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Conservative Reorganization

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Conservative Association, which takes place on Friday, coincides with the visit here of Mr. JOHN P. MACNICOL, M.P., for Toronto-Davenport, President of the Dominion Conservative Association.

In his letter to the 2,500 Conservatives who attended the national convention of the party at Ottawa in 1938, Mr. MacNicol stresses that political organization should have as its objective the preservation of freedom and democracy, and therefore must be directed toward maintaining a strong opposition which is capable of becoming a government when occasion demands.

Leading members of the party have been urging for years that a Dominion Conservative association be established on a permanent basis. Toward that end, a constitution was drawn up in 1936, was approved at the 1938 convention, and a drive begun to enrol the desired number of members.

Commenting on the proposed reorganization, the Hamilton Spectator (Independent) says: "The end of the party is given as 'duty, courage, loyalty to safeguard the integrity of our Empire, the unity of our Dominion and the peace, happiness and prosperity of all our Canadian people'."

"Constancy And Valour"

"Long, dark months of trial and tribulation lie before us. Not only great dangers but many more misfortunes, many shortcomings, many mistakes, many disappointments, will surely be our lot. Death and sorrow will be the companions of our journey; hardship our garment, constancy and valour our shield."

These words uttered by Prime Minister Churchill yesterday in the British House of Commons could only have been uttered by a brave man to a brave people. They took full cognizance of all the dangers ahead, of all the sacrifice that will be required before victory is achieved.

Japanese Issue In B. C.

The Japanese issue in British Columbia has arisen in a new form. The Japanese who are Canadian citizens, through birth or naturalization, were legally required to take part in the national registration, and the young Japanese have since been notified to report for military training.

Now comes a request from the Vancouver City Council to the Dominion Government not to call up these people for service if it means granting them the Dominion franchise, as was done with the Japanese who enlisted in the Canadian forces in the last war.

For years, there has been a desire not to encourage the Japanese in any way to live in British Columbia. They are not given the provincial franchise, and as the Dominion Government, in granting the federal franchise recognizes, and accepts the franchise restrictions adopted in any of the provinces, the Japanese in British Columbia have never had the Dominion franchise, except those who served in the last war.

ity—the possibility of a fifth column element among them—and suggested that if they were called up they should serve elsewhere than on the Pacific coast.

The Defence Department at Ottawa is understood to have the whole matter under consideration. Most of the Japanese in British Columbia are Canadian-born and are, therefore, citizens of Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

People are wondering what has become of the cases of alleged illegal importation of liquor by motor car.

There are twenty-five empty homes here, due to the drowning of the guest children on the S. S. City of Benares.

The City Hospital is now making its annual appeal for financial assistance, which includes the pleasantly profitable means of patronizing their annual bazaar and entertainment.

Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday and Monday Thanksgiving holiday. Here this year we have much to give thanks for in addition to abundant crops.

Why, it may be asked, did Prime Minister King adjourn Parliament till Guy Fawkes' day? And is it on that account he has decided to have merely an informal opening with a skeleton attendance?

The U.S.A. does not require to go to war for a heavy casualty list—it has plenty now. The total auto fatalities for the first eight months of the year was 20,640—an increase of 7 per cent over the 19,280 toll for the corresponding period last year.

Prince Edward George Nicolas Paul Patrick, son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Kent, youngest brother of the King, born this date, 1935. The Duchess was formerly H.R.H. Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark.

Evidently the appointment of Mr. Elliott Roosevelt an honorary captain in the Air Force in the new U.S.A. Conscript Army is not being relished. In Kansas, the Dodge City Junior Chamber of Commerce telegraphed Elliott asking him to resign. The telegram read: "The morale of the young men of the nation has been badly shaken by your appointment to an undesired position in the Air Corps. Will you remedy this situation in part by resigning your captaincy immediately?"

Major M. M. McDonald, officer commanding the 6th Army Field Workshop R.C.O.C., Alberta, in an address to Rotarians at Drumheller, took occasion to praise the militia. Canada's volunteer regiments, he declared, have a very honorable record. Since the war of 1812, he stated, the Canadian militia has participated in every war in which Great Britain engaged, winning distinction in the field and playing a very important part in the defence of Canada and the Empire at large.

The crow migration experiment planned for this fall and winter by the University of Alberta may be postponed indefinitely, Dr. William Rowan, professor of zoology, reports. During last week-end the door of the building housing 200 crows assembled for the experiment opened, and about 125 escaped. Dr. Rowan spent the greater part of the summer catching the crows with the aid of rotten eggs and gopher traps. He had planned to start his experiment October 7 by treating part of the birds to increasing hours of artificial light. Funds had been provided for it by the Rockefeller foundation of New York. In former experiments, some of Dr. Rowan's treated crows flew north in the fall instead of south. He still hopes to gather enough crows to verify these experiments and continue them. He seeks to prove that hormones control the migratory instinct in birds.

One of the factors confusing American opinion on the results of the warfare now raging in the skies over England and Germany has been the irreconcilable contradictions in the official British and German reports of damage inflicted and losses sustained. Now we have the impressive report of Brig. Gen. George V. Strong, a thoroughly qualified military observer sent by the U.S.A. Government to England for the special purpose of watching the conflict. His conclusions are, first, that Great Britain will win the war after a long struggle; second, that German bombing has not seriously damaged London or other British centres in a military sense and cannot do so for a long time; third, that the Royal Air Force is outfighting and outlying the German pilots, while its own strength is constantly increasing; and fourth, that the British have frankly reported their own losses and err only on the side of conservatism in reporting German losses. As to invasion, he holds that it cannot now take place without losses which would prove appalling.

NOTES BY THE WAY

About the only interest left to outside world in the Rumanian and Balkan situation is in the possibility that it might bring about a Russo-German clash. Which eventually is much more hoped for than an actual one, expected. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Every Sunday for the next month or so special trains will run into the hinterland. With no more earnest purpose than that of giving a lot of people an opportunity to go bicycling and take pictures of some attractive scenery. They are known as "hobby trains" and they are wonderful institutions. They go to different places each week, but the routine is about the same. The train pulls into a village, and bicycles are passed around (they rent for \$1.50 a day, or you can bring your own). Then the stronghearted souls are given maps which route them to another village, perhaps 20 miles away. Less energy than it takes to get around in the vicinity for a couple of hours, then get back on the train. The train moves in stages, bringing materially over its flock, until finally they meet the all-out cyclists at their destination. — New York Times.

The activities of the Women's Institute have accelerated in making life in rural Ontario more attractive. Hon. P. M. Deane, Provincial Minister for Agriculture, paid it a well deserved tribute a few days ago. He shows a proper appreciation of the valuable service which this organization has rendered to the people of the farming districts and the benefits that have accrued to the business of agriculture. The Institute, which has branches in almost every community in Grey and Bruce counties, aims to develop enlightenment, culture and recreation for the women of the farm. But its benefits extend to all rural dwellers. There is no doubt life in the country is pleasanter because of its varied program. During the period of hostilities, Women's Institute branches are the centre of a great deal of worth-while work in connection with war effort. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

It is reported officially that quite a number of cards that were sent out to young men being called up for military training, are being returned to headquarters with the notation that the addressee had left the district and that his present address was unknown. This might happen, in many cases, if these young men, through the young men not having learned that any change of address, after the national registration, must be reported to district headquarters. But if there were deliberate moving about and concealment of change of address with a view to escaping military training, it should be well understood that this is a severe penalty for this, and that rigorous action will be taken to prevent evasion. That is necessary in fairness to all others who are required to report, rather than any attempt at evasion, will mean the avoidance of serious trouble. — Winnipeg Free Press.

The scene of this little drama of business is the home office of a big manufacturing company. The switchboard girl got two incoming calls momentarily crossed, and the vice-president of the company briefly heard the voice of his sales manager before being connected with the right party (a party named Miss Smith). He was to take to the Cafe Pierre that evening. Asking Miss Smith to wait a moment, the vice-president dashed to the switchboard and said to the operator: "Give me Jones (Jones) on the wire, ask him to step up to my office right away." At nine-thirty in the morning, the five-thirty that afternoon, Jones appeared in the vice-president's office. "Well, you took your time getting here. I sent you a message and you didn't come." The vice-president said, "I came as fast as I could." Jones said, rather sulkily, "After all, I was in Georgia." — New Yorker.

I think it should be incumbent upon newspapers when they are called on to record deviations from the path of rectitude by persons of whose names we know, to state definitely the report does not refer to the person with the well-known name. So many readers are mentally careless that it is almost inevitable that some of them will actually misplace the blame. The editor's name in a paragraph headed "McClung sent a paragraph on burglary charges." It doesn't say who McClung is or, indeed, anything about him except that he broke and entered. It would indeed be a terrible thing if a would-be burglar should go home and say he had seen in the paper a lecturer and publicist, whose hobby is growing onions, who had been charged on a burglary charge. It might get about and people would say, "Well, I got it right by our Nell." — Butterfield in Vancouver Province.

A notable fact regarding our education. I fancy the Minister for Education referred to it in a speech within the past week is that the great majority of them must have been born in or immediately after the last war. We used to be told in a hundred articles and speeches how disastrous that conflict was for the national physique and to what nervous and other ills the babies of the years 1914-18 would be subject. Yet I suppose the average age of pilots is somewhere about 24, which means that a large proportion of them must have been born in one or other of the war years; there would appear to be nothing conspicuously wrong with them. Incidentally, in case there may be a temptation to class the products of this typical public school majority of them had from schools not represented in the Headmasters' Conference. But such distinctions are being rapidly washed out in any case. — London Spectator.

WOULD COMPEL SAVING
MELBOURNE.—(CP)—To make a sounder financial edifice after the war, Sir Stanley Argyle, state opposition leader, said today that a fixed proportion of war-time earnings should be made compulsory.

Aerodrome Construction For The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan 1940

By J. A. WILSON, M.E.I.C. Controller of Civil Aviation

(The following address, recently delivered by Mr. Wilson before the Montreal Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, is the most complete and up-to-date report on the construction of aerodromes for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. It is published through the courtesy of the Press Liaison Officer, Department of Transport, and will be continued serially on this page. The detailed information given is of special interest in view of the establishment of two air training schools in this Province.)

INTRODUCTION

Each month of the World War 1914-18 saw a constantly increasing demand for more aircraft—first, for observation, then to fight off the observation planes and, finally, for bombing and saturation. Young Canada flocked eagerly into the new service and acquired themselves so well that the Royal Flying Corps established training bases in Canada to enlarge their field of recruitment and supplement their overcrowded home training establishments. Camp Borden, Leaside, Amherst, Toronto, Deseronto, Moncton and Beauport were all active flying training schools and Toronto University became the centre of their ground training activities.

History repeats itself—when the crisis came in the end of August, 1939, it was natural that Canada should again play an important part in the War in the Air. This time the need was much more urgent. With the expansion of the Royal Air Force, the air space of the United Kingdom was rapidly being encroached upon. Every month saw the creation of new squadrons as the output of aircraft rose. Each new unit required another aerodrome for operations and the need for more aerodromes of intensive air fighting and the continuous bombing of all aerodromes, made it essential to find bases where training could proceed without these distractions. Canada was the only practical outlet. Her accessibility, the satisfactory experience of training in the World War and the known enthusiasm of her youth for the air made it inevitable that she should become a great flying training centre for the British Empire. Missions for the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand were undertaken in September and, though an agreement was not concluded till December, the scale and scope in October so that preparatory work could be put in hand.

(To be continued.)

The Poet's Corner

FLAX FLOWER
At dawn, five petals, the color
Of a clear sky, unfold
A little world to circle
The centre of new gold.

Each day the five slow petals
Drift down before the night
And around the golden centre
The small green leaves fold tight.

But in the lacy towers
Hangs many a tight green bell,
And petals to-morrow
Will open like these that fell.

Perfection, over and over!
But low is his own flower—
And we must hold our breath closely
In bloom in the darkest hour!

—Genn Ward Dresbach in "The Christian Science Monitor."

SEEMS A NEW ONE

LONDON.—(CP)—Said to be a precedent in the British army, a private of the Royal Army Service Corps serving ten months after court-martial, asked for registration as a "conscientious objector"—and was.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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VOLUNTARY REGISTRATIONS

Sir,—On behalf of the committee in charge of the Voluntary Registration of Canadian women in this Province, I wish to express publicly our sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation we have received from the press of the Province, radio stations, C. F. C. Y. and C. H. G. S., Government and civic officials, churches, business firms, teachers, secretaries of Women's Institute and the host of willing workers who helped make the Voluntary Registration a success. With some rural districts yet to report, we have forwarded 4,004 Voluntary Registrations to the Head Office in Toronto where the statistics will be tabulated. The index cards will be made out in triplicate, one set will be sent to the Federal Government at Ottawa, one kept in the Head Office and one returned to this Province. Much valuable information has been recorded which will be useful to the Government in furthering their plans for women's work during and after the war.

Thanking you for your valuable space and again expressing our appreciation of your generous support of the Voluntary Registration of Canadian women. I am, Sir, etc. HAZEL MACMILLAN, (Mrs. J. A. Macmillan), Charlottetown. Convenor of the Provincial Committee V. R. C. W.

On Reading Government Reports

(Ottawa Journal) From a Canadian Press report of a newspaper conference with Prime Minister King on Thursday we take this: "Mr. King also disclosed that the report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations had not been shelved for the duration of the war, that he and his colleagues had been giving it close study. Now we're not going to suggest that Mr. King is fibbing—about himself. Maybe (though we hate the thought of it) he is spending his Kingmere evenings with the frightening tomes of this report before him, but we have our doubts about his colleagues. They may have told him that the report were in the thick of it, man they had got to page 500 of the third volume and were going strong, but we think he had better check up on them; or get a variant officer. Frankly, we don't believe that a single one of Mr. King's colleagues has gone through all of this report. It alone is given in 'close study.' And we're all servants. We haven't read it, or even half of the blessed report ourselves, and we're beginning to doubt whether we ever will, and we don't pretend to be half as busy as a cabinet minister. Actually (we're made a sort of check just through curiosity) we've only met one man who has gone through this report—and he's a newspaperman; one of those chap-chaps in the reporting game who really loves statistics, and who can understand them. All the others are spokesmen for the various departments and business and civil servants. They confessed they hadn't got around to it yet; said it is such a way as to make us suspect they never would get round to it. We're not blaming them, either."

Because this report is a fearsome thing—three volumes of the main report itself, plus heaven knows how many hundreds of thousands of words in the way of evidence and special studies of this subject; and that, and graphs and charts and statistics and appendices. We can't read it, and we're blushing home at night from his Supply Ministry work to go to sleep on such fare; or missing a game of badly-needed week-end golf over it; and we can even less imagine Mr. "Chubby" Power brooding over it—or Mr. "Tom" Crerar, or Mr. "Jimmie" Gardiner, Mr. Itley, a serious man, sort of a glutton for intellectual punishment, might. But Angus Macdonald is out. Often, over long years of all but falling over government reports and blue-books, we have wondered just how widely these documents are read. There's the Auditor General's report, for instance. The only person outside of Ottawa we ever heard of as demanding it was a barber. This barber was in a small Ontario town, and one day, starting a government official who had dropped into his shop, he inquired when the Auditor General's report would be out. "I didn't know this report was in such demand," said the surprised official, "why do you read it?" Replied the barber: "I don't read it; but its leaves are just the right size for wiping my razor."

Perhaps more of us would be better off if we read more blue-books; often, pretty well buried it is true, they have human interest bits in them, not to mention explanations for taxes, which seem to be getting

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MEN TAKEN FROM CLIPPER HAMILTON, Bermuda, Oct. 8.—(CP Cable)—Two men travelling on Norwegian passports were taken off the westbound Pan American Airways Atlantic clipper when it called here today and were held for investigation of their credentials. The men's names were given as Sverre Holter Sorenson and Anders Arnt Wilhelmson. They were among the 26 passengers being from Lisbon to New York on the plane.

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