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

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A Great Convention

Yesterday's enthusiastic convention of Queen's County Progressive Conservatives bore out Hon. Gordon Graydon's statement in yesterday's issue as to the party being most assuredly "on the march" to victory. It was undoubtedly one of the greatest gatherings of its kind ever held in Charlottetown. The keen contest for the privilege of carrying the Conservative colours at the next federal election was in itself a significant sign of the times. The choice fell, on the first ballot, upon two gentlemen who should make an ideal team: Squadron Leader Angus MacLean, D.F.C., with his scholastic training and splendid record in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and first hand knowledge of all that concerns the service forces; and Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, with his record and long experience as a public man, both in provincial and federal affairs. That they will give a good account of themselves when the time comes, goes without saying. The convention, having done such a good job yesterday, should follow it up as Mr. John H. Myers suggested in supporting the motion to make the nominations unanimous,—by getting every poll organization in first class working order.

Needs Federal Backing

Island producers are not the only ones protesting against the ban on the importation of Canadian livestock into Newfoundland. The Antigonish, N.S., County Farmers' Association have done likewise, and they have directed their protest, not to Newfoundland but quite rightly to the Dominion Government. The resolution adopted by the association asks the King Government to issue permits for the export of cattle for slaughter and to negotiate with the Newfoundland administration for removal of the ban.

The Queen's County Progressive Conservative convention also went on record yesterday as urging this important measure.

What are our own federal representatives doing in this matter? Premier Jones has been active, but how can he be expected to get action at Ottawa, especially in view of the hostile attitude shown in the report of the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Newfoundland, unless our federal members back him up?

Enlistment Figure

The Moncton Transcript makes the claim on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick that it "leads the Dominion in the percentage of both voluntary enlistments and in the number called up for compulsory military training." Figures available at the moment, it says, are those for earlier in the year, but it is believed that there has been little change in the percentage or in the relative standings of the various military districts.

While complimenting New Brunswick on its showing, it must again be pointed out that Prince Edward Island's claim to the greatest number of enlistments per population still goes unchallenged. This Province is linked with Nova Scotia in Military District No. 6, which accounts for the fact that we have never been able to get official credit for this achievement.

Here are the figures as given in the Moncton paper:

Call up by Mobilization Branch

Area	Dept.	Enlistments	Total
New Brunswick	6.5%	10.5%	16.9%
N.S. & P.E.I.	6.4%	10.2%	16.8%
London, Ont.	5.7%	8.3%	14.0%
Toronto, Ont	4.3%	6.8%	11.1%
Kingston, Ont.	3.8%	6 %	9.8%
Montreal, Que.	6.2%	7.5%	13.7%
Quebec City	5.4%	6.2%	11.6%
Winnipeg	5.5%	8.4%	13.9%
Victoria	4.7%	7.5%	12.2%
Regina	6.3%	9 %	15.3%
Calgary	5.3%	8.1%	13.3%

The Breaking Point

The tremendous bombing to which Berlin has been subjected during the past week is a reassuring portent; but still it is unwise to conclude too hastily that this centre of Nazidom has been smashed beyond recovery. An exchange confesses to being confused by the fact that cities and towns which despatches have told us have been smashed to bits, are revisited by bombers again and again. Why, if the reports of total destruction are accurate? To this a final answer will be given only after the war, but it may be that total destruction is achieved only when weather and bombing capacity combine to make possible raid after raid in a short time, cascading such concentrated death from the skies that a city falls to rise no more.

It will be noted that Cologne, which has been bombed more than 100 times, is still being bombed. The same is true of Bremen, of Mannheim, of Ludwigshafen. From time to time the bombers return to pour fresh destruction upon these ruined cities. But there are a couple of exceptions to this rule of repeated bombings, and they are the two German cities where it was possible in a matter of days so to repeat heavy raids that apparently further large-scale operations have been found unnecessary. They are Hamburg and Essen, the home of Krupps. Here is what the British minister for air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, had to say recently about the latter:

"The battle of the Ruhr will rank as one of the decisive battles of history—six or seven thousand gallant airmen flying through the night to Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Duisburg, Wupperthal, Bochum, Krefeld or Remscheid, with hundreds of thousands of Germans below them manning the guns, the searchlights, the A.R.P. and fire-fighting services, and the great night-fighter organization, the strength of which the Germans have more than doubled during the past year.

"But among all the centres of German war industry Essen rightly holds pride of place. There was Krupps—the greatest armament combine in Europe, spreading over an acreage larger than that covered by the City of London; there was the main source of Germany's heavy armament. In the tremendous series of attacks — two in March, two in April, and the fifth in May (in that fifth attack Essen received nearly four times the weight of bombs dropped in the heaviest raid on London), and in a sixth in July — Essen, and Krupps with it, was shattered.

"Bomber Command may have to return to Essen again to check any attempts at partial reconstruction, but the results of those attacks were catastrophic."

Let us hope that the Berlin raids, described as "the war's greatest offensive against enemy morale," will have the same salutary effect.

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

Judging by yesterday's unbounded enthusiasm, "the flowing-tide" is with the Progressive Conservatives.

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A great deal of fuss is being made of, and unnecessary free publicity given to the mushroom socialist C.C.F.'s. Better concentrate on the magnificent Bracken policies than waste time and space on socialistic eccentricities.

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Coventry Kersey Dighton Patmore, English poet, died this date; 1896; became Librarian in the British Museum in 1847; his poetry shows great depth and tenderness of thought, idealizing love, and giving fine pictures of domestic life; the best of his poems is "The Angel in the House":

Grant me the power of sayings things
Too simple and too sweet for words.

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Congratulations are due to the Northumberland Ferries Co., Ltd., and its president, Mr. R. E. Mutch on gaining judgment in their case against the Government. Had the politicians been listened to, the case would never have been entered, but "R.E." does not allow politicians to do his thinking for him in the matter of business.

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Some good people are suggesting that children's customary festivities and celebrations should be cut out "for the duration." This is a mistake. Why, we are being asked to subscribe for overseas' children's Christmas rejoicing, and surely we should not neglect our own. They will be up against the misfortunes of war soon enough without being asked to anticipate them.

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Where do we fit in in the matter of transportation? It is being broadcast far and wide that Canada is even now producing at Kingston, Ont., 145 locomotives for the Indian State Railways and six locomotives and 84 freight and passenger cars for the Jamaica Government, yet we are told we must wait till after the war before getting an essential car ferry. Is it due to the fact that the C.P.R. is being run as a private enterprise, whereas our transportation is a Government monopoly? Oh, that we had independent live-wires to stir up the powers-that-be at Ottawa! Iisn't is time for a change?

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An election in the offing! Removal of the restrictions on dainty little patch pockets which in pre-war days, gave distinction to ladies' dresses, is announced by Mr. J. A. Klein, board administration of women's, misses' and children's clothing, who said patch pockets on two-piece dresses and separate skirts now are permissible. Mr. Klein also announced the removal of restrictions on the widths of hems on children's garments to allow manufacturers to put deeper hems on children's coats, women's, misses' slips and on children's dresses, separate skirts and tunics. Fuller woollen skirts for children may also be manufactured. Size 12 woollen skirts for children may be made with a finished bottom sweep of 75 inches instead of 60 inches, with maximum allowance of two inches for each size. These are some of the outcomes of the Liberal members' protest in the caucus held at Ottawa.

Mr. Bracken predicts a bright future for Canada if only the people would take advantage of opportunities. "Our first consideration should be Canada," he told a Yorkston, Sask., audience. "Not French-speaking Canada, not English-speaking Canada, but Canada, a Canadian Canada. Let us look upon all our citizens, of whatever racial extraction, as Canadians. Let us have less of hyphenated Canadianism. Our new citizens don't want it, and we don't. I was proud for 20 years to lead a government made up of people of all creeds. They were my friends. In the United States they do not speak of President Roosevelt as a Dutch-American, nor Mr. Willkie as a German-American, nor of Mayor La Guardia as an Italian-American. They are Americans. Let us in Canada be Canadians."

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There is always the silver lining: The mass evacuation of the usually quiet English countryside is in full swing to make way for American Army manoeuvres—a dress rehearsal for the invasion of Europe from the west. The narrow country lanes have been filled with automobiles, trucks and traffic snarls—something seldom seen in that area. It was a sight both inspiring and tragic; inspiring by the presence of the cocky American soldiers eager for action; tragic as the old folks began packing their belongings to leave the homes where they had lived all their lives, says a C.P. writer. For these people who refused to leave their homes under bombings and threat of invasion, the evacuation was hard to take. There were some tears, a few forced smiles and a few grumbles. Some old folks, like Matilda Beavan, 86, oldest resident of one village where she has lived 81 years, looked forward to the journey as a sort of adventure. They are taking "Grannie Beaven" to live with a son. "It will be a 50-mile journey," she said, "but I'm looking forward to it. It's no use worrying, you know."

NOTICE TO HOTEL OPERATORS

REGISTRATION OF RATES

1. Every hotel is required to complete and fyle with the Rentals Administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, a schedule of its rates.
2. Forms for this purpose are available and may be obtained by writing to or calling at the following offices of the Board:

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   Rentals Administration,
   Wartime Prices and Trade Board,
   Ottawa, Ontario.
4. The date for fyling the schedule of rates is not later than November 30, 1943.

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Chemistry And The Maritimes

(Saint John Telegraph Journal)

The true function of chemistry is not destruction but construction. Mr. H. M. Macfarlane, of Winnipeg, well-known organic chemist, made this statement before members of the Science Club of the University of New Brunswick, as he underlined the vital role Canada's chemical industry will have when peace returns. This role will be to give us, among other things, cheap, durable and beautiful materials for thousands of purposes.

Plastic plumbing, for instance, is definitely in the cards for the future. At a plant in Ontario you can see white crystals being poured into one end of a machine. It comes out the other end as water pipe—a pipe that is tougher than steel, as clear as glass, as light as a feather. This is for warships now; in peacetime it will be for Canadian homes. Lucite, plexiglass, plywood, glass fibres that can be spun into fine cloth—war has proved what can be done with all these, as with other products of chemistry. In Sweden, chemists have even succeeded in making synthetic beefsteak.

Here in the Maritimes we should have a particular interest in these developments, for we have, in greater abundance than most regions, resources for a major chemical industry. We have salt deposits said to rank with the world's largest; and salt is the basis of one branch of industrial chemistry. We have coal; and coal built the chemical industry of Germany. We have wood; and today's chemists can turn wood into an endless list of products. We can grow potatoes more prolifically than any other part of the country; and scientists say potatoes will probably be one of the big chemurgical crops. We have the sea at our doorstep — salt water with all its chemical elements. This same salt water is already, in the United States, yielding large quantities of magnesium metal. We also have oil.

Industrial chemistry might easily become an important factor in the economic life of the Maritimes. At any rate, it is a field well worth keeping in mind — a possibility well worth examining from every angle.

Wall St. Confusion

(Winnipeg Free Press)

What conclusion should be drawn from the strange behavior of the New York stock market in the last couple of years we are prepared to leave to the discerners of global trends. For ourselves we are completely confused.

Two years ago, when our side of the war managed to eke out a victory here and there, Wall Street reacted favorably. Stocks went up. When we got pushed around it reacted unfavorably. Stocks went down. This behavior seemed sensible enough at the time. If we got pushed far enough Hitler would of course have taken over and the stocks would have been worthless. As time went by our Russian allies started carving out successful victories. This also produced a favorable if somewhat incongruous reaction in Wall Street.

However, in the last little while, Wall Street has changed its reaction. When the news is good, when the Russians capture such places as Smolensk and Kiev, prices decline. It takes a spot of bad news here and there to send the stock prices up. There is, moreover, a further contradiction. As the threat of inflation increases in the United States, prices should go up from the demand of people trying to throw out anchors against disaster. Instead, as the threat of inflation mounts, prices seem to go down. The life of the professional market forecasters must be hard indeed under these distressing and confusing conditions.

Savoy Chess

(Christian Science Monitor)

Italy today is not only a battlefield! it is also a chessboard. What is being worked out on the chessboard today is whether Italy after the war will be dedicated to peace and freedom, or may waver toward obsolete loyalties with their latent menace to world order.

The latest news is not particularly reassuring on this point. Marshal Badoglio, by devising a "technical government" to co-operate with the Allies until Rome is liberated from the Nazis, may have found a formula acceptable to Allied military leaders as well as some of the mild Italian liberals who had opposed his efforts to form a Government under the present King. But what is more significant for the long run is that he has put together a scheme that delays a showdown on the question of the monarchy and indeed even King Victor Emanuel's position.

Though the monarchy in Italy is widely discredited by its long association with Fascism, its supporters have so far been able to cetour the demands of Italian liberals for an abdication of King Victor Emmanuel. Meanwhile Marshal Badoglio and other champions of the House of Savoy busy themselves with a propaganda that can only confuse public opinion. They seek now to show the King and the former Duce as sharply in opposition to each other. This is one explanation for the stress Marshal Badoglio puts on reports that Italian representatives loyal to the King have been harshly handled in Tokyo and elsewhere, while those loyal to Mussolini are well treated.

In all this the chessplayer will recognize moves in a game dear to him. Here is the feint to confuse the other fellow as to what one's objective really is, and the effort to save one's king. For the moment it is plain that Marshal Badoglio, by a series of moves toward "technical government," has removed his King from "check."

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.

NEEDED: A NEW EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Sir,—Why are we not planning an advance in education for this Province? I sometimes wonder if my increasing years indicate a return to childhood, and that I am obsessed with an idea that does not matter. I am distressed that our educational system is so inadequate. Why do our teachers get so little training, as teachers? As an academic school, P. of W. College, perhaps, has not its equal in Canada, but the teacher training department is not meeting the demands of the day; and, why cannot promising and intelligent pupils be given a better chance to get the training they need.? Last week, I was visiting a back settlement and came upon a man buck-sawing wood and enquiring about his family was told that one child his sixteen-year-old daughter was substituting for the teacher that day in the school a mile away. She passed her "entrance" examination last spring; and then the father added, with some emphasis: 'We wanted very much to send her to college, but we couldn't manage it and if we borrowed the money she could never pay it back. The pay is so small that when a teacher pays for board and other expenses she has nothing left." The father is quite uneducated himself, but he did want his daughter of whom he is justly proud to get an education and become a teacher.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for parents to finance their children through college. In 1896, when I had passed entrance to P.W.C., a friend said to me: "Don't be stuck for money to go to college." Except for that generous help I could not have got my chance; and my year's expenses were less than half what they are today. Why cannot some help be given to deserving boys and girls who desire to become teachers.? Of course, there is danger of wasting money on disappointing pupils; but on what project do we not waste more or less?

Each political party vies with the other in planning what is to be done for the farmer; and quite right. The farmer ought to have had a "floor price" before now, so that he might have some idea, in the spring, what he may expect for his products in the fall. But the schooling of our boys and girls is even, more important than the improvement of farming conditions, though there is a close relation between the two problems. Realizing that great changes are coming, our leaders are planning for the future. Planning has become fashionable; and why not plan a more adequate and substantial system of education for this Province.? Our Gavernment surely does not feel that we can wait till the war is over when we shall have more teachers than can be employed, and can get them at whatever salary they choose to give! The situation will not improve except by laying a substantial foundation beneath this all-important institution. We need to spend a lot more money, and lift the teaching profession till it becomes something to be chosen seriously as a life work, a profession to be prepared for, not only in college but in all after years, a profession that commands the respect of the community, and after all, what line of work is so fundamental to the country's good as the teaching profession.?

I am Sir, etc.
W. I. GREEN.

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TRAINMEN ARE SYMPATHETIC AS BOY TRAVELS TO CLINIC

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 25.—Eight-year-old Melvin Gilliland and his mother, Mrs. Norman Gilliland, travelled by a Canadian National Railways train to Philadelphia, where the little chap will undergo a delicate operation at the Temple University Bronchoscopic Clinic in an effort to remove a metal staple lodged in his left lung for more than a year. Children and grown-ups throughout British Columbia gave pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to make it possible for Melvin to make the journey following three unsuccessful attempts to remove the staple without surgery. Trainmen took a personal interest in the little fellow's welfare, having made arrangements for more than usual good care of the patient and his mother during the entire trip.

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—Joseph Campbell

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