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

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Welcome To Their Excellencies

Prince Edward Island cordially welcomes this evening Their Excellencies Viscount Alexander of Tunis and Lady Alexander, who are nearing the end of a tour which has taken them all across Canada, and which it is to be hoped will be the first of many visits during Lord Alexander's tenure of office as Governor General of Canada.

Their Excellencies are arriving by train at 7:30 this evening and are remaining until Tuesday morning. The programme is republished in detail in today's issue. Of chief public interest is the official reception on Monday morning in the Confederation Chamber, followed by the big gathering with Legion members and Scouts at the war monument, where His Excellency will place a wreath and will decorate several Island veterans with gallantry awards.

While a good deal of formality naturally attaches to a Governor General's visit, this is an occasion for something more heartwarming. Lord Alexander is known to many of our veterans as one of the ablest and most popular commanders of the war. He it was who achieved the mastery evacuation of Dunkirk and the retreat from Burma, and who planned, along with General Eisenhower, the strategy in Tripolitania, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy.

Quebec Grows Faster

While it is well known that the birth-rate of Quebec is much higher than that of Ontario, figures published by the Toronto Star disclose the surprising fact that whereas, in Ontario, it is the well-to-do classes which have the smallest families, in Quebec the richer families have the most children.

The figures disclose that, leaving migration out of the picture, the population of Quebec is growing twice as fast as that of Ontario. In Ontario the birth-rate was 23.7 per 1000 population in the 1921-25 period, and 17.5 in 1936-40. In Quebec it dropped from 35.5 to 24.6 in the same periods, and in all Canada it dropped from 27.4 to 20.5.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Ontario, Quebec, Canada. Rows for 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945.

The "natural increase"—the excess of births over deaths—fell from 12.3 to 7.2 per 1000 from 1921 to 1940 in Ontario, from 21.9 to 14.2 in Quebec, and from 16.2 to 10.7 in Canada. Since then the natural increase rates have been as follows:

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Ontario's net population increase, then, is about 100 per 10,000 as against 200 per 10,000 in Quebec. Quebec is growing twice as rapidly.

The 1946 Wool Clip

The bulk of the 1946 Canadian wool clip has reached the warehouses. Eastern domestic receipts have practically all been graded but in the case of Western grown wools, the larger warehouses have many carloads to be handled. Complete information for either quantity or quality of the 1946 clip is not yet available, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada, but reports indicate that there will probably be a moderate decrease in volume as compared with 1945.

Condition of the wool is somewhat variable. The British Columbia clip is reported as bright and light shrinking. The Alberta and Saskatchewan Range type wool graded to date would suggest that shrinkage is fairly high on the whole. Shrinkages in the Western Domestic type from the Prairie Provinces also vary according to district of origin and amount of rainfall experienced during the past year. The percentages of "bright" wool either equal those of 1945 or surpass them in the case of some of the year.

warehouses. The quality of Eastern Domestic, with respect to shrinkage, does not vary much from year to year. The extreme lightness of some Central Canada clips noted in 1945 and due to heavy rains before shearing were not as much in evidence in 1946.

The Canadian Wool Board Ltd. continues to be the sole purchaser of Canadian fleece wool in 1946 and prices to the grower have remained the same since control was adopted in 1942.

Book Reviews

"The Miracle of the Bells", by Russell Janney (George J. McLeod Ltd., Toronto \$3.50) is published today, and advance copies have been forwarded for review. It is a remarkable story about a stunt perpetrated by a Hollywood Press Agent, and which resulted in turning a little backward community upside down. The author has had extensive experience as a writer in various capacities, but this is said to be his first novel, and certainly it proves he has not mistaken his calling though late in starting upon it.

"Dolly Madison's Surprise", written and illustrated by Peter Wells (The John C. Winston Company, Philadelphia, \$1.50). A humorous child's book, of equal interest to adults, outlining the steps that led to the popularizing of ice-cream as an ideal desert for dinner parties.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

Flags flying for Their Excellencies today, tomorrow and Monday.

The horsemen have had the best season for years, but backers fared as usual, "some won, more than one lost."

To make known the aims and principles of the men shaping events and to forecast the possible consequences, "A free press is necessary" according to a recent statement by Pope Pius XII.

The Pontiac by-election made history in being the only case in which the Liberal machine, in a Quebec election since 1921, did not mention conscription. The Blues used the story this time. They merely inquired why the Liberals did not raise the issue.

It will be seen from an advertisement in another column that The Presbyterian College, Montreal, has returned to its old stand on the McGill Campus, and will re-open on October 1. During the war the Montreal Presbyterian College united with Knox College, Toronto, but, with the return of peace, by order of the General Assembly it was decided to resume as formerly. The acting principal is our distinguished Islander, Rev. Daniel J. Fraser, D.D., and there is a complete staff of professors and lecturers.

It is understood that the most important military result of the visit to Canada of Field Marshal Montgomery, is consideration of a plan by which Canadian division chief potential will receive potential training with the British Army. Officers of the Canadian active peacetime army would be switched frequently to British operational commands so they could obtain the feel and experience of handling large forces. This has always been a Canadian training weakness as there has never been large peacetime formations to handle in Canada. For instance, it is understood that the program might be launched soon with some of the more likely-looking Canadian officers going to the British Army of occupation in Germany where they could be given commands of large formations and get experience that would not otherwise be available.

Announcement is made of an offering by Dominion Securities Corporation and W. C. Piffard and Company of \$1,050,000 City of Halifax, 2, 2 1/2 and 3 per cent debentures, dated September 1, 1946 and to mature September 1, 1947-48. The 1947-48 issues have been sold and the 1947-48 issues are priced at from \$99.75 to 102.875 and accrued interest, with yield to maturity 2.52 per cent to 2.82 per cent. The proceeds of this issue will be used to defray the costs of a new tuberculosis hospital annex, alterations and equipment of schools, waterworks, other local improvements and the purchase of equipment for certain municipal buildings of the city.

The Autumnal Equinox. On or about the 21st of September the ecliptic or great circle which the sun appears to describe in the heavens, in the course of the year, crosses the terrestrial equator. The point of intersection is termed the equinoctial point, or the equinox, because at that period, from its position in relation to the sun, the earth, as it revolves on its axis, has exactly one-half of its surface illuminated by the sun's rays, whilst the other half remains in darkness, producing the phenomenon of equal day and night all over the world. As is well known, both the Autumnal and Vernal (March 21) equinoxes are distinguished over the world by the storms which prevail at these seasons, arising from the united tidal actions of the sun and moon upon the atmosphere; an action which at the time of the equinoxes is exerted with greater force than at any other period of the year.

Notes By The Way

The public is getting to the point where it is becoming disgusted with the series of strikes and it should be borne in mind by the disputing parties that strikes can be won if public opinion supports the demands. Many are beginning to fear that the strike chickens will come home to roost next winter when a lot of unemployed Samaras and empty coal bins will increase hardship. It is a certainty that Jack Frost will be on the job — Kitchener Daily Record.

A United States middle western city is preparing to pass an ordinance giving the police this power to order decreed automobiles off the streets as traffic nuisances and if necessary, to junk them out. This is a new wrinkle in traffic legislation, and in some ways a sharp infringement on the liberty of the individual. Yet it is not hard to see that it might do a great deal of good. The noisy rattle-trap that was built a dozen years ago and was sold from some yard when a lot of unemployed Samaras traffic would be few people to contend with if the police are authorized to send such cars off to the junkyard. — Chatham News.

In the old days the rich man knew the poor man by name. "Here my good fellow," said the rich man, "go out and buy your little stick of soap. The soap is under threat of force to Federal officials, the Federal officials pass it along to provincial officials, the provincial officials pass it along to municipal officials, and eventually the poor man (Case History T.D. 68874) gets a voucher for \$2.75 to go out and buy his soap. The rich man never heard about this. For if he had, he would certainly have behaved differently. He would not have given his personal assistance to him that fell among thieves; he would not have bound his wounds, or given him a ride to the inn. — Calgary Herald.

Also criminal police are disturbed by the fact that more than 50 percent of the felonies committed in the Norwegian capital are the work of individuals under 25 years of age. The vast majority of these crimes involve stolen automobiles, or theft from stores, cafes and other places of business. Such outbreaks appear to occur in series and it is understood that the police are operating in groups. Officials are agreed that the outbreak of petty crime must be regarded as a post-war phenomenon and may be expected to subside in time. By way of statistics, the police report that there are now as many as 100,000 stolen cars in circulation in Norway. — News of Norway.

Sir Alroth Edward Wright, one of the greatest medical scientists of our generation, who daily for 40 years has been a constant assistance from his own body for experiments has just celebrated his 85th birthday. Director of the inoculation department in the London School of Hygiene, his discovery of inoculation for typhoid saved 100,000 British lives during the First World War. The Montreal Daily Mirror says Sir Alroth once said that asthma could be cured by having a wife who cleans too much. A man who went to Japan on a business mission suddenly found that his complaint had vanished. He went home and it returned. It was discovered that his wife was one of the lady who had been in the line of the inoculation, and that mould had accumulated beneath the linoleum, causing the asthma.

Experts have declared that the fur of the common Australian water rat is quite as good, and perhaps even better, than that of the American muskrat, which is used extensively in the fur industry. The Australian animal is a dark brown color, and its fur is heavier, however, varies with seasonal and locational changes. The winter coat of the water rat is of short hair, and the animal itself is equal in size to the three-quarter grown rabbit. — Australian News-letter.

Every tenth American gets sick enough in the hospital a year to become a hospital patient. Last year more than 16,250,000 people—12.3 percent of the total population—saw some kind of a doctor in hospitals, says New York P.M. Nearly 2,000,000 new citizens were born in the 7,900 hospitals in this country last year. The total cost of the first 12 biggest American industries, they represent a capital investment of more than \$5,000,000,000 and employ about 1,000,000,000,000 a year and employ about half a million people. All but five percent are run on a non-profit basis; government-operated hospitals (local, state and federal) account for 78 percent of the total hospital bed capacity of the nation. 1,000 hospitals on any given day in 1945 were 1,405,247.

Gilbert and Sullivan have penetrated Japan. Under the sponsorship of Americans "The Mikado" has been given in the Empire Pyle Theatre in Tokyo. The Portland Press Herald reports. One of our own Portland boys Robert A. Fogg, interestingly enough, had a part in the production which, United Press reports, never was presented in a more lavish manner. A considerable number of Japanese, principally in the chorus, performed, report had as though they had been spectators in Gilbert and Sullivan all their lives; and the 50 Japanese citizens who saw the show for the first time found very little of it that was objectionable. That ought to end the discussion which has raged ever since opening night of "The Mikado" in London in 1885 as to the propriety of presenting the opera. There were unofficial objections to it emanating from Tokyo; even during the war proposals to present it upon the American stage were frowned upon as likely to infuriate the enemy and make the task of our army forces the harder. Perhaps the new spirit in Japan that now makes it seem unobjectionable; it may be a million in better relations. As any rate, it is something more than interesting that less than a year after the surrender, a considerable group of Japanese singers and dancers should participate in presentation of an opera that used to be thought offensive, and that almost all of the Japs in the audience who saw and heard it found the performance "thoroughly enjoyable."

Capital Closeups

By JACK BRAYLEY (Canadian Press Staff Writer, Ottawa)

While Prime Ministerial press conferences may never return to their pre-war frequency, the opinion is widely held here that Mr. King and his fellow members of the Parliamentary press gallery will meet here often in future. When Mr. King accepted honorary membership in the gallery, he apologized for not being able to meet newspapermen as often during the war as he would have liked. But he said he intended to call a press conference whenever he had anything important to announce and he hoped he would be able to hold frequent peacetime conferences.

Meanwhile Mr. King, the everybody else, is probably interested in what President Truman is going to do about future press conferences. The United States president has already made his conferences less frequent than those of his predecessor—Mr. Roosevelt. A curb on presidential press relations would be a bigger blow to the United States press than similar action would be in Canada for under the British parliamentary system the Cabinet is constantly available for questioning from the floor of the House during Parliamentary sessions. Members of the American Cabinet are not so available. In Canada too, newspapermen can and do get members of Parliament to ask questions in the House on problems of the day. Mr. King also made a peacetime rule of holding regular press conferences following important Cabinet decisions. It is the public could be kept in touch with government action and so he could keep his ear to what the public knows.

Mr. King's last two conferences were a year apart and were packed with news. In August, 1945, he announced a cabinet shuffle and last month he announced a diplomatic shuffle. He never puts anything off-record and can be quoted directly on anything that goes on at the conference.

Mountie's Mountie: Canada's new second Deputy Commissioner Royal Gagnon—was approximately enough born in a police barracks. His father was Supt. Severe Gagnon, one of the original officers of the old Royal North West Mounted Police, and the Superior Court was stationed in Regina 38 years ago when the Deputy Commissioner was born. Commissioner Gagnon's grandfather was Joseph Royal, third Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories.

Mr. King Undisturbed

(Toronto Telegram) In concluding his report of the Prime Minister's recent press conference our correspondent at Ottawa remarked that listening to Mr. King's report for making haste slowly in international and national affairs produced a mental picture of a nice old man in a suit and tie, with a slight smile on his face, and a slight nod of his head. It is a neat description not only of Mr. King today but of him throughout his whole life. In the best of all possible worlds it would make a lovely picture; but this is not the best of all possible worlds.

Throughout his career in office the Prime Minister's policy has been one of "wait and see." Let things drift; keep an eye on public opinion and follow it. It was this "do-nothing" policy prior to the war which prevented Canada co-operating on matters of defense with Britain and the sister Dominions. It came to full flower during the war in that ineffable phrase coined by the Prime Minister—"conscription if necessary." That policy permitted thousands of draftees to take to the woods while other young Canadians were being crisscrossed for reinforcements on European battlefields, and it has now extended a general amnesty to the deserter. It has paralyzed the government today when strikes in industry are bringing the national economy to a standstill—faster than Hon. C. D. Howe. There never was a better example of Mr. King's capacity for ample detachment from the life of the nation than his complete silence at his press conference about the labor strife in Canada with 50,000 workmen on strike. We are cold that in meeting the news papermen Mr. King was in a philosophical mood. He folded his hands over his stomach and talked

The Poet's Corner

MIRRORS
Faces that I scan in passing
Through the crowded city street,
Gayly smiling, wan or somber,
Haunt me as we chance to meet.
For our glances hold in crossing
Useless is the thin disguise—
All the hidden pain and longing
Is reflected in your eyes.
Grief subdued but not forgotten
Thwarted love—I vainly cry—
For I cannot bear the sadness
Glimpsed in faces passing by.
Can it be my face too mirrored,
As I pass amid the throng,
All the emptiness and sorrow,
That I hide beneath a song?
—William D. DeCoste, Canadian Army, (Formerly of Charlottetown)

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