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

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Victory In Ontario

As this is written, the indications are that the Progressive Conservative Party in Ontario, under Premier Drew's able leadership, will sweep the Province and be returned with a clear over-all majority. This is great news for all Canada.

The effect of such a win in Ontario on Monday's Federal election must be painfully obvious to Liberal party strategists. Prime Minister King, it will be recalled, did everything in his power to keep the two elections from affecting each other. Without the almost solid support of Ontario, no party could form an overall majority in the next House of Commons.

With Ontario gone so strongly Conservative provincially, it is expected to swing even more in this direction in the Federal election. In any case there is no question as to which way the wind is blowing. It is blowing most favorably for the incoming Bracken Government at Ottawa!

Liberal Hopes Shattered

Congratulations are due to Major John A. MacDonald on his splendid campaign in the Third District of King's, which resulted in his election yesterday over his Liberal opponent, Mr. Campbell, by a vote of 655-582. The figures speak for themselves. Major MacDonald's majority is actually larger than that obtained by Mr. MacPhee over Mr. Campbell in the provincial general election. This is all the more noteworthy in view of the suddenness with which the election was called, the bribes held out in the way of patronage promises, and the disfranchisement of the overseas service men—whose votes if taken would undoubtedly have gone to swell Major MacDonald's majority.

Yesterday's results will of course have their effect on the Federal election which takes place next Monday. That is why the contest was sprung at this time, in the hope and expectation of getting a snap verdict favorable to the Liberal party. This is an old Liberal trick, and has been worked successfully before. But it backfired disastrously for Liberal hopes on this occasion.

Commendation is due the electors of Third King's for thus showing their independence and sound judgment. Throughout the County and the Province generally their decision will be interpreted as the handwriting on the wall.

Ward Five Election

Yesterday's civic contest in Ward Five saw two newcomers for civic honors in the field, and congratulations are due both to the winner, Mr. Keefe, and his opponent Mr. MacCormack on their initiative and public spirit in coming forward.

One disappointing feature was the comparatively small vote, which indicated a lack of public interest not conducive to the best results in civic government. We have recently been celebrating the victory of democracy in Europe, won at heavy cost in human lives and material resources. It was when the people of Germany became indifferent to the franchise that they allowed the yoke of Hitlerism to be fastened upon them. That lesson is worth keeping in mind.

A Liberal Editor Speaks

A long-time Ontario Liberal editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper charges Prime Minister King with having "played politics on the brink of hell." The publisher is Mr. George W. James, a former president and director of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association. He expressed the belief that Hon. John Bracken's charter for a better Canada is the "finest political document ever presented to the Canadian people," and also lashed the Government's present easing of wartime controls as empty gestures designed as "mere taffy for votes."

He stated that victory in Europe still left a bitter struggle to be won in the Pacific, that Canadian boys still languish in Japanese prison camps, that Japanese balloons are dropping bombs and incendiaries over Canada, and then added: "Yet, because our Government wants to perpetuate an unfair army system, our share in the Pacific war is to be bedevilled by the same inequalities that Canadians rebelled against in the European conflict."

He said that the flower of Canada's youth paid the price and helped bring peace to the world, and that "an unequal price was exacted of them." "Many by breed, by training, by education and instinct, went freely from many sections of the land," he said. "In other sections the Government encouraged and fostered a policy that has divided this country and its peoples, and shamed us in the eyes of the world. In the midst of the world's greatest cataclysm, it played politics on the brink of hell."

The Canadian people's war effort had been magnificent, Mr. James said, and was accomplished despite "devastating shocks to their morale" because of their sterling character. The

war effort came from them "without the stirring, stimulating leadership of a Churchill, a Roosevelt or a Stalin."

In Canada the King Government had built a terrific bureaucracy and "stood aside the courts of justice, and generally displayed a lack of faith and confidence in the essential honesty of the Canadian people." Now during the election campaign these wartime regulations are being rescinded, "but some of these gestures are very empty and hollow—as I take it, mere taffy for votes." In Ottawa, he added, some efficient wartime controllers "are furious with the politics now being injected into their operations."

He felt his bitterness was shared by the troops, and told of one lad in his district who is now overseas and had written to his parents to say that if they voted for Mackenzie King he would "disown" them.

"Now, I speak to you tonight as a weekly newspaper editor, for I am the publisher and editor of the Canadian Statesman from Bowmanville," he said. "I personally come from a long line of Liberals. My paper supported the cause of Liberalism for many years. We made the decision to change our politics. We could not support a party, which in the exercise of government, played one section of our country against another, even in the midst of a world war."

"Back in 1942, when I was looking for a new spiritual home for my politics, I said editorially, in advance of the Winnipeg convention (of the Conservative Party) that if John Bracken was elected the national leader, I would be prepared to support him," he said. "Tonight, I reaffirm my position. It was a decision I have never regretted."

Mr. James said that Mr. Bracken through "his love and knowledge of the people who farm the nation's soil, has endeared himself to thousands on thousands of Canadians. His program—Bracken's charter for a better Canada—is the finest political document ever presented to the Canadian people. But, it was just what we expected from John Bracken."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is all over in Ward V, City, Cardigan, and Ontario, bar the shouting.

Will the new moon Saturday bring a change of Government as well as a change in weather?

A lot of cheap farm plant is to be picked up as the result of the closing down of airports. Farmers should be on the look-out.

This day week we will have a pretty fair idea of what the electorate have decided regarding government for the next five years.

Prime Minister King claims he is a veteran politician, and no doubt, anticipates a war veteran's reward.

The C. C. F.'s may be a comparatively new party, but they have nothing to learn from their predecessors in the way of election sharp practices.

June planting is as rare here as any day in June proclaimed by the poets; farmers being realists would much sooner have the average May than a poetic June.

It is rumored that, as the outcome of the Federal election, a leading Liberal in Queen's County intends to sue another leading Liberal for libel in connection with a letter he allegedly wrote to some of the electors.

Mr. Joseph Harris, M.P., slated for political addresses here this week, is an outstanding member of the House, and was at one time seriously considered as a prospective leader of the party. In addition to being a politician he is closely associated with charitable and social welfare organizations at Toronto, being a director of Toronto General Hospital.

Lieut. Nursing Sister Ruth McLean is being welcomed home in the Toronto newspapers as a war heroine and deservedly so, for not only is she a veteran, she has had more active, actual experience in war service than any other of the gallant band of nurses who have left their native Isle. It recalls the fact that in Great War I this province produced another distinguished military Nursing Sister in the person of elite Miss Pope.

Vote in the Ontario Provincial Election of service men and women from Ontario serving overseas in the Canadian Forces will not be known in Canada for three or four weeks yet. Ontario citizens in the overseas forces are being allowed to vote in the provincial election machinery for the overseas service personnel, it will take longer to get the results back to Canada than for the Dominion election. The latest compilation is that approximately 125,000 service men and women from Ontario are eligible to vote overseas in the provincial election.

John Maynard, 1st Baron Keynes, British economist, born this date 1883; educated at Eton and Cambridge; became secretary of the Royal Economic Society, and editor of the Economic Journal in 1912; principal Treasury representative at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919; deputy for the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Supreme Economic Council; member of the Consultation Council to the Treasury in 1940; elected Director of the Bank of England 1941; is chairman of the Council for the Encouragement of Music and Art; his publications include Economic Consequences of Peace, A Treatise On Probability, Essays in Persuasion; Essays in Biography, A Treatise On Money; How To Pay In The War.

Notes By The Way

It is reported that President Truman has embarked on a program of economy. This is something of a surprise, as it is something that many other national governments will have to undertake. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Already there is talk about the strength of Canada's postwar active military force did not exceed 4,500 men. It is obvious that it will have to be considerably larger if Canada is to be ready to play her part in suppressing possible trouble. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

Mr. Churchill betrays something of the hard strain he has been under when he reviews the long train of turbulent events since the fall of the Low Countries and France in 1940. He is, indeed, very tired, and it is to be expected that he will be almost a decade. —Hamilton Spectator.

The British Government proposes to maintain information services in various parts of the world during the war. This sounds like a good idea. For far too long the British have been in the habit of being under a bushel and the only thing this points modestly got them was a large amount of harmful misunderstanding. —Brantford Expositor.

Even small returns to prewar conditions in devastated European countries provide cable news; for example, the first cargo ship to enter the port of five years. It carried supplies for food for people of the Netherlands and badly. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

The "Queen" liners, the Mary and the Elizabeth, played a tremendously important role in the war. It is interesting to speculate on their role in peace. Perhaps they will become vacation ships, ferrying crowds from North America to Europe and from Britain to the United States and Canada, for a low fare. Built as luxury liners, they could become ships for the masses. —Ottawa Journal.

A lot of big strapping Arctic huskies, who ought to be muzzing about in Alaska and eating whale blubber, have been taken away from their days at a Paris airport, munching C rations and French pastries. Victims of the old hurry-up-and-away policy, they were rushed from the American north country and flown to the front in France, where they were used to dig out the snow. By the time they reached here, of course, the snow had melted, and they were in somebody's brook. —Stars and Stripes.

The mystery of the fate of Frank Ryan, the Republican leader, sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment by General Franco's forces in the Spanish Civil War, has been solved. News has reached Dublin that he died in a sanatorium in Dresden, June 1, 1945. Ryan, a journalist, was a major in the Irish army, and was a member of the International Brigade. Taken prisoner in 1938, he was sentenced to death, but later reprieved to 30 years in prison after many protests. In 1940 it was reported that he had been freed, but that nothing was heard of him since. Ryan was known as "the Hood of the Dublin slums." During the war he was imprisoned until Mr. De Valera took office. —Vancouver Province.

Perhaps it is too much to expect that every one of the millions of people who are being displaced by the war will be able to find a job. It is to be hoped that this fear will continue to be well founded, and that the man who made to do this disagreeable job of sanitation thoroughly and conscientiously should be gulped by the war. It is to be hoped that this fear will continue to be well founded, and that the man who made to do this disagreeable job of sanitation thoroughly and conscientiously should be gulped by the war.

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Four years ago this May, the name of Rudolf Hess was one to conjure with. It denoted "Nazi No. 2," the man who next to Adolf Hitler, was senior in the infamous cabal which planned to bully the world. He was the man who bore that name is a prematurely old, mentally ill, irresponsible inmate of a criminal asylum near Augsburg in Bavaria. He is now in the Vancouver Province. Today it is questionable if this symbol of Nazi lunacy now knows his own name. Because the alienists have adjudged him "unfit to plead" his trial has been postponed. He is now in a mental case to be housed in the building which was intended for a mental hospital at Mainland, Wales. Finished at the outbreak of war, it was converted into a hospital for soldiers. The soldiers are there. They never saw the pitiful wreck that now is Hess.

A congress of shoemakers announced that women's feet are getting bigger. They can no longer crowd their extremities into shoes made for men who never take their grandmothers. The modern husband does not show any particular amazement if his wife borrows his sports shoes, remarks the "Teles" borough Examiner. Modern women are fonder of games than their forebears, and they stand on their feet more; a housewife stands on her feet the greater part of the day; and she is even slightly taller. A small would cause her more agony than the gain in elegance would justify. And thus Cinderella changes her shoes. Men's feet are growing smaller, for great numbers of men sit in chairs all day, and their feet are cramped. Men's feet are growing smaller, for great numbers of men sit in chairs all day, and their feet are cramped. Men's feet are growing smaller, for great numbers of men sit in chairs all day, and their feet are cramped.

Mr. King Forgets

(Ottawa Journal)

Mr. Mackenzie King professes to be hurt—and horrified—by the accusation in Quebec for his political gain, says he: "No kind of political warfare could be more contemptible. It may, if it succeeds, do me some harm for a day, but the harm it will do me for a day will be as nothing compared to the injury it may do our country—a generation."

Mr. King's memory must be bad. Because what the record shows is that between World War I and World War II Mr. King and his party labored unceasingly to harvest political gain from racial bitterness. The aim must not be forgotten. The aim must not be forgotten. The aim must not be forgotten. The aim must not be forgotten.

Let us recall a forgotten chapter from our political story. In 1921 Mr. King was elected leader of the Opposition, was passing through Lévis, Quebec, and noted the parish priest, who was being taken by the Conference of Premiers recently attended by you in London.

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conscription remained the issue.

Lapointe, Cardin, Rinfret, Power—all considered that day lost which not see some Liberal party leader rise to proclaim that never again would Canada send a man across the seas to "fight for England." Their speeches are before us. Before us also is a speech which Mr. Mackenzie King himself delivered in the Parliament of Canada as late as March 30, 1929. This: "Assuming that Canadians, like other people will put their own interest first, what do our interests abroad demand, what amount of knight errantry abroad do our resources permit? The idea that every 25 years this country should automatically take part in a war to save democracy or self-determination of other small nations, that a country which has all it can do to run itself should feel called upon to save periodically a continent that cannot run itself, and to these ends risk the lives of its people, risk bankruptcy and political disruption, seems a nightmarish and sheer madness."

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Hard Fighting Ahead

(By J. M. Roberts, Jr., Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst) The long, bitter fight on Okinawa serves to give pause to anyone who might look on the Japanese war as a job to be completed with our left hand. Multiple Okinawa by the size and importance of Japan proper and you get some very dark days ahead.

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The Poet's Corner

VICTORIOUS MEN OF MARNE Victorious men of earth, no more Proclaim how wide your conquests are; Though you bind in every stage And your triumphs reach as far As night or day, Yet you, proud monarchs, must obey And mingle with forgotten slaves, when Death calls ye to the crowd of common men.

Deavouring famine, plague and war Each able to undo mankind, Death's servile emissaries are; Nor to these alone confined, He hath at will More potent and stable ways to kill; A smile or kiss, as he will use the ark, Shall have the cunning still to break a heart.

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