too Funny For Words

Canada's Defence Minister Claxton was asked in Ottawa the other day what effect that U. S. Department report on necessity of compulsory training would have on Dominion policy. His answer, by reports, was merely a chuckle.

"There must," comments The Hamilton Spectator, "have been something curiously funny about the question or the answer, or what is more likely, the inability to answer the question intelligently or with a straight face. Only a lot of people might still be putting a severe test on the two."

their sense of humour quotient to estimate just why it should be so funny to try and get out of the Minister of National Defence some indication of where Canada might stand on an enormously important defence issue. After all, it is not a rare occasion to see an important issue come before Government.

"Perhaps the joke was that Australia with a population of a little over 7,000,000 people is spending \$800,000,000, or three times as much, on her defence this year as we are in Canada with over 11,000,000 people.

"Or perhaps the side-splitter came from estimating that Russia, most peacefully-intending of all aggressors to date, had a vast army ready and is spending at least four times as much per capita on her forces this year as we are and far more per capita than the United States.

"Or it might be that while our official understanding of the world situation in Canada is somewhat unique in its clarity and we figure it would be too expensive to have compulsory military training (and most unproductive of votes) Great Britain does not feel it is too expensive and her Socialist Government has enforced a minimum one year military training period for her young men.

"Or that minority problem might be frustrating us while the United States, which has more acute minority problems than we have, has found public opinion generally behind compulsory military training and has heard the President speak out in a warning that "we must remember above all that these men would not be training in order to win a war, but in order to prevent one."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Car-Ferry christening enabled members of Parliament and Federal Government officials an excellent opportunity of spending a long week-end away from Ottawa.

The Women's Institutes will invade the City this week, and we are pretty sure they will have both a pleasant and profitable time. It is great having the Dominion President, in the person of Mrs. Allison MacMillan in our midst.

The Saint John Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at its June meeting Tuesday gave consideration to a reference from the synod of the Maritime Provinces dealing with the appointment of a synodical evangelist and after due deliberation agreed that such an appointment could not be approved due to the nature and extent of the Presbytery.

Willem Barents, Dutch navigator, died this date 1597; he conducted three unsuccessful expeditions from Holland in search of the North-East Passage to Asia from 1594 to 1597. On his third voyage he discovered Spitzbergen, named Novaya Zemlya, where he was compelled to winter, and there died. In 1875, 278 years later, his camp and relics were discovered, and in 1875 a portion of his Journal was found, translated, and published by the Hakluyt Society.

"R. B." once told a dinner party of Conservative friends at Charlottetown how he sweated blood when Britain unexpectedly went off the gold standard. The British Treasury decided to do so on a Saturday, and sent him a coded cable asking if Canada would follow suit. There was not a single Cabinet Minister in Ottawa but himself, and the onus was on him. He weighed the arguments pro and con in his own mind, and then argued Canada would remain on the gold standard. As it turned out, that was the right decision for the Dominion and enabled it to carry on satisfactorily until conditions again changed.

Spur of the moment decisions were almost daily occurrences with "R. B." Once in a caucus of Conservative members and Senators, he was severely criticized for not "playing party politics" in Government appointments, distribution of patronage, and policy generally. He listened patiently till the last of his critics sat down, then rising with blood in his eyes declared: "Gentlemen, as your chosen leader and likewise as Prime Minister I have certain duties to perform. If it is to be a choice between saving the Conservative Party or Canada, I choose the latter. If you are not satisfied my resignation is now at your disposal, and you can choose my successor." There was consternation for a minute or two, then some one got up and moved a vote of confidence in his leadership, which was unanimously adopted, and the incident passed into unwritten history.

Saskatchewan has appointed a public service commission to look after government employees. Duties of the Commission will be to appoint such employees as may be necessary to carry out effectively the provisions of the new public service act, to represent the public interest in improving personnel administration in the public service, to make such investigations as it may consider desirable concerning personnel administration, to review any action by the chairman, and to perform such other acts as the cabinet may direct. The commission must make annual reports to the cabinet, and such other special reports as it considers desirable regarding personnel administration, together with recommendations for its improvement. Meetings must be held at least once each month except July and August.

Corporal punishment is still an issue in school life in the old land. The Canadian Press in a despatch from London says to beat, or not to beat, has become a burning topic among educational authorities, many of whom now recommend the abolition of corporal punishment. In England errand schoolboys are chastised with a cane, usually on the posterior; in Scotland the regular instrument of correction is the tawse—a strip of leather two feet long one inch wide divided into two tails at one end. A boy of 13, quoted in a London newspaper, said he had "learned and suffered" on both sides of the Border and found "nothing to choose" between the two.

Notes By the Way

Recreation experts have been meeting in Hamilton, and they haven't yet explained why it is that recreation is almost anything you don't have to do. — Hamilton Spectator.

The Dominion Government spends a goodly sum of money every year dredging silt out of the mouths of rivers in order to make the navigable channels. Some day, perhaps, they will recognize the wisdom of spending money to keep the topsol up on the watershed where it should be. — Farmer's Advocate.

In swearing proclivities men fall into a number of classes. There are those who swear occasionally and those who swear continually. The largest class is composed of those who swear only when they hit their thumb with a hammer or in cases of such accidents. Yet even this swearing at mishaps is a habit which will grow in a subtle manner unless strict watch is kept. — Chatham News.

We confess to being thoroughly old-fashioned in our love of poetry, of art and of architecture. This was brought home when we passed the huge Ontario Memorial Hospital on the edge of St. Thomas, built by the Hepburn Government. If there is anything attractive or anything beautiful about this modernistic structure, we fail to see it. As a matter of fact, it is no more than a superfluous ugliness. If we were not mental before we entered such a building, we imagine it would not be long before we would be. To add to the hideousness of the whole structure, no attempt has been made to plant any trees. — London Free Press.

Europe at present has thousands of displaced persons who are of superior intelligence and education and who possess that attitude toward learning and the arts which our native population apparently lacks. Why not bring some of them here? Why not re-plenish our stores on the intellectual as well as on the industrial level? There would be complaints of course. But if we do not import brains, and if we continue to ex-terminate them, it is no hard to see what will happen to us. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

The boldness of Lord Mountbatten's solution, his resourcefulness and amazing energy, his won him enormous regard throughout India. If these qualities enable him to prevent further civil strife, not only will India be spared untold horrors, but there will be hope, in his third voyage he discovered Spitzbergen, named Novaya Zemlya, where he was compelled to winter, and there died. In 1875, 278 years later, his camp and relics were discovered, and in 1875 a portion of his Journal was found, translated, and published by the Hakluyt Society.

Those who constitute themselves judges of how many doctors or "need" in five or ten years time offend grievously. Some 15 years ago Canada was told, in anguished tones, that the medical profession was being flooded with new-comers. At that time, it is no hard to see what will happen to us. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Worry, we opine is a form of insurance. If you are born to worry you can do less than nothing about it, and it would be particularly abhorrent to try. Because time offends delights are innumerable. You never find life so bad, nor people so stupid, nor government so insane as you anticipate, and this is proven by the finest promotion of temporary food spirits. As for the diseases it is supposed to cause we think such nonsense comes from diseased attitudes to the art of worry. We have never seen it in link obesity, but by legend investments with people who laugh their way through life. And often to an early death. — Hamilton Spectator.

There are few employers today, particularly the larger corporations cognizant of the value of goodwill who would fly public opinion by declaring a walk-out, rather than negotiate with labor. And the record shows that most of the leaders of the larger trades unions now prefer to reach settlements by negotiation, not only because of the public attitude and the danger of anti-labor legislation but because they realize that in a long strike nobody wins—and least of all the strikers and workers generally. Organized labor would do well to rid its ranks of those leaders to whom it would seem "the strike" is the thing. — Financial Times (Montreal).

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PUBLIC FORUM

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IN PRAISE OF SINGLE BLISS

Sir.—Some discrepancies are contained in two letters which have appeared in your Forum recently from correspondents in Boston—"The home of the bean and the cod. Where the Cabots talk only to Lowells. And the Lowells talk only to God."

We have purposely delayed making a few desultory comments on the first letter, until the return of our delegates from the international convention of bachelors held at the Parker House, Boston, recently. The report submitted by these delegates upon their return reads in part as follows:

Although we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity of witnessing the going-on or vice versa, at the "Old Howard", the specimens of feminine pulchritude that we encountered at such famous places as "Oris" and the "Silver Dollar" were not destined to disturb the romantic susceptibilities of a confirmed bachelor. And even the smiling debutantes who strolled along Commonwealth Avenue with their poodles on leashes could only intercept but not satisfy our visionary aspirations to beauty."

So there you have it from a bachelor on the spot. Your Boston correspondents might well have mentioned about the Boston bachelor who bequeathed his fortune to the three girls who turned down his offer of marriage, because: "I owe them what peace and happiness I enjoyed." (Readers Digest, Apr. 1946), or about the poet Heinrich Heine who bequeathed all his property to his wife on condition that she marry immediately. "Because," he said, "there will then be at least one man to regret my death."

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.) OUR FIRST DOMINION DAY In 1873 the new terms of union having been put to the House of Assembly, the issue was carried by twenty-seven votes to two, and the legislative action to consummate the union of the Island with the Dominion of Canada was completed.

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The Poets Corner

When Cartier first saw Hoocheiga's height And on Mount Royal reared the fleur-de-lys, When dawn swept down the age-long savage night, Was Canada conceived in majesty, God, keep within us yet that dauntless flame Of old courageous days, When hearts were stout and hands were truly strong; Of shocks with from the valourous centuries came Still let us stride the ways, And tribulation never shall be long! O Canada, unveil for us the splendid past, That thy first glorious hours may sanctify these last.

That we might wear this present nationhood, Daulic drew sword, and sought Death to the end; For us Brock gave an English hero's blood, And dark Teumseh did our fields defend; Far on the west, and on the crimsoned Somme New generations proved The Empire free as their Canadian home.

Now over many a field the stars are calm Where heroes sleep beloved, And there Remembrance shall forever come; These are our heritage, and these our rightful pride; God grant that we may live as nobly as they died.

The hero's deed, the lonely poet's theme Enshrine a nation's greatness—these we have, A strange magnificence of deed and dream That through the years and burns above the grave, England and France flow kindred in one vein, The dreaming Celt and Scot, The Norseman all his sea-born valor brings, The magic melancholy of the Ukraine— All these are subtly wrought In one vast anthem our Dominion sings; From ancient Kingdom's hopes a People shall arise To write their steadfast faith across the Western skies. —Nathaniel A. Benson.

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Edward, Here a salute of 21 guns and a feu-de-jole were fired by the volunteers, the band playing the National Anthem; while the churches and city bells rang out a lively peal. At the same time the Sheriff, William R. Watson, ascended the balcony of the Colonial Building and read therefrom the Union Proclamation, wherein it was set forth that Prince Edward Island that day was received as another Province of the Dominion of Canada.

From the review of the volunteers at Fort Edward, His Honour Governor Robinson attended at the Council Chamber, where the Judges and Executive Councillors had previously assembled. Here the Governor General's commission appointing William C. Robinson, Esq., Lieutenant Governor of this Island, under the Dominion, was read, after which the oath was administered to His Honour and to the Councillors and Judges of the Supreme Court.

At the hour of noon H.M.S. "Spartan" then in port, being gallily decorated, also fired a salute of 21 guns. At night the Colonial Building and Post Office were illuminated; fireworks were set off, presenting a fine appearance; but the most beautiful sight was the illumination of the "Spartan" with her ports and rigging all lit up with many kinds of colored lights. —Pollard's History.

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