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

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"Canadian Veteran" Protests

The Canadian Veteran, a monthly paper published in the interests of present and former members of the service forces, has this to say about the disfranchisement of our fighting forces by the Jones Government.

"Following the lead of the late Nixon Government of Prince Edward Island—which has called an election for September 15th—has taken pains to see that those who are wearing navy blue, khaki and Air Force blue in defence of the democratic principles for which universal suffrage stands have been thoroughly disfranchised.

"It can at least be said of P.E.I. that the hypocritical camouflage which surrounded the Ontario voting is absent. There is no pretence of anything comparable to the proxy system which, in effect, offered the vote to the man and woman on service while at the same time actually withholding it."

"That, in any event, is commendable, but the final result is the same. The Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island has not made any provision whatsoever, deceptive or otherwise, for taking the vote of its people on service. It has totally ignored them and their right to a say in the government of the country for which they are fighting. As a result some ten to twelve thousand of those who have a pre-eminence right to vote are disfranchised.

"It would have been thought that the Ontario lesson should have been sufficient warning to all those who owe a particular duty to the men and women on service. Apparently, in the case of P. E. I., that is not so. It remains to the veterans and their associations in that and any other province, as voters, to teach the Government which will not play the game with those who are preserving the very fundamentals of our system a stern lesson.

"Ontario veterans did it—their comrades in Prince Edward Island might well follow their lead."

Railway Wharf Repairs

"We will continue," says the Liberal election platform, "to urge upon the Federal Government the necessity of improving the Charlottetown Harbour and waterfront."

"Continue" is good! As every elector knows, provision for repair of the railway wharf at Charlottetown was voted by Parliament some years ago. The contract was let for \$225,000 and the contractors had started work when their contract was cancelled by the King Government. The Government had to pay \$175,000 in cash for materials, consisting of steel, creosoted lumber, cement, sand and gravel, also some unknown amount of damages to the contractors. The steel after lying on the Charlottetown wharves for four years, has now been towed away to Mulgrave—indicating plainly enough that the Government has no intention of completing this work for which, as above noted, Parliament had voted the money.

The excuse given for stopping the work was wartime economy. The fact is that it had everything to recommend it as a war measure. What is more necessary to our farmers, than accommodation for ocean facilities which would mean saving of time and facilities in loading ships in Charlottetown with Island produce instead of sending them by rail to Moncton, Halifax and Montreal?

What have our Liberal governments, here or at Ottawa, done to expedite this work? The answer is, absolutely nothing. Now the Jones Government promises to "continue" its efforts. This is a good example of Liberal promise-making—coming as it does right on top of the action of the King Government in removing the wharf repair materials from the Province altogether.

Shortage of Protein Feeds

While the local Liberal press is endeavoring to throw cold water on the Conservative proposal for the establishment of fish meal plants here, it is interesting to note that the Dominion Government, through its Agricultural Supplies Board, is emphasizing the great importance of producing as much as possible of such protein ingredients. There is, says the Board, "a very definite shortage of such products required to balance the rations for poultry and hogs, particularly in their early growing period." All the animal proteins (tankage, meat scrap, fish meal, etc.) and vegetable proteins (the various oilcake meals, alfalfa meal, etc.) that are produced in Canada are being kept for the use of Canadian seeders, and says a Board bulletin, "special measures have been taken to encourage, where possible, the increased production of these protein feeds." Despite these measures, however, the supply "can by no means equal the potential demand, and the utmost ingenuity is called for in making the best possible use of such supplies as may be available and in improvising special feeding practices where supplies of these products cannot be had."

"As the Canadian feeder of live stock or poultry faces the coming winter," says the bulletin above quoted, which is dated Sept. 1, "he sees in prospect a generally good supply of fodder, feed grains in plentiful supply in Western Canada but still presenting a problem of transportation in so far as Eastern Canada especially is concerned, with proteins definitely short of potential demand and calling for the utmost use of home-grown supplies as can be made available."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ceilings on our canned chicken haddies, finnan haddies and mackerel, as well as our potatoes are now in force.

No one denies that Premier Jones is a well-meaning, good-intentioned farmer, but in politics, as in religion, hades is paved with such "intentions."

Do you recall when the stores could not possibly afford to give their staffs a half-holiday before Dominion Day and after Labor Day? And now—!

The quiet of the election to date has been disturbed by the unobtrusive nomination of seventy-two candidates for sixty seats; shows how dissatisfied many of the electorate are with the present regime.

The powers-that-be at Ottawa evidently don't know where they are in the matter of the surrender of Italy. First they machine-ordered a public celebration from Halifax to Vancouver, then hastily and undignifiedly cancelled it. We don't like these "made in Ottawa" demonstrations to boost an otherwise unpopular administration.

Some people's luck is proverbial. When a big bomb dropped in Adolf Hitler Platz it damaged the radio station building and a nearby cafe frequented by the radio quishings. The concussion shook the building with such force that some of those in the shelter fainted, among them Lord Haw Haw and Danish women broadcasters but none was killed or injured.

Decision to hold a fall session of the Quebec legislature, commencing either in October or November, has been taken by the Godbout government. Following this session, the fifth in the life of the present legislature, there will be provincial general elections during the winter, almost immediately after prorogation.

It is reported Rev. J. S. Thomson, general manager, of C. B. C. will shortly resign. He assumed duties about a year ago, and his term of office has not been a bed of roses. He is controversially aggressive, and has been charged with showing political partizanship in his administration. He is likely to return to the presidency of Saskatchewan University from which he obtained a year's leave to succeed Major Gladstone Murray.

Ten United States Air Force men went out in a Liberator in Northern Australia and one came back—after 141 summer days in arid bush country, during which he lived on snake, alligator, crab, dead fish and berries, and reduced his weight from 168 lbs. to 84 lbs. On the way home from a bombing raid the plane struck heavy weather and the instruments failed. Hopelessly lost the pilot cruised until petrol ran out and then the crew left by parachute.

Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, English writer, wife of William Godwin, English revolutionary writer, mother-in-law of Shelley, born this date, 1759; was a pioneer suffragette in the Woman's Movement; publications include "Vindication of the Rights of Women"; and Original Stories for Children"; of her before her marriage, her sister-in-law, Hannah, wrote: "Good sense without vanity, a penetrating judgment without a disposition to satire, with about as much religion as my brother William likes, struck me with a wish that she was my William's wife."

The Federal Government has been asked by the Western livestock shippers and dealers to establish floor prices on all classes of cattle and to provide an organization to purchase surplus cattle for export to the United States in order to eliminate a threatened crisis in the livestock marketing this fall. While suggestions that floor prices be established on live cattle are being considered, officials of the Prices Board said that in effect a price floor already exists. Wholesale meat prices are set by order and these prices are reflected in live cattle values. "No surplus of cattle now exists in Canada," said one food authority. "The Canadian Meat Board, which would handle the export of meat has not so far been able to buy surplus stocks for such export."

Some important hints to parents and school children for the protection of the children's health were offered by Mr. Jules Gilbert, in charge of educational hygiene, in a lecture preparatory to the opening of Quebec schools. Stressing the need to impress the children with the idea of protecting other people when they, the youngsters, cough or sneeze, and of washing their hands before they approach the table for meals, Mr. Gilbert declared: "These are two important factors in preventing the spread of infectious diseases such as measles, scarlet fever and other eruptive fevers like colds, grippe, diphtheria, tuberculosis, etc. Other diseases such as typhoid, are spread through uncleanliness. It is very important for youth to form good habits to prevent contagion."

Writing to Saint John Board of Trade, Mr. C. F. Bailey, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, is most optimistic regarding the harvesting of all crops. He says: "My impression is that the New Brunswick hay crop will be up to average in yield, but will no doubt be somewhat reduced from the standpoint of quality, due to the unfavorable weather conditions we have experienced since the first of July.

"Roots will, no doubt, be excellent this year. The potato crop promises to be above average in yield, unless we have the misfortune to have serious losses due to blight. . . . I also believe the New Brunswick farmers have increased their acreage of potatoes approximately 25 per cent. This is nine percent greater than was asked for by the federal department of agriculture.

"The grain crop should be up to average, but much of it will be late in ripening and I fear we are going to experience extreme difficulty in harvesting the crop. . . .

"Our apple crop this year will be above average in size and quality. Generally speaking, I do not feel that we have very much to complain about as regards crops."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor reserves the right to accept or to refuse any correspondence.

S.O.S. CALL IN 2nd. QUEEN'S

Sir—Why aren't the Government candidates present at the joint meetings? This is a question I could give many different answers to. The election has been called a snap election not only in this Province but in other Provinces, and many of the Liberal candidates themselves have been caught napping. The S.O.S. call in the Second District of Queens is being sent out to get the road machines going and get the faithful to work. We all agree that many of the experienced operators are employed at this time in other provinces and by what I have seen in the Second District of Queens, I think I am safe in saying amateur operators. A short distance from Milton I saw a ditcher working from early morning till night on a private farm. Further east, near Kingston, I saw a farmer at or near Kingston busily engaged with the faithful working on a farmers lane. No doubt the operator of this machine is not being familiar to work. District took this lane to be a public highway. After seeing this man working on this particular lane I said to my neighbour, "You can't blame the operator, no doubt his orders were work both by day and night." The highway foreman should be present to differentiate the highway from farmers' privately owned lanes. I am, Sir, etc. VOTER.

PROMISING EVERYTHING

Sir—Saturday evening I heard a broadcast by the Premier of P. E. I. I heard Mr. Walter Jones, speaking on behalf of his policy in the forthcoming election. As we formerly belonged to P.E.I., naturally I listened very intently. I sincerely regret ever having left there. But since hearing the speech by Mr. Jones I am in hopes that I might be able to do some good in this Garden of Eden, as was so eloquently outlined by Mr. Jones. Electric lights and running water, telephones, paved roads, more and better doctors, hospitals, transportation, better roads to Parks, all the time and fertilizer needed by farmers. I don't think he mentioned potato blight but let that be, as one cannot expect everything. I imagine all the fishermen will have to do is throw a line overboard and the fish will be right there to bite. And there is the best situation for the farmers and to ship all their beef to Newfoundland because the price is better. O. K. by the farmer I have no doubt he will import beef from the West to feed the people of P.E.I. or maybe they are to eat fruit like Apples and Eve. I hope none of it is forbidden. I have my suitcase packed and waiting to hear Hon. Dr. MacMillan's speech. If he has more than I am going over for keeps. I am, Sir, etc. ANXIOUS. New Glasgow, N.S.

THE GREAT DISCOVERY

Sir—One of the most remarkable discoveries of recent times is that of the Liberal press and party. The discovery of the "New Farm Leader" wizard, Mr. J. Walker Jones. For a number of years this man has been a member of Parliament in this Province. During that time no person has discovered him. His wonderful abilities as a farm representative were never recognized in the House he never indicated a vigorous young farmer. It is now discovered that he has a number of secret farms. He never assisted the Minister of Agriculture by helpful suggestions. His contributions were particularly barren in the way of debate. That the Liberal Party never considered his abilities were of a value is a fact that he never received portfolio recognition. Neither was he even included in the Executive. The same people who now invest Mr. Jones with a Moses-like quality are the same people who are now investing Mr. Jones with a Moses-like quality. And then something happened. The wise men of the Party decided to select a man to be Premier. Mr. Jones was not even thought of. But during the bewilderment and confusion that followed, chance, fate and confusion, led to every one's surprise, pulled Mr. Jones out of obscurity, and he now has a leader of most extraordinary qualifications. That he has a good estimate of his own abilities and a poor estimate of those of his former colleagues is evidenced by the fact that he appointed himself to be Premier. Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Education, and to some other of his magnificent salaries. Now the machine is attempting to play up Mr. Jones as the great man of the hour. Why not during all the years he has been a member? Is he any different today? What is the method of catching the farmer votes. Look over the personnel of his party eighteen of which were members with him for years and

NO KETTLE-SONG FOR ANY BREW Not Vervain, "Simpler's Joy," nor Cardamom, the grace of Paradise." Not Fennel, "healer of the reaper's woe" nor Fenel, "that contains a subtle spice." Not these nor any other herbs, suffice To make an embrocation for the bane This herb brings, Anise, that "swageth pain." Is-fuul, and leper-cleansing Hyssop, too, is vain. Seek, the no-kettle-song for any brew. Gather not on May-day the May. From Celandine or Rosemary or Rue. There is no wine the herbalist can make. There is no draught the simpler can prepare To cure the soul's disease, the sprit's ache. Not the Black Nightshade nor White Maidenhair, Nor Betony, "that drives the devils out," can slake The mind's ill and the heart's most grievous break. —James L. Duff, in The Washington Post.

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TO-NIGHT

9.30 to 10 O'clock

Mr. Walter G. MacKenzie, outstanding farmer and Progressive Conservative Candidate in the First District of Queens speaks this evening, Friday, at 7.45

POLITICAL MEETINGS 2ND DISTRICT OF QUEENS

HUNTER RIVER, Friday, Sept. 10th. NORTH RUSTICO, Monday, Sept. 13th. The Government candidates are invited to attend and will be given half the time.

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MONTAGUE — Friday, September 10th. NEW PERTH — Monday, September 13th. All meetings at eight o'clock P.M.

(Sgd) LESLIE HUNTER WILFRED WATTERWORTH JOSEPH G. CAMPBELL H. F. MacPHEE

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Friday, 7.15 to 7.30 — Hon. W. F. Allan Stewart and Mrs. Marion Lea Stewart. Saturday 9.00 to 9.30 P.M., Premier Jones.

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