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

Three Mighty Symbols

When we read of a bomb dropping near Westminster Abbey, says the Morning Post, we think of the neighbour of Westminster Abbey, Westminster Hall, that for so many years was the Law Courts and the scene of so many famous trials...

Inspirational Leadership

Cabinet shifts at Ottawa since the outbreak of war, says the Financial Post, have done little to improve the "inspirational" leadership so greatly needed for success in arms.

At present the most important bureaus connected with this part of the war programme are relegated to minor positions in three different government departments.

The Department of Public Information is attached to the six-member circuit which Hon. James Gardiner is attempting to run as Minister of National War Services and Minister of Agriculture.

Our National Film Board and the Canadian Motion Picture Bureau are under the direction of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is still attached to the Hon. C. D. Howe, though what time he has to direct it after he has attended his dual responsibilities as policymaker and administrator in the Department of Munitions and Supply is something of a mystery.

Why not bring these three departments together under an eager, imaginative leader who would devote his whole time and energy to seeing that no stone was left unturned to inform and inspire Canadians about the war effort?

Such a department, if properly organized and staffed, suggests the Post, would permit the weeding out of many publicity departments now attached to various departments. It would provide the Prime Minister—the one to whom the country must look for leadership—with an instrument capable of arousing and inspiring all Canadians.

The job of a leader is to lead. In wartime the leadership of inspiration is as much a weapon of victory as the making of guns and the training of troops.

This is a job that Prime Minister King has not yet done effectively.

A Thrilling Prospect

A London correspondent writes:

Amongst other things every Army officer in Britain has now to satisfy competent authority as to his ability to drive an Army motor truck and ride a motor-bike. He is given, if he lacks this accomplishment, three days to learn the truck-driving and two to pick up motor-cycling.

This is a hard and fast rule, applying to all ranks up to Colonel. A Brigadier is exempt, provided he is prepared to take a seat on the pillion of a motor-cycle in urgent emergency. This opens up a really gorgeous prospect from the standpoint of any rate of junior subalterns. What a thrill it will be for these dashing young soldiers, if some day a suitable emergency occurs, — and they find themselves in the enviable position of tooting at seventy-miles-an-hour over rough going, with a fully booted and tabbed Brigadier clasping them affectionately round the waist from the pillion seat.

Nor will that joy be confined to the actual motorcyclist. It would be a faint-hearted battalion that failed to raise a cheer on glimpsing such a spectacle.

Our Best Propagandists

A writer in the New York Times notes that priceless first editions of English classics of literature are among the Howe Collection, just presented to the New York Public Library: "There is a first edition of the 'Faerie Queen,' a first edition of the 'Pilgrimage in a Country Churchyard' in the original paper wrappers; first edition of 'Pleasant Land' in original parts, a first edition of Lamb's Tales in the original boards,

an early Robert Burns edition."

He suggests that here is the real reason, and not any activities real or alleged of Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, why "it is no trick at all for British propaganda to play on American heart-strings."

"How much harder Alfred Duff Cooper and his confederates of 1940 would have found their work if Shakespeare and Milton and Gray and Dickens and Lamb had remained in their original wrappers and nobody in America had read them."

It seems that perhaps, after all, the reason more imperative and inescapable than any other why the American people watch the defence of Britain with anxious hearts is that they seek the same language and acknowledge a common tradition.

EDITORIAL NOTES

October enters on its last lap.
Hallowe'eners are advised that the best place for their pranks this year is in Hunland instead of Funland.

A "Whole Hogger" is one who wants a monopoly without consideration for others—like Premier Campbell in politics and Herr Hitler in world-power.

According to the worldly-wise and extremely cautious Minister of Agriculture, never given to extremes, we are going to have at least 2,000 additional population as the result of the opening of the airport schools. Of course, he makes no allowance for the 3,000 or 4,000 young men already gone from us.

The C.N.R. car ferry "Charlottetown" has carried 49,242 passengers during the first nine months of the year, an increase of 4,011 over last year. This is, if these were all coming our way and not return ticketers from here, the visitors to Prince Edward Island this year must have numbered more than half our population.

John Locke, English philosopher, died this date, 1704. Locke's writings cover a wide range of subjects, including philosophy, theology, economics, education and sciences. He is best remembered by his "Essay on Human Understanding." He argues against the doctrine of innateness of our ideas, for we must go back to experience for everything. Despite this he does not deny the existence of intuitive knowledge, where, unless we give way to utter scepticism, it is inevitable in pure mathematics and religion.

There is not one unmarried man left in Timboon, a township 150 miles from Melbourne. They have all enlisted in the fighting forces and all the work in the district is being carried on by married men and womenfolk. The township consists of a school, post office, two churches, hotel, and mechanics institute. Farming, timber milling and lime burning are carried on in the district. All of the unmarried men, most of whom were dairy farmers, bush workers, drivers, or store assistants, have joined some branch of the Australian Imperial Force. When they heard that France had capitulated, the last two single men walked into Warrambool, a large town 34 miles away, and enlisted.

With a prospective deficit in commodity trade with the United States amounting possibly to \$300,000,000 for a full year, the difficulties of payment under war conditions manifestly can become very great, even if, as is anticipated, Canadian exports increase more than has been allowed for, so that the debit for commodity trade will be reduced. Under the most favorable circumstances, however, the deficit in Canada's balance of payments with the United States will be so heavy this year that it is imperative some action be taken to reduce materially United States imports in order that a reasonably satisfactory balance of payments may be achieved. Several courses are possible to this end. What seems a practical process and one affording the line of least resistance would be to reduce imports of luxuries and non-essential goods. Although war demands, in any event, will inevitably keep United States imports at a very high level, the "balance of payments difficulty" could be met to an appreciable degree in the manner here suggested. Though it would not, of course, solve the American dollar problem for Canada it would be a goodly step in that direction.

Making milk into buttons instead of boys is at last receiving the attention of Health authorities. Greater linking up of agriculture with the health as well as food requirements of the population was urged by Professor David L. Thomson, Ph.D., F.R.S.C., professor of biochemistry, McGill University, in an address before the Canadian Club of Montreal. "There is," said Dr. Thomson, "a most urgent need for a new point of view in the development of agriculture. We must look at this question not merely from the point of view of what seems best for the soil, or the climate, or the welfare of vested interests, but we must also consider the question of what foods the people of Canada need most. Such a policy could be well summed up by calling it the 'marriage of agriculture with health.' The lowest cost of a completely adequate diet in Montreal at present for two adults and three children is \$7.50 a week. A family of that size on relief in Montreal receives \$5.50 for food expenditures, and in practice not all of that sum goes for food." Dr. Thomson also made this statement: "One-third of the children in our Canadian cities never drink milk at all." In this regard he was advocating greater attention to milk, which he believed "deserves to be subsidized." Milk, he pointed out, contains the valuable element of calcium. Skim milk was also a valuable food but now it is often "fed to pigs or poured down the drain." Skim milk was also converted into such things as buttons, combs and even synthetic wool. The address was ended with this sentence: "Really, the conversion of milk which our children cry out for, into things like buttons and combs seems to me to be inexcusable and incomprehensible folly."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Molotov disposes of the rumor that there is a rift between Soviet Russia and the Reich. No, they can break the historic friendship of the two countries, which has continued unbroken for almost a year. —The New Yorker.

The pump quit on C. Lease Bussard's farm, and Bussard climbed into the well to make repairs. Current feet down, the pump he found the trouble—noisy, mad and hungry. A 200-pound hog had crashed through the well flooring, disabling the pump. Farmhands hauled the hog out in a sling.

Going back to Sir Wilfred Laurier's time, our cash on hand was around 18 per cent of our federal debts. Now it is something like 10 per cent of our debts. There was no inflation at Sir Wilfred Laurier's time, and there would be none now if we doubled the circulation of real money, for our productive power to increase wealth has gone up many fold since the turn of the century. —Fancy Fisherman.

Pictures again show Canadian soldiers training with bayonets. The experts say that there is not one soldier in the world who is not actually using a bayonet while on active service under modern conditions. "Their best use is for holding fast over a fire," said the experts. "The bayonet is probably worth while in some cases the same way that study of Latin and kindred subjects is useful in the schools. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

The suggestion is made in some quarters that the second Canadian war loan was not taken by small investors as it might have been because of a "special" interest government at Ottawa. It is an insult to people of the non-government parties to suggest that they will refuse to do their part in the war effort because the party is in opposition. —Ottawa Citizen.

An editorial in The New York Times, describing the English Channel as a "great barrier" and its value in defence, concludes with these stirring words and thoughts: "Even more, the Channel is the barrier of the British soul. Its part in the history of the world is foaming with the spirit of freedom which liberty has been nurtured. There is an invisible English Channel which, until the final word is written, we shall not believe to have been crossed by the great Captain of the great battles, which never yet has struck its flag. —St. Catharines Standard.

Windsorites were jolted only the other day when Iron Hartmann, who escaped from an Alberta internment camp and was later recaptured, turned out to be a Calgary "newsboy" who had fled from 10-penny internment in Ontario. He had fallen and enlisted here with the Essex Scottish. And didn't we already read in the Spectator the leader of a Canadian Fascist movement who had fled from internment and been dramatically recognized at me, out St. Luke road way? Naturally Canada is concerned over the coming-from-within business. —Harrison in Windsor Star.

When the man on the street asks what he can do to help Canada in her war effort, a reasonable answer would be that he can help to lower the fire risk on the island. The fire insurance convention held during the last ten years in Canadian fire losses reaching the huge total of \$31,000,000. The fire loss per capita less by fire in Canada is \$3.36, a little higher than that of the United States, while England's 71 cents before the war was only 17 cents after the war. The fire bombing will have raised the English losses considerably, but it is doubtful whether, even at that they will reach the Canadian and United States per capita fire losses. —

Germany has been at war not one year, but six. All that the German armies had to do on the Continent was to force their way along roads prepared long in advance by Fifth Columnists, saboteurs, political agents, and spies, bearing bribes and promises. That triumphant progress stopped at the Channel. But the political war goes on. It is a game that we can play as well as Hitler, for we ought to be better, for we hold cards that he does not. In every land that the Germans have invaded is a ready-made Fifth Column Continentally, and in every one who long for a chance to wreck the work in cafes and other meeting-places up and down the Continent are ears listening for a message of hope from us. —Sunday Chronicle.

If we understand the American people—and as to this our common interests leave little doubt—we are obliged to conclude that Japan has stuck out her tongue too far this time. No form of Oriental plausibility will disguise the truth that the open tie-up with the dictator Axis is an invitation to the United States to fight. The paper from Tokyo that the Foreign Office has not abandoned hope of composing the differences disregards an accumulated series of offenses, and ignores totally the fact that the latest challenge comes through Axis partnership as an avowed reprisal for Washington's ban on shipments of scrap iron. The recourses is too obvious for trifling excuses. Japan's Axis sympathies, her agreement to provision Italy, when the latter entered the war, and her own unjustified wars, have made her a soul-mate of totalitarian brutality which all the world recognized. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

Throughout the Annapolis Valley thousands of barrels of good apples lie on the ground. There is a disposition to allow them to remain there and rot. The apples have little marketable value. A single barrel of official puts it, as one farmer puts it, "a grade apple." It is well impossible to place the apples on the market at any price—and dealers have no wish to see a flood of apples on the market at sacrifice prices. Such an occurrence would depress the market generally. The general manager of the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board holds out little hope that growers

Nine Provinces Find 33 Taxation Groups

(Financial Post)
For taxation purposes, Canada's nine provinces divided corporations into 33 classifications, according to a compilation recently prepared by Ontario authorities.
Not all of the provinces use all 33 classifications but the whole 33 are used by one or more provinces. Where a separate classification may not be made by a province, the general tax usually applies so that few escape.
Inequality of the nine provincial tax-gathering agencies has resulted in an amazing duplication of tax returns, partly because each province has its own ideas of what should be taxed. Take the case of taxes on capital and surplus alone.

Taxes on Capital
Without exception, each province taxes at least some classifications of companies. The basis of taxation in Prince Edward Island imposes a tax based on paid-up capital only on non-operating companies with head offices in that province. Others use this tax widely.
But capital taxes may be based on paid-up capital or on capital plus reserve and surplus. Distinction is made by Saskatchewan between shares with a fixed value and no par value. Capital taxes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia may vary between Dominion companies, extra provincial companies and foreign companies. Then the device of a filing fee is widely used by New Brunswick and Manitoba.

Income Taxes
Income taxes may be levied on gross income, net income or merely on revenue obtained. Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Quebec impose a flat 5 per cent tax on net income, for practically all types of companies. By corporation income taxes on a sliding scale are imposed by Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. Alberta's regular corporation income tax is 3 per cent which is not taxed, increasing 1 per cent for \$1,000 to \$10,000, after which it is a flat 7 per cent less the tax on capital. British Columbia imposes 1 per cent on the first \$1,000, increasing 1 per cent for each \$1,000 to \$19,000, after which the rate is a flat 10 per cent. This province also has a surtax on income over \$5,000 ranging from 1 per cent to 18 per cent.
Manitoba has a simpler system whereby taxable income has to pay 1 per cent for the first \$1,000, increasing 1 per cent for each \$1,000 to \$19,000 and then a flat 10 per cent. This province also uses the filing fee ranging from \$2 to \$100.

A Few Exceptions
Strange as it may seem, there are a few classifications of companies which are not taxed in certain provinces. For example, opposite telephone companies under the heading Saskatchewan, the Ontario-prepared tabulation shows "nil." Saskatchewan does not tax telephone companies. Telephone companies in Saskatchewan are owned by the province or the municipalities. Navigation companies operating hotels are taxed in most provinces with the exception of Saskatchewan, probably because Saskatchewan provides practically no opportunities for navigation. Consequently there may be no hotels operated by navigation companies in the province.
Prince Edward Island rather fancies an "arrangement" whereby the province which the compilation labels, "Special Arrangement" in the Island province this kind of tax schedule applies to car companies, railways and railway-operated hotels.

Everybody's Business

(Halifax Chronicle)
The general public, especially that great part of the general public which pays an annual fee for radio privileges, will expect to hear more about the resignation of Alan B. Plaunt. Mr. Plaunt has been a member of the board of governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation since 1936; he was one of the first governors appointed. He resigns, he says, because:
I feel that, as a public trustee, I will be able to salvage anything from these windfall apples. Even the processing plants have but a limited demand for fruit since their outlet is restricted. But the apples are good for early use. They should be recovered and distributed before they spoil. —Halifax Chronicle.

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Mr. Plaunt adds that recommendations to remedy conditions have not been executed.
Details of the findings which caused Mr. Plaunt to lose confidence in the internal organization and executive direction of the C.B.C. are not divulged. But the incident will require further public attention. The public will not allow it to be dropped at this stage. The C.B.C. is not a private corporation. It is everybody's business. It is publicly owned and operated and thousands of Canadians pay an annual fee towards its upkeep, whether they listen much to its programs or not.
Under the circumstances, the general public have every right to demand that prompt action follow. They have a right to be shown that the internal organization and executive direction of the C.B.C. is not as Mr. Plaunt suggests, or that steps have been taken to remedy such evils as may have crept into the system.

It is the people's business; it is everybody's business. They have a right to know. The annual license fee is not too popular at the best of times. It will be still less popular if the suggestion is left in the public mind that serious weaknesses exist in the administration of the C.B.C.
NAZI CHILDREN EVACUATED
BERLIN, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Sixty two thousand school children under 14 years of age have been transported from Berlin to escape recurrent losses of sleep because of British bomb raids and Nazi party officials said today another 30,000 are to be removed from the city. The same sources announced that 42,000 children had been removed from Hamburg. Germany's great port which British bombers have been attacking almost nightly. The number of children removed from other cities repeatedly attacked has not been reported.

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Political Meetings

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