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

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Federal Financing

It is announced that Parliament will meet early in May and one of the biggest problems facing the Government will be that of financing. In the last regular budget, Hon. C. A. Dunning estimated the deficit for the year ending March 31, 1940, would be \$55,000,000, plus the National Railways deficit, which is now disclosed as about \$40,000,000. He based this estimate upon revenues of 495 millions and expenditures of 550 millions. But due to the September tax increases and better business, the revenues will be about \$519,000,000.

Mr. Dunning's estimate of expenditures included the Defense vote, which, as from September, became war expenditure. The non-war expenditure has not been reduced and when National Railways deficit is added to it there will be a deficit on ordinary account of approximately \$30,000,000.

But on top of this come the war expenditures. These were estimated up to March 31 at \$100,000,000. But the outlay up to Feb. 29 proves that this estimate was too low. The expenditures by the end of the fiscal year will be at least \$115,000,000.

Thus the over-all deficit confronting Parliament will be about \$145,000,000 in all. No doubt, this will be covered by the \$200,000,000 war loan. But, obviously, if action is not taken to narrow the gap between income and outgo, a second war loan will become imperative within a couple of months.

Here, according to an Ottawa correspondent, is the outline of the financial picture:

Revenues for the coming fiscal year, including the war taxes of last September and allowing for improved business are estimated at \$625,000,000. This includes 30 millions from the Excess Profits tax, which is a pure guess since the Government has declined to make any estimate.

Ordinary expenditures, based upon the expenditures for the 11 months ended Feb. 29, 1940, but excluding the Canadian National Railways, may be approximated at \$470,000,000, leaving an ordinary surplus of \$155,000,000.

It is generally thought that the National Railway will come closer to paying its way this year, so this surplus may be tentatively regarded as being available for war purposes.

The war budget for Army, Navy, and Air Force has been estimated by Mr. Ralston at \$500,000,000. The air training plan will cost \$100,000,000. The war, therefore, will cost six hundred millions and if the past is any guide to the future, these estimates will be exceeded.

Deducting the ordinary surplus, there remains a deficit of \$445,000,000.

The Government must solve the problem of financing this deficit. By pruning ordinary expenditures it is believed at least thirty million dollars can be cut out of the coming budget. The need certainly will be urgent, and the alternatives most unattractive.

Further increases in sales and income taxes are anticipated, as well as a complete revision of the Excess Profits tax in which a number of holes have been found since the act was passed last September. It is hoped by these means to cut the war deficit down to a manageable figure—one which can be financed without inflation.

The Communist Candidates

The most forlorn figures in the Dominion election campaign, says the Winnipeg Free Press, are the scattered Communist candidates who, in a half-hearted way, are now peddling their wares. These men are in a sorry plight. A year ago they were shouting loudly their master's policy of beating Nazism. This line they faithfully followed when war broke out last September, when they assured the people that the Russo-German pact had no reality so far as they (the Canadian Communists) were concerned. Only a few weeks later, when the new party line was dictated to them from Moscow, they denied all they had previously said, and weekly jumped through Stalin's hoop.

Canada has had its small group of sincere believers in Communist doctrines. But many of them must have been badly shaken when they realized that Communism, as a politico-economic doctrine, had to be abandoned in favor of supporting the foreign policy of Mr. Stalin; and some of them must now know that Communism and Russian foreign policy may be very different things. The detestable proceedings in Finland are proof of that.

Most Powerful Weapon

Less is being heard now of the British blockade than at any time since the war started. The reason is, not that it has ceased to be effective, but because it has achieved its main purpose and is therefore no longer "news." Its pressure bears daily on Germany with increasing intensity, and the result is thus summed up by the European correspondent of the Saturday Evening Post, a periodical which on more than one occasion has shown a strong anti-British bias.

"The British blockade of Germany," says the Post writer, "is the most powerful weapon which Britain possesses. Instead of blockade, the British now use the more accurate and comprehensive phrase, 'economic warfare.' Barring some unforeseen development, economic warfare will decide the outcome of the Allied-German conflict. Even in the first few months, other arms

have been subordinated to this central economic struggle. Armies and navies and air forces have concentrated upon blockade and counterblockade. England and Germany have settled down to the relentless effort to starve each other out.

"Only the more romantic Nazi Germans ever believed in the power of some secret weapon to knock out the British. I was in London when Hitler's magnetic mines succeeded in sinking, in rapid succession, a dozen Allied and neutral ships. The British retort, popularly known as the 'reprisal weapon', was the most drastic blockade of German trade which mercantile ingenuity could devise.

"No wonder that Hitler, after the Polish campaign, began to play frantically for time with his peace offensives. But it was too late. The British and French refused to grant him time. They not only declared war, but initiated without delay the one type of warfare Germans fear most—economic warfare."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester's birthday, born 1900.

First long distance air mail service—London to India—inaugurated this date, 1929.

It seems every province will be represented on the Opposition side of the House of Commons, save and except Prince Edward Island. Case of every one "being out of step but our Jock."

Coming down to brass tacks, the Liberals have gained at the expense of "third parties", and not at that of the Conservatives, who retain at least their 38 in the House as in 1935. Of course, it would have been refreshing had they added 100 to their total.

The British butter ration has been doubled a half pound weekly being allowed each person instead of a quarter pound. Dairymen fear, however, that many of their former butter customers will not take advantage of the increased supply because they have acquired a taste for cheaper margarine.

Many a jealous woman will wish success to the Florida elector who wants Governor-designate Sam Jones to enact a law providing a fine and jail sentence for any married man seen on the streets "with a woman not his wife without due cause." She wrote: "That would stop a lot of running around." Indeed, it would, as well as business for lawyers.

The proportion of conscientious objectors in Britain is given as 3 1-2 to every 1,000. The other 996 1-2 in every 1,000 are ready and willing to serve. A clergyman who personally supported the petition of a tenor in his choir for exemption asked by the court: "What is there about his life that has made you think he is a Christian pacifist?" replied: "Well, he lives with his mother-in-law."

The Government Bureau of Information at Halifax, N.S., has approved an intensive advertising schedule for May, June and early July in newspapers of twenty-seven cities along the Eastern seaboard and in the Middle West and Canada, promoting the tourist attractions of the Province of Nova Scotia. National magazines, sport and travel periodicals will also be used. The ads in American newspapers and magazines will call attention to the favorable exchange rates.

In Kansas City the other day court officials engaged in a game of hide-and-seek. A jury in Judge Harvey J. Emerson's court was all ready to report but the defence attorney couldn't be located. So Bailiff F. G. McGinty started a tour of the courthouse. While he was out in walked Defence Attorney Charles Schneider. But the jury couldn't report because the bailiff was gone. So Judge Emerson went out to find the bailiff. While he was out back came the bailiff. Then the jury couldn't report because the judge was gone. So out went McGinty again. It could have gone on longer but Judge Emerson and McGinty this time found each other, and returned to court.

A special correspondent writing from Berlin says that the German soldiers are turning to religion for comfort and support; that the churches are filled not only on Sundays but also often on weekdays; that in Berlin groups of young soldiers on leave are found at nearly every service, and even when services are not in progress "they can be seen kneeling alone or in groups before the shadowy altars"; that the older higher officers make a point of attending church "as a kind of protest against the pagan creed inculcated in labor camps as a prelude to the period of military training"; and that, although the Nazi government does not encourage religion in the army, it at least does not interfere with efforts which are being made in that direction in the military ranks.

The evacuation of children in large cities has greatly upset the educational arrangements of the British Government, but a determined effort is being made to satisfactorily solve the new problem. According to official figures for last week, the Government now has 91 per cent of the children in the reception areas on full-time schooling and another 8 per cent on half time. In the danger zones 21 per cent of the children are in full-time schools and it is planned to get half on full time by April. In the meantime, classes are being held in private houses for those still running the streets. Education apart from the evacuation measures now costs Britain £101,000,000 annually. This does not include the cost of vocational training in special or "distressed" areas, reformatory schools for young delinquents, agricultural training under the Ministry of Agriculture or the army educational program. The compulsory school system costs the Government £14 for each child annually for general education. Additional wartime charges must be met for evacuated teachers. About £1,000,000 has already been spent for camp schools in safe areas to which boys and girls are being evacuated. These camps are being built as rapidly as possible by a governmental camps corporation, a nonprofit-making enterprise.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A young friend of mine (reports a correspondent) is to be married up in the group of 23s, and his mother was speaking feelingly to the family of the coming party. "I hope my boy, that you may be sent back safely to us all," she said solemnly. Then up spoke little brother Willie. "And if you don't come back Jim, can I have your golf clubs?"—Manchester Guardian.

In the present war there is no Patriotic Fund. There is no charity about the support of the dependents of our soldiers. The nation has accepted the full obligation and the cost is a charge upon the national treasury. The allowance regulations which were proclaimed at the outbreak of the war, provide that allowances shall be paid, when required, to three dependents of each soldier. The allowances are: \$35 per month for a wife; \$12 per month each for two children; 20 per month for a dependent mother or father.—Winnipeg Free Press.

An anti-profiteering league has been formed in Canberra, Australia, in an effort to force down prices which make the national capital the third most expensive city in the Commonwealth in which to live. The league has brought several cases of alleged profiteering before the Commonwealth Price Commission, but action was taken by the commissioner in only one instance. A reduction in the price of men's dress collars was ordered.—Australian Press Union.

Premier Gouibout of Quebec is making good his promise of undoing some of the harm that was done to his province by the Duplessis administration. His action in bringing into the Legislature a bill to allow a situation which has been a hindrance to the development of industry in Quebec bears the marks of wisdom. The law which demanded incorporation, within the province, of companies investing their money therein, was one of the mysteriously motivated actions of the former Premier.—Windsor Star.

The director of the New York Public Library, H. M. Lydenberg, includes in his annual report a few examples of the many questions which the staff of this institution is called upon to answer for the public. What is the money value of an old telescope? What are the calorific qualities of certain foods? How is perfume made? What does it cost to build a house? How do you make the first anti-friction race? How do French and American shoe sizes compare? The pessimist would say that these questions are the bread of man's ignorance; the optimist, more accurately, would say that they show the wonderful prevalence of curiosity.—New York Sun.

The world has seen something in these last weeks of the capacity of Dominion fighters by sea and air. It is going to see yet more impressively what the new world can do to reduce the might of the old. Particularly vital will be the Empire's contribution be to that arm which must conclusively shatter the dream of a gangster's paradise—that is, a gangster's paradise which will bring the war to a conclusion which will be greatly accelerated by the great Canadian training scheme which is now ready to be put into operation. The motto of the Empire is: "Both the Imperial Government and the Dominion Governments are fully alive to the resistance to be met with and to the degree of strength necessary to overcome it."—The Observer (London).

Mrs. O'Neill's letter prompts me to suggest that "All we, who can be the best of the best," is the slogan: "Shell your peas the modern Canadian way. Efficient, clean, speedy!" Bring out the good old family clothes wringer and go to work. Wash your peas in hot water. Dump into a dish pan. One person turns the wringer, two feed the pods into it. Pop! The pods go through the wringer empty, leaving the peas behind in a clean pan. The friend who told me of this was properly enthusiastic about it, so I'm passing it on for your scrapbook.—N. MacKay in a letter to the Western Producer.

It is the time of year when those who get a great deal of enjoyment and relaxation out of the hobby of bird study are beginning to take a new interest in the scientific ornithologist's annual spring migration is probably as nerve racking and exhausting as the Christmas rush is for a store clerk, but to the hobbyist it is a matter of pure delight. If there are any who are thinking of taking up the hobby this year when hobbies are perhaps more important than ever before, they should lose no time in providing themselves with bird books so that they can identify the various species as they arrive. The migration has already begun. From the mountains of Argentina, the rain-forests of the Amazon, the table-lands of Mexico, and the sheltered valleys of the northern United States, the feathered hosts are beginning their long journey back to Canada.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Some of the women's organizations which have invited the political candidates to address them received a jolt on being reminded that they must not serve refreshments after the meeting. At least one organization to our knowledge, was conscientious enough to write down to Ottawa for a ruling on the subject, and was informed that under chapter 133 and paragraph 133 of the section something else of the Electoral Act, it was not permissible to serve food or drink of any kind at the meeting; not even a cup of tea and slice of cake. But we have heard of other organizations, supporting the party in power, which had no scruples in the matter, flagrantly serving afternoon tea, trusting to the friends they had at court down Ottawa way to overlook this heinous offence; which doesn't matter when you have the Minister of Justice on your side and he would turn a Nelsonian eye to a written complaint of bribery.—

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian may have accepted or not the opinions of correspondents.

MARXIAN SOCIALISM

Sir,—I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the space which you gave to my letter, which you were good enough to honor with the title "Marxian Socialism", which appeared in the March 16th issue of the Guardian, in the Public Forum.

In your foot-note I notice that you refer to Karl Marx's Das Kapital as "the Bible of the German Socialists." In that connection I would like to say that Engels referred to "Das Kapital" as "the Bible of the working people," and other commentators have said it was justly so called; possibly the German Socialists may have accepted "The Capital" as their "Bible," but I'm afraid they, like many professing Christians, have not read their "Bible" with the purpose of acting on the precepts to be found therein.

Are a man's followers all those who profess belief in his avowed principles, no matter how much their actions may conflict with their professions of faith; or are they those, and only those whose actions accord well with the precepts and principles of the man whom they profess to follow?

Have the actions of German Social Democrats accorded well with Marx's teachings? A Marxian Socialist throughout the world, including Germany, say, No!

Their sins have been both those of commission and omission, for instance, they might say well, along with Ex-Rev. Norman Thomas, as of the Socialist Party of the U. S. A., say: "Much as historical Socialism owes to Marx, it has never committed itself to the infallibility (read Scientific Principles) of Marx."

If they read Marx's "Capital" they would have read: "Whenever, by an exchange, we equate as values our different products, by that very act, we also equate, as labor expended on them." Chapter I, Section 4 on Commodities, also "He (the worker) creates surplus value which, for the capitalist, has all the charms of a creation out of nothing. The essential difference between the various economic forms of society, between, for instance, a society based on slave-labor and one based on wage-labor, lies only in the mode in which this surplus value is extracted from the actual producer, the laborer." Chapter IX. The rate of surplus-value, the degrees of exploitation.

And having read, would have

The Poet's Corner

HERACLITUS

They told me, Heraclitus, they told me we were dead. They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed. I wept as I remembered how often you and I had talked and sent him down the sky.

And now that thou art lying my dear old Carian guest, A handful of grey ashes, long, long ago at rest, Still in thy pleasant voices, thy nightingales, awake; For Death, he taketh all away but them he cannot take.

—From the Greek by W. (Johnson) Cory.

From the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

J. Im. Fully Says:

NEIGHBOR'S house caught fire the other night, and he nearly lost his senses. He ran around getting in every one's way, and shouting "My stamp collection! Get my stamp collection out—it's worth more than the house!" Well, they saved the house, so he didn't lose his stamps—but he learned his lesson all right.

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In A Nutshell

(Financial Post) One thing the Germans do not enjoy is to have someone take their dignity and formally lightly. We can imagine, then, the feeling of the German commandant in the following little true story, passed on to us by a friend who was interned in a German prison camp during the last war.

One day an axe was missed. Fearing an escape plot, the Germans searched diligently for it. They did not find it. The 700 prisoners, mostly British and Canadian officers, were paraded. The camp commandant attended by his aides came on the parade ground, immaculately attired in gleaming uniforms.

The commandant addressed the prisoners. He told them what would happen to them if the axe was not returned. He warned them of the dangers of trying to escape. He threatened them like a leashed dog; he appealed to their honor. For 16 minutes he orated. Then he turned to one of the British officers a quiet little fellow who spoke perfect German. He said, "You will translate what I have said to these men." The British officer drew himself up, cleared his throat, took a deep breath and shouted: "He wants to know who's got that bloody axe."

acted to put an end to this economically inequitable system of distribution, i. e., the wage and profit system of Capitalism.

One might also expect that they would have read Frederick Engels' (Marx's collaborator) exposition of "A fair day's wage for a fair day's pay" and having read that: "According to common notions, the wages of a laborer ought to consist of the product of his labor." But that would not be fair according to political economy.

On the contrary, the produce of the workman's labor goes to the capitalist, and the workman gets out of it no more than the bare necessities of life.

And thus the end of this uncommodiously "fair" race of competition is that "the produce of the labor, of those who do work, gets unavailably into the hands of those who do not work, and becomes in their hands the most powerful means to enslave the very men who produced it," and "would have acted to put an end to the obviously (to Engels) "unfair" wages and profit system.

And to put his stamp of approval on Engels' reasoning Marx says: "The workers ought to inscribe on their banner, the revolutionary watchword 'abolition of the wage-system!'"

Yet, I have never heard of any attempt ever having been made by the German Social Democrats.

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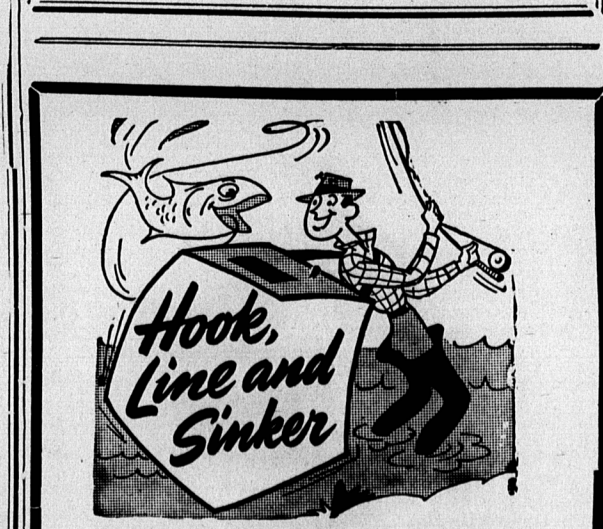


What's the "best buy" on the market today?

JOHN: "I'd say 'Stetson'"
EVELYN: "Silly! I mean the stock market"
JOHN: "Oh, I thought you meant the Hat Market—and I've always found Stetson the best buy because a Stetson gives me confidence and boy, I need it in my job!"
EVELYN: "At that rate, I shouldn't be nervous about my big radio audition this afternoon, because I'm wearing a Stetson too!"
JOHN: "Good! I see where radio stock will be going up! Think I'll go buy a block of it right now!"



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