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

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A Magnificent Meeting

Last night's meeting in the Strand Theatre was a convincing demonstration of confidence and enthusiasm on the part of the supporters of Hon. Dr. Manion and his candidates in this Province.

Dr. Manion discussed, frankly and informally, the problems facing Canada at the present time and the reasons why it was necessary to get rid of the present administration at Ottawa and substitute therefore a government which would truly represent the people in the momentous months ahead.

Messrs. McLure and Hyndman dealt briefly with local questions, which also are important in connection with this Province's contribution to Canada's war effort.

The addresses were followed with the keenest interest and appreciation, which found expression in frequent applause and—at the close of the meeting—in hearty cheers.

We have Dr. Manion's assurance that similar enthusiastic meetings have been held all over Canada in the interests of National Government candidates.

That means only one thing: a sweeping victory at the polls, and exit the King Government!

Find Mr. King

Wife-looking representatives of our armed forces are pictured marching in the van of a lengthy procession of both sexes and all occupations in a newspaper advertisement issued by the National Liberal Federation of Canada. Under this stirring picture is the caption: "Forward With Mackenzie King!"

The Liberal advertisement is headed: "Unity; Not an Accident but an Achievement." There would be no fault to find with this statement if it were not for the attempt, in the context, to credit the King Government with this achievement.

It will be recalled that a year ago, as a direct consequence of the maladministration of the King Government, national disunity was never more noticeable. Then came the visit of Their Majesties, who captivated all hearts. When the war clouds gathered it was the Conservative leader, Dr. Manion, who took the lead for "national unity" by offering fullest cooperation with the Government in its war preparations—an offer which Mr. King never once took advantage of.

Not "national unity" but political advantage has been Mr. King's objective; his failure to achieve any kind of "unity" being particularly noticeable in his dealings with the Premier and Government of his own party stripe in Ontario.

The Liberal advertisement is a conglomeration of misstatements, one of the most glaring being the assertion that the Conservatives have "worked assiduously for the destruction" of the Canadian National Railways system. One need only note the antagonism shown towards Dr. Manion by certain "big interest" papers which are seeking C.P.R. control through railway amalgamation to conclude that the shoe is on the other foot.

Empire Defence

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Mackenzie King's election to power after his sojourn, during the War years, in the United States. The first achievement of which he boasted was the obtaining of Canada's "independent status" and freedom from further participation in Empire defense problems.

Then came the Empire Conference of 1932, and Mr. King's denunciation of it as a step in the direction of "economic imperialism," and his declaration that Canada "should refuse to be a unit in an Empire holding company."

A year later, Mr. King was still denouncing British Imperialism and hearing, without protest, one of his followers declaim in Parliament against the "extravagance" of Canada maintaining four destroyers for coastal defense.

At the same parliamentary session another of Mr. King's supporters strongly protested against sending Canadian officers to the Imperial Defense College in England to be instructed in the higher elements of military, naval and aerial affairs.

Later, Mr. King had the opportunity of telling the League of Nations Council at Geneva where Canada stood on the question of Empire defense. Did he do so? No; he read them a lecture on his favorite theme—Canadian autonomy, independence and irresponsibility towards the other parts of the Empire.

Still later, in 1937, a distinguished English statesman visited Canada and warned the Government of the need of participating in Empire defense measures. The reply of the Defense Minister, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, was that Canada didn't want advice or visitations from "peregrinating Imperialists."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The original armour clad Monitor, designed by John Ericsson, fought the Merrimack in Hampton Roads, this date, 1862.

There was no doubt about the enthusiasm for National Government at last night's magnificent demonstration in the Strand Theatre.

The hold-up in our "continuous" communication both by air and water must have impressed Dr. Manion on his present visit. The Prime Minister took good care not to come and see for himself.

The United Kingdom has arranged to purchase 1,500,000 tons of this season's wheat and 150,000 tons of flour, representing in all 63,000,000 bushels of wheat from Australia, states Frederick Palmer, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Melbourne in a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce.

In Ottawa today the Government is "of the people, by the people, for the people," Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, told a political meeting at Fort William. Mr. Woodsworth said administration in Canada had drifted a long way from Abraham Lincoln's conception of government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Dr. Cyrus Macmillan was misleading when he made comparison between the attitude and action of the Borden Government and the King Government at the outset of the wars of 1914 and 1939 respectively.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A 45-year-old musher travelled 600 miles across the wind-swept ice of James Bay as an enumerator to record the names of sixty-four mushers in Fort Albany.

There seems to be still some uncertainty as to whether Mr. Oberhart will be a candidate at the coming election. A notable absentee from the list of constituencies mentioned in Okotoks-High River, which the Premier represents in the last Legislature and in which recall proceedings against him were instituted only to be set at naught by the repeal of the Recall Act.—Edmonton Journal.

The proposal to use German prisoners to man dredges, lightships and similar non-military objects being attacked by Nazi aviators, has been quite properly rejected by the British foreign under-secretary.

The peoples of the West are fast learning, from their own bitter experience, that in the world as it is, the arbiter of the destiny of states, and that, whatever is the goal of the fight, whether the sordid gain of imperialist aggression, or the preservation of national independence, or even the extension of a philosophy that strives to banish violence forever, force is the only argument that can be used as a counter to force.—Hong Kong Press.

There's a reason why the Social Crediters' nomination meetings so far have been dud. Back in the days of the crusade with all the religious fervor that goes along with a crusade, today Social Credit is a political racket run by the few for the few with the public putting up the money in the way of millions of dollars in new taxes.

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DISGUISED LIBERAL Prince County

Philatelists hope to celebrate the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps next May, notwithstanding wartime conditions. The Postmaster General has decided to issue a series of commemorative stamps in honor of the occasion, and the Royal Philatelic Society, London, announces in its journal that, although it has been compelled to abandon its ambitious project for an international stamp exhibition on a large scale, a form of celebration is intended to mark the centennial.

Operators at the private telephone exchange in Buckingham Palace put through a trans-Atlantic call this week. King George picked up his receiver and spoke to widowed Lady Tweedmuir, Ottawa's rambling Rideau Hall, seat of the Canadian Governor General. His Majesty condoled with Lady Tweedmuir on the death of her husband, British Ambassador in Ottawa. The talk was followed by two telegrams from the King and Queen to Rideau Hall, one expressing the Sovereign's grief in official language, the other the private grief of Their Majesties at losing a friend.—New-Review (London).

Metaphors are dangerous things. The New-Review, concluding an article expressing its faith in American isolationism, says of the American people that "We have decided, that the part of wisdom—for the world's sake as well as ours—is to remain at peace. Let's stick to our silent guns!"

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian will not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

PENALIZING OUR FARMERS

On March 26th the electors will vote for either the Government or opposition Candidates, as there are no third party in the running in this Province.

This is one of the most important elections that has been held since Confederation. It matters not in the past if we have been Liberals or Conservatives. It is our duty in the present election to protect our birth-rate and support the party who shall work for the best interests of the Province, irrespective of political creed.

I wish to point out to the farmers of Prince Edward Island what the present Government has done for them. The Prime Minister made a trade treaty with the United States, which has ruined the potato growers of this Province of thousands and thousands of dollars, by allowing the counter-vailing tariff on potatoes coming into Canada from the United States to be cancelled, and now U.S. potatoes can come into Canada duty free.

You may recall what happened last spring when thousands of bushels of Maine potatoes were shipped to the Maritime Canadian provinces, and slumped the price of our potatoes forty to fifty cents per bushel. There is always a surplus supply of potatoes in the State of Maine every spring, which the Maine farmers in order to clean up will sell at any price. The average Maine crop is about fifty million bushels per year, and the surplus of the stock will flood Canada every year in the future if allowed to come in free of duty.

Will the Liberal electors before marking their ballot on the 26th take heed of how Mr. Mackenzie King has ruined the Maritime Province potato market? It is true that the United States will buy a certain amount of Maritime Province seed, but there is a quota regulation that shuts us out from shipping from the fall until the spring.

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FROM "BY THE FIRESIDE" Oh moment, one and infinite! The water slips or eel sleek and stone; The West is sinner, hardly bright; How grey at once has the evening One star, its chrysolite!

DIES OF INJURIES O'HATHAM, N. B., March 8.—Malcolm McMillan, 18, died today from injuries sustained when one of his legs became caught in a portable sawmill at Sables River. Amputation below the knee was necessary.

Some people don't carry automobile collision insurance, because they figure that if they have a collision, it won't be their fault, and they'll collect from the other fellow.

Germany Calling

Every night at 9.15 a singularly striking English voice spans the North Sea. It is beautifully modulated, serene and confident. This is Germany calling, Germany calling.

An engineer in a British Broadcasting Corporation studio flicks a switch and the steel record takes down the words: "Germany calling, Germany calling." Radio sets in thousands of British homes tune it in, and in hundreds of British pubs, for here is the last voice across the blackout from Germany, the final human contact between the Nazis and the English; here is, most important of all, the most amusing, the most ingenious, and in some ways the most dangerous new personality of the war, Lord Haw Haw, Lord Pecksniff Haw Haw, the phony peer from Zeelen.

As Dr. Goebbels' most important radio propagandist, Lord Haw Haw has the job of trying to break the unity of the British people, to raise doubts about the righteousness of their policy and the ability of their leaders, and to shake their confidence in ultimate victory.

His job is part of the familiar Nazi technique—familiar to British officials but not to the British people. Our strategy, Hitler told Dr. Goebbels in a speech in 1933, was to destroy the enemy from within, to conquer him through himself.

Officials of Great Britain watched these broadcasts carefully. They watched and listened with calm delight. These crude broadcasts, they concluded, would unite rather than divide the British people. But on April 10 the guttural voices dropped out. Here for the first time was this musical voice. The quick English tongue turned the radio over. "To some," it said, "I may seem a traitor, but hear me out. Then followed a quiet discussion of British foreign policy. The British speaker said were counselling the policy of negotiation. Had the British Empire been built up on the policy of negotiation? What about Africa? What about India? What about these islands scattered across the seven seas?"

This sudden change had its desired effect, British officials passed reports around. British editors noted the change. Next day the London national papers reported "an unmistakably English voice" on the Hamburg radio.

Most radicals in this country, even the cheap ones, can pick up Hamburg, but the truth is, it is when the war started few people knew anything about Haw Haw. The Germans, however, were equal to this problem. Either by accident or design, they changed their technique. Shrewdly, they forgot about propaganda and set out to entertain—to make the British people listen. They succeeded admirably.

They burlesqued their own propaganda. They made the most outrageous charges against the British (Churchill sank the "Aberdeen"). They produced short, burlesque skits, depicting the Englishman as a monocular, pompous, overbearing fellow. They staged short plays, describing the "Aberdeen" in Berlin. Carefully they studied the most successful English musical jokes, gave them a new topical war twist, and convulsed the British every night.

That was His Lordship's start, and on Sept. 18 Jonah Barrington, radio editor of the London Daily Express, put him over. Barrington wrote an amusing article about the voice from Hamburg and nicknamed him Lord Haw Haw. "From his accent," wrote Barrington, "I imagine Lord Haw Haw as having a receding chin, a curious thin yellow hair brushed back, a monocle, a vacant eye, a gardenia in his buttonhole. . . . Rather like P. G. Woodhouse's Bertie Wooster."

NOTICE OUR BIG FIRE SALE ENDS TODAY Larger Discounts Than Ever On All Goods Still on Hand. All Damaged Stock Must Go. CALL AND SEE US. E. A. FOSTER—Central Drugstore

A Striking Tribute A striking tribute to life insurance is paid in a recent advertisement published by a prominent Canadian Trust Company, to explain why it is such a wholehearted supporter of life insurance. The advertisement says: "In administering hundreds, many thousands of estates, we have often found too much of everything; too much due to banks and brokers; too many guarantees; too much real estate, particularly unimproved; too many insecure bonds; too many speculative stocks; too many heirs for the amount available for them—but never too much in life insurance."

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