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

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Shinwell Gives Warning

The British Socialist government is beginning to show its fangs. The minority in the Labour Party has been complaining that there was practically no difference between the Churchill and the Bevin administrations, and evidently much annoyed by this criticism and attitude of mind, Fuel Minister Shinwell gave a "plain warning" to British business men on Saturday that "if they cannot deliver the goods the Government will do so."

Mr. Shinwell said that though there was a good deal of efficiency in private enterprise there was also a great deal of inefficiency, adding: "We do not want to nationalize every industry in the country—at any rate not at the present, but they had better be warned: the people of this country are in no mood to stand any nonsense from private ownership."

Addressing the Yorkshire Regional Council of the Labor Party, he said: "Private property must be used for the benefit of the nation. The private owner can have his rake-off so long as his rake-off is not too expensive, but this attitude on the part of private enterprise that the government must not come in and must leave it to private enterprise, is just nonsense and bunkum.

"There should be no department of public activity, whether national or local, in which Labor has not got to have a finger in the pie. We must be in everything—because we are the country."

Sheep Production Decline

There are about 5 per cent fewer sheep in the world than just before the war, and 8 per cent less than in the wartime peak year of 1942, according to a recent compilation. In keeping with this decline, there was a reduction of 2.8 per cent in the number of Canadian sheep as at June 1, 1945, from 3,725,550 in 1944 to 3,621,800 in 1945. The world decrease since 1942 is attributable largely to rising production costs, accumulation of wool stocks, and weather conditions in Australia, South Africa, and some parts of South America. The greatest drop has been in the United States, Australia, and South Africa. The high level of sheep numbers in the world which was reached in 1942 resulted chiefly from higher prices and the demand of Allied countries for more meat and wool.

The total number of sheep in the world, amounting to about 717,000,000 head, is distributed geographically somewhat differently than was the case before the war. Asia now appears to have more sheep than any other continent, having forged ahead of Oceania, which includes Australia and New Zealand. South America is third in sheep numbers, followed in order by Europe, Africa, and North America. Although North America is last in this regard among the continents, the United States is among the world's five largest sheep-producing countries.

The decrease in the numbers of sheep in Europe during the war has been proportionately less (as is the case with cattle) than for hogs and poultry. Enemy countries encouraged sheep-raising because of the need of wool; and sheep being able to subsist on relatively unproductive land, were not dependent upon imported feed-stuffs.

New Industrial Horizons

The announcement by Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington that scientists have found a way to denature plutonium so that its atomic energy can be used for industrial purposes opens new horizons for humanity. By the process of denaturing, plutonium is deprived of its power to explode, but retains its power, when its atoms are split, to produce heat. This heat could be used in the same manner as heat from coal or any other fuel, to create steam either for producing electricity, gas, or any other form of power dependent upon heat.

Technological improvements and discoveries have, since the beginning of the industrial revolution, been one of the chief factors in mankind's constantly improving standard of living. This new development holds promise of such cheap, efficient production of every sort of power needed by industry, that its effects upon improved living standards are incalculable.

How soon it will be before the newly-discovered process of obtaining heat, and heat alone, from atomic energy can be applied to industrial purposes is not known. But that it will be done during this generation now seems to be a foregone conclusion. One Soviet scientist, addressing an audience in Moscow last week, predicted that although atomic energy for industrial purposes might not be available during the next five or even ten years, it will be available very soon.

University of The Air

At the R. A. F. station at Cranfield, England, the Empire Test Pilots' School is attracting the most proficient test pilots in the Empire and from among Britain's allies. Already fifty-seven British, Americans, Chinese, Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Norwegians, and men from all the Dominions have been selected by their governments to take the nine-month course, have been graduated, and have returned to their military or civilian jobs.

The purpose of the Government-sponsored school is to give advanced training to the most able test pilots, to equip them not only to be the best flyers, but to analyse the performance of the planes and judge their structure. They spend time at the R. A. F.'s experimental station at Farnborough, visiting British aircraft factories, and attending lectures by specialists, besides devoting intensified study to flying and experimenting with various types of planes.

The head of the school is Group Captain H. J. Wilson, A. F. C., who last November in Britain established the World's Speed Record of 606 miles per hour in horizontal flying. He has about thirty-five pilots in each course; eleven planes are reserved for the R. A. F., seven for the Fleet Air Arm, four for the United Kingdom civilian test pilots, six for pilots from the Dominions, and seven for those from Allied countries. All of the candidates must possess outstanding abilities in their field in order to qualify for selection by their governments for entering this university of the air.

—EDITORIAL NOTES—

Miners in England are to build an altar of coal, hewn from their own pit, in the local parish church. Around it will be panels depicting life below ground.

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More people went to British movies in January than ever before, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade told the Cinematograph Exhibitors Association.

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The French Assembly yesterday adopted a new electoral law introducing a system of proportional representation for France and the French Empire. The vote was 439 to 135.

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His formal title will be His Excellency Field Marshal the Rt. Hon. Viscount Alexander of Tunis, GCB, GCMG, CSI, DSO, MC, LLD, ADC, but the troops in two world wars simply called him "Alex".

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According to the latest estimate of production, the 1945 honey crop amounted to 30,683,000 pounds or 12 per cent less than the 1944 crop of 34,970,000 pounds. The estimated total for Prince Edward Island was 46,000 pounds, an increase of 2,000 pounds over 1944.

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Ten years ago, we were spending less than $15,000,000 a year on defense. Next year we shall spend nearly that sum on defense research alone, while the total estimate for defense is $488,608,641. This includes nearly $25,000,000 for ammunition and bombs.

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Francis Bacon, statesman and philosopher, died this date 1626: "And now last, this most happy and glorious event, that this island of Britain, divided from all the world, should be united in itself. . . . It is as hard and severe a thing to be a true politician as to be truly moral.

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There are 1,665 registered egg grading stations in Canada. Under the regulations each station is required to employ competent grading help, to use approved grading devices, and to maintain temperatures and general conditions which are not injurious to the eggs. All such stations are privately operated, and are located by provinces as follows: British Columbia, 90; Alberta, 188; Saskatchewan, 325; Manitoba, 126; Ontario, 590; Quebec, 234; New Brunswick, 17; Nova Scotia, 28; and Prince Edward Island, 67.

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What is believed to be the most helpful ally yet discovered in the battle against weeds, is a new chemical known as 2-4-D, which is a contraction of 2-4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid. This is the encouraging result, although not the original invention, of a series of elaborate experiments carried out at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and at several other Dominion Experimental Farms in co-operation with 13 north central states of the United States. According to Mr. George Knowles, weed control expert, the Ottawa experiments disclosed that one application of the powerful new chemical (which the manufacturers say will be on sale in quantities in Canada early in the spring) will kill many weeds, more effectively than any other chemical. It will also kill dandelions and most other weeds found in lawns, without injury to the grass. It does, however, temporarily eliminate clover, but the clover gradually grows again without reseeding.

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Notes By The Way

Feasibility of the two Saults pressing the Canadian and United States Governments for construction of either a bridge or tunnel between the two cities was brought again into public focus through the remark of Hon. C. D. Howe, Dominion Reconstruction Minister, that the Government would be interested in such a project. Mr. Howe made the remark to the Sault deputation which interviewed him regarding an airport for this city. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

They came from every part of Canada and every walk of Canadian life, the men of the Canadian Navy . . . and, as the Premier of Nova Scotia has put it so finely, "these men will carry in their hearts forever the image of the gallant ship and the spell of the great sea." The Premier knows, because as wartime Naval Minister, he got to know these men as well as anyone and far better than most. They will have their nostalgic moments, no matter where they may roam, there will always be a welcome for them in this old seagirt province. —Halifax Province.

He always impressed upon his work the ideals inspired by the Editorial Creed composed by his father, the late T. H. Preston, a creed which pledged endeavor "to interpret in the conduct of my publication the highest ethics of daily journalism, so that, when I am called to give account of my stewardship to my Maker, it may be said of me: 'He tried his best to run a decent newspaper.' That was his purpose, and his idealism never degenerated into mere pious expressions, but always found practical application in his policies and personal activities. — Brantford Expositor in Tribute to Its Late Publisher, W. B. Preston.

A correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor reports: "Rosie the Riveter is almost as extinct as the Dodo. With a unanimity little less than startling, Rosie and her sisters have gone back home to cook meals for their families, bring up their babies, and operate nothing heavier than a vacuum cleaner." One does not usually challenge the authenticity of statements made by correspondents of the scrupulously careful Monitor, but it might be a good bet in this case that whoever wrote the Rosie the Riveter story was doing a slight bit of wishing thinking along economic lines. —From Brantford Expositor.

The basic principle of a conviction under the law is that the punishment should fit the crime. It is clear that this rule is not always applied. In several prosecutions for breaches of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations there are instances of the penalties being quite inadequate. Infringements have involved a fairly wide variety of sales and services and in many cases the fines have been so small that the offender has still had a considerable profit after paying his fine. The court of justice has thus been used merely for the collection of tribute. — Vancouver Province.

In spite of the butter shortage and wheat shortage, a customer in one Winnipeg restaurant recently complained to the manager that he wasn't satisfied with getting only two slices of bread with his dinner. So the next evening the restaurant provided the customer with four slices of bread. Still he complained, so at the next meal he was given eight slices. "Not enough," he said. "Well" said the manager, "if you'll come back tomorrow evening we'll make certain to satisfy you." When the customer came in again the manager had a loaf of bread cut in two and put before him. The customer shook his head sadly, complaining, "You've gone back to two slices." —The Printed Word.

The visitor who arrives in Bermuda at the rate of 300 miles an hour and up immediately rushes to hire a carriage which will take him around at a maximum rate of ten miles an hour. The twentieth century is none too good for him when he wishes to get to Bermuda, but while there he prefers the nineteenth. The struggle will end, no doubt, as all such struggles do. The horse will not disappear, but he will be subordinated. Motorists will dash from St. George to Ireland Island in forty minutes. The beauty of land and sea will remain eternally, but the quaintness for which we hurrying moderns crave will diminish because we are in such a hurry to grasp it. For modern man, often homesick for the past, kills the thing he loves. May our Bermudian friends keep alive at least a little of their charming out-of-dateness!—New York Times.

A serious rural problem is the lack of doctors and nurses to care for the sick and ailing. The days of the family doctor are gone, and the young medical practitioner apparently prefers even the strenuous competition of the city to a wide country practice that will bring him prestige and experience. The family living 30 to 40 miles from the nearest doctor finds the expense in Summer and the distance in Winter, with roads blocked, a real problem; the result is often unnecessary suffering, lengthy illness, and sorrow that medical skill could have prevented. We are spending millions of dollars annually, nationally and provincially, for the well-being, happiness, yes, and the folly of the hale and hearty. In the orgy of spending we might well afford to make provision for the comfort and safety of those who live in more sparsely settled districts and bring to them the benefit of medical skill and nursing. — Guelph Mercury.

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DR. GRANT'S FISH STORY

Sir:— In reading some of the speeches made in the House of Commons, I find a Liberal member who wishes to show the respect he has for the Province he represents and how much he is trying to help the boys who fought and fought well for the country he lives in.

It is enough to discourage any returned man to think that a representative of this Province would go to Ottawa and tell before the House that in this Province of Prince Edward Island there is no unemployment. In fact we may say that the returned boys are all busy, but busy trying to locate a job for themselves as they see this present Government is making no effort in getting jobs for the fighting boys, and the voice of that well known Liberal, Doctor Grant, certainly will not help. He spent his time in criticizing his colleagues. Why could he not practice something which would help Prince Edward Island?

I can't see why he should go and tell his fish story in Ottawa. That would fit better in a burlesque concert. There isn't one person in Prince Edward Island but knows that no man can bank one thousand dollars in one week's fishing. Let's hope that when Dr. Grant returns again at the next session he will try and get something for Prince Edward Island. He should visit the selective service and see the pay roll being paid to the unemployed. The line-up is quite lengthy. That alone should get the member to admit he made a mistake which might bring him forgiveness from the people of Prince Edward Island for they know he is tired out: he has been on the job too long, and he needs a rest, which he will surely get if he makes any more statements like that.

I am Sir, etc.,
DANIEL PERRY.
Summerside, P. E. I.

Royal Visits to Empire

(Hamilton Spectator)

The visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to this Dominion in 1939 is an ineffaceable memory for the Canadian people. Such tours do more to strengthen the bonds of loyalty and affection in which the Royal House is held in all parts of the Empire than any other means that could be suggested. General Smuts' desire that Their Majesties should confer similar distinction on South Africa is a natural one. There is nothing better than personal contact to bring home to the various races in the Union a proper realizaion of just what the Crown stands for as the symbol of unity and democratic progress. When the King and Queen go to South Africa with their children, the Princess Elizabeth and Margaret, it will be for the latter an educational opportunity of the first importance, especially for the young lady who, in the course of time, may be called upon to preside over the destinies of the British Commonwealth. Such tours are not mere pleasure trips; they make heavy demands. It is from his keen sense of imperial responsibility that the King has accepted the invitation of the South African Premier, who is himself so inspiring an example of the patriotic spirit.

After his return from Canada, shortly before the outbreak of the First World War, King George feelingly expressed the emotions evoked by his reception here and the real purpose of the tour. "It was not alone the actual presence of their King and Queen that made Canadians open their hearts to us," he said. "Their welcome, it seems to me, was also an expression of their thankfulness for those rights of free citizenship which are the heritage of every member of our great Commonwealth of Nations. It was a desire to serve the ideals of that Commonwealth which led me to undertake my journey — to foster its sane and wholesome faith; to show, if I could, that its headship which I have been called upon to assume exists to-day as a potent force for promoting peace and good will among mankind."

Royal visits of this kind are a comparatively recent development. Queen Victoria, though such an incomparable factor in the Empire's growth—did not herself travel far beyond the bounds of the "tight little isle." Her son, however, as Prince of Wales, effectively deputized on her behalf, his tour of Canada in 1860 leaving memories that still endure. Then, later, came his Indian tour. The extended visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York in 1901 to all parts of the Empire undoubtedly had much to do with the great advance in imperial sentiment which marked subsequent years. Then there was the visit of the Royal pair, as Prince and Princess of Wales, to India in 1905-6, and their return there six years later to be crowned King Emperor and Queen Empress of India, at the magnificent inauguration of the new capital at Delhi. They were in Canada, too, in 1908, joining in the celebration of the Tercentenary of Quebec. The Duke of Windsor, when he was Prince of Wales, followed the example, with a number of tours to many countries of the Empire and foreign lands. The present Sove-

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—Frances Frost, in the New York Herald Tribune.

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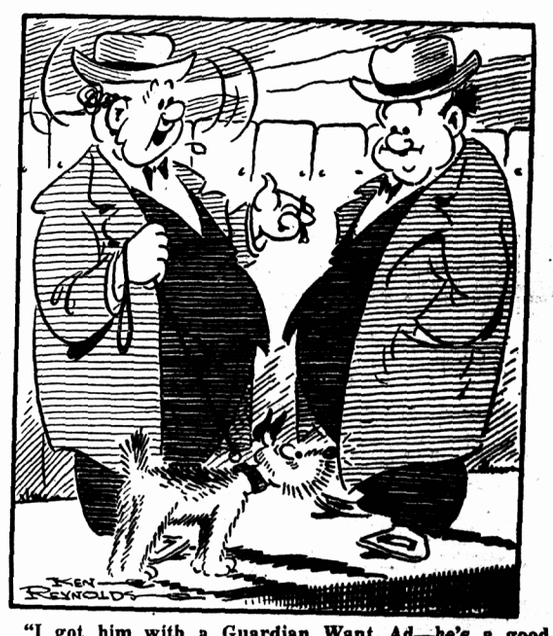
By Ken Reynolds



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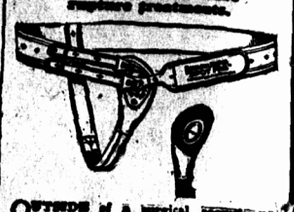

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