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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink"

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The Easter Anniversary

Easter, commemorating the central fact of the Christian religion, has always been regarded as the chief festival of the Christian year. From early times it has been observed with special solemnity. Nature, awakening from the sleep of winter, participates in the joyousness of the occasion, and the flowers of the field find appropriate place in the decoration of the churches. The Easter message, like that of Christmas, is one essentially of joy and gladness. With these feelings naturally are associated thankfulness and gratitude for manifold blessings, which we too often take for granted.

It is fitting that on this occasion music should play a large part in religious observances. Man does not live by bread alone, nor is his spiritual need satisfied by sermons, however edifying and necessary these may be to the ritual of worship. The special music in our churches tomorrow, therefore, is not something supplementary to the services, but a means of expressing religious emotions and aspirations in the noblest art form that human genius has devised.

The Patriot's Taunt

Our contemporary taunts its party members who criticised Government expenditure in the Legislature with the fact that they failed to exercise their privilege of moving that the amounts be reduced in the Estimates. Every item, it says, passed unanimously.

Why? Because not being officially in opposition, those members who showed where thousands of dollars were being wasted on one item alone—that of Falconwood Farm—would be "on the spot" if they pushed their objections too far. As Mr. Jones said, "I well know what it would mean to move anything—to condemn anything." This is a striking example of how the public administration is suffering for lack of a fearless opposition party in the House. The system created by the Campbell Government is one of dictatorship, pure and simple, with the weapon of political patronage in the Government's hands to bring recalcitrant supporters to heel. It is essential for the public to know this, and to realize the price that has to be paid for currying favours at the Government's hands.

Probably it was for this reason that both Mr. Jones and Mr. Hughes, who voiced pretty strong criticism in the Budget debate, absented themselves from the House when the Estimates were being passed. That doesn't relieve them of the responsibility of being consenting parties, as our contemporary pointedly suggests; but it is significant as indicating their attitude to the party bosses.

Hon. Mr. Campbell's Speech

Hon. John A. Campbell left only one thing unsaid in his speech on the budget, reported in Thursday's issue. He should have called on the rest of his colleagues to resign. Obviously they are either incompetent or unwilling to legislate in the interests of the common people. He admits that he himself is "incriminated" by being a member of such a crew, and unfortunately we all have to be judged by the company we keep. But it takes courage to make open confession after the manner of Mr. Campbell's performance, handicapped as he was by having to speak from the Government benches, amid the doubtful looks of his associates in misrule. Like Chapman in Keats' sonnet, Mr. Campbell spoke out "loud and bold." He heaved to the line. To change the metaphor to one more suited to the occupation Mr. Campbell follows with legitimate pride, he plowed a straight furrow, deviating neither to the right nor to the left to reconcile his revelations with his party's election platform, or the statements of those who preceded him with elaborate apologies and excuses.

Sidestepping Responsibility

Someone in the Legislature should protest against the manner in which public bills, such as the Act respecting lobster dealers and the amendments to the Fish and Game Act, are allowed to be introduced by private members, and discussed irresponsibly by Government members as if they were private bills.

In the case of the lobster dealers' bill, it is proposed to levy taxation and such a measure should properly be sponsored by the Premier or some of his cabinet. The same principle applies to the Fish and Game Act, which is listed among the Public Acts in the 1937 statutes though promoted last year by Mr. H. H. Cox, a private member, who also moved the amendments to the Act this year!

These bills proved to be of a controversial nature. But that is no excuse for the Government "passing the buck" and sidestepping responsibility through Mr. Cox.

If Mr. Cox's services as Government bill-promoter are necessary, he should be given a seat in the cabinet.

The New Cuban Tariff

Three years ago our Liberal statesmen, then in Opposition, were denouncing the Bennett Government for not obtaining better terms on the Cuban market for our potato and fish products. They had a great deal to say about this

in their 1935 election campaign. What has happened since? Nothing, except that the other day Cuba announced new tariff regulations with Canada, cutting in two the rates charged against Canadian commodities but leaving still prohibitive the rates on table potatoes and fish.

The table potato rates formerly in effect were \$8 per 220 pounds between June 30 and Nov. 1, and from \$10 from November to June. These rates are now cut to \$4 and \$5 respectively, but at the same time the tariff on United States table stock remains unchanged at \$2 per 220 pounds, a differential which, as the St. John Telegraph-Journal observes, it is practically impossible to overcome.

Word from Nova Scotia is to the effect that the tariff reduction on fish is likely to be no more effective than that on potatoes, so the Maritime Provinces can gain little in the way of encouragement from the Cuban-King Government arrangement.

What is the matter with our Maritime Liberal representatives, anyway?

Editorial Notes

Wilbur Wright born this date, 1867.

Tomorrow Easter, the Queen of Feasts.

The next holiday is a month distant, May 24.

Monday is a statutory holiday but observed mostly by banks, law courts, wholesalers, and Government departments.

"The dry rot" has set in remarked a legislator lugubriously the other day. "To me it looks more like galloping consumption," replied his unappreciative constituent.

Attention is drawn to a very able and affecting appeal in this issue on behalf of two Island boys who have been fined \$25 each or be sent to jail for a month in Montreal for no greater offence than searching for a job without the necessary money to pay their railway fare. He gives well who gives quickly in this instance.

The outlook this year generally is for an increased crop of wheat. Reports from Europe refer to greater acreage and, given a little better weather, western Canada this year should show a substantial increase over last. For that reason the wheat and flour markets have been barely holding steady although there are the occasional ups and downs.

Announcement is made by Canadian companies of binder twine prices for the coming summer season. In eastern Canada the new prices are 1-2c a pound lower than 1937 prices, in each of the three grades. It is interesting to note that imports of binder twine into Canada last year declined in value by \$1,000,000. Wholesalers in the Ontario territory have made reductions in their prices of black, blue-annealed and galvanized metal sheets, stacks Hardware and Metal, Toronto, Ont. Lower prices are also being quoted on galvanized range boilers.

The following shows the relative position according to deposits of the largest banks in Canada compiled by the California Bank, Los Angeles:

Royal Bank of Canada	\$727,368,999
Bank of Montreal	724,390,721
Canadian Bank of Commerce	550,112,814
Bank of Nova Scotia	247,563,965
Bank of Canada	211,563,086
Banque Canadienne Nationale	130,111,957
Imperial Bank of Canada	127,268,782
Bank of Toronto	121,397,021
Dominion Bank	120,968,254

In pursuance of his plan to combat juvenile delinquency, Sir Samuel Hoare, British Home Secretary, plans to establish in Suffolk a Borstal "university" with five "colleges" spaced over 1,300 acres of agricultural land. The Borstal system takes its name from the village of Borstal in Kent, where in the middle of the nineteenth century reformatory experiments were carried out in an old convict prison on boys between the ages of 16 and 21. Sir Samuel, in the House of Commons, said it had been found, during efforts to increase self-reliance and a feeling of responsibility in Borstal boys there was more success if they were dealt with in small groups. The "university," which will be at Hollesley Bay, where what used to be a London County Council center for unemployed has been taken over, is to have no high walls around the grounds but will be left open to the general country. The "pupils" will get just what the Home Secretary says they need—a lot of exercise, a lot of work and not too strict supervision. The five colleges will accommodate 300 boys. Children from "broken homes" are to be boarded out with foster parents instead of being sent to an institution.

Hypnotism offers an approach to many psychogenic difficulties since it allows the physician to influence the subconscious directly. Dr. James I. McCartney, psychiatrist of the New York State Psychiatric Institution at Skill, N. Y., said yesterday in a paper read at the closing meeting of the American College of Physicians. The dissociation brought about by hypnotism, said McCartney, may serve as a "gateway" past resistance and allows approaches to problems which otherwise could not be attacked. Contrary to the popular conception of hypnotism, Dr. McCartney explained that the application of hypnotism requires no unusual powers or "strong will" on the part of the practitioner nor weak will, or feeble intellect on the part of the patient. He said that the best subjects were "highly intelligent persons who are able to concentrate," younger adults or adolescents being more receptive "the experienced individual." Dr. McCartney said, "It is often surprising results that are obtained unexpectedly occur in cases he may consider beyond help. A long standing paralysis that has resisted all other forms of treatment immediately recovers under hypnosis. A case of amnesia may be awakened into reality. An insomnia case may sleep like a baby."—Montreal Star.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Can anyone doubt the point that it would be better to spend even more money and get something in return rather than spend what is being spent today without anything being done except to proclaim to the world that thousands of people are living on direct relief and must be kept living without working? The millions of dollars that have been spent to keep people in the idleness will remain one of the tragedies of the non-production period in western Canada. It is not too late to make a start.—Regina Leader-Post.

Police raided a cockfight recently and arrested 48 men. Not only in Wyoming, but in a stable in Alabama. Not in a barn on the banks of the Wabash. In a 7-room apartment suite on the Island of Manhattan. A search of police records disclosed that it was the first violation of the law prohibiting cockfights that had come to any body's attention in a generation. The law had permitted cockfights to be carried away by their enthusiasm, and the noise of their combined cries of exhortation, approval and objection had attracted the attention of the law.—New Glasgow Evening News.

Henry Ford returns from a Georgia vacation with an exacting outlook. "A prosperous era is ahead for us," he declares. "It will come through a greater realization that all wealth comes from the soil." And he backs up his optimism with preparations for volume production of cheap tractors. We may not agree with Mr. Ford as to the prime source of abundance, but we do not quarrel with his optimism. We have to dig for it.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Daily Sketch today said that a plan is under the direction of the Government to be working in collaboration with Dr. Alexis Carrel, to begin work on keeping the heart of a dead man alive by an electric motor. L. N. Berghel received permission from the French Government to conduct the experiment on St. Gilda's Island in France, the Sketch said. The human experiment was preceded by one in which a guinea pig's heart was kept "alive" in a glass-enclosed box for more than a year. "Last night," the paper said, "while shipping passed the lonely spot, the heart of a guinea pig was the low hum of an electric turbine working at full pressure, destined, perhaps to give the world new life."

Suggestion that in the suicidal migration of the animal kingdom which occurs when animals reach a certain point, might be forestalled by the eventual solution of mankind's destiny was made by R. A. Urquhart, lecturer of the Royal Ontario Museum, in a lecture on "Animal Migration" given recently at the Home and School Association recently. An example of emigration—suicidal migration—was the lemming of Norway, a small mouse-eaten rodent, said Mr. Urquhart. "When the lemming population reaches a certain peak a large percentage starts to emigrate, travelling in a single file," he said. "Should a house or haystack be in the way, they will go right through the obstacle. These animals travel until they reach the sea and, wading, are able to swim only about 50 yards, when they are drowned." This emigration took place, he said, in the entire animal kingdom, including mammals, reptiles, birds and insects. "Man has now reached a density of population of 43 per square mile," he pointed out, "and possibly we should search for the solution of our troubles among those who have made a study of animal life, rather than look to our diplomats."—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Operators of motor vehicles among the thirty-five applicants for naturalization who appeared before his Honor Judge A. T. Goles in County Court recently were confronted with miniature traffic signals and asked to read them as part of the test of their knowledge of English. The result brought a burst of merriment among those who had been driving a car in Ontario since 1920 could read only the word "Stop." A Czechoslovakian eight years in Canada, who formed a car could read only a Bavarian who had been eight years in the country recognized all without hesitation. A few others could read none of the signs. The "Caution" had little or no meaning to most of them. The signs, about a dozen or so, were drawings of the various signs seen along Ontario highway and the streets of cities and towns presented on six-inch cards. The large majority of the applicants for citizenship were from Central European countries. The Hungarians numbering twelve, were most numerous, with Belgians and Poles next with many of them operating cars.—Montreal Exchange.

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The Public Forum
Appeal For Island Boys In Montreal Jail

Sir,—In the Thursday edition of your paper, on the front page, there was an amusing, little story about two Island boys in a Montreal court room one an Arsenal, who couldn't understand French, when the charge of stealing a ride on a freight train, was read out to him and the other a Perry, who, with his English name, while he was able to speak freely in French was unable to understand the charge, as read to him in English.

The story was cleverly written and could be amusing, if it weren't so tragic. These two lads, one just twenty and the other twenty-two and a third, who was with them, were arrested in Montreal, for stealing a ride on a freight train, pleaded guilty to the charge, and after affording the court-room spectators a free laugh, they were sentenced to "pay a fine of \$25.00 or given the option of a month in jail."

Imagine the irony of it! If there is an anomaly, as the heading of the news item implies, the anomaly is right there in the fact of a law court set up to mete out justice imposing a fine of \$25.00 upon three obviously penniless young boys, who through want of more useful employment, which through no fault of their own, but because of "conditions" has been denied them, commit the heinous (?) "crime" of "riding the rails." Failing to raise this sum of \$50.00 (which in their case, no doubt might just as well be \$500.00) these two boys—our boys—will spend one month learning to be criminals in some foul Montreal jail. And, (Heaven forgive us!) we call that Justice!

In the next column, side by side with this very item, what do we find? In large type headlines this statement: "Commissioners Cost This Country Over One Million." Then follows a detailed account of just how this million-dollar bill to be exact \$1,000,000.00—was spent in paying for eight Royal Commissions, set up in the past two years. Ironically enough, one of these expensive Royal Commissions, was the National Employment Commission, which in spite of the fact that the Chairman gave his services free, just cost the people of Canada approximately \$300,000.00 and yet our boys just starting out in life, everyone of them, end up in jail as vagrants, because there is no work for them to do, in spite of this National Employment Commission.

Surely, it is to laugh, but the laugh is on us, in our extreme naive gullibility, as we continue to allow our hard-earned money—dragged out of us in taxes—to go hurtling into the maws of the greedy politicians who make these nice, fat jobs for their friends, while in our pockets to be thrown into jail as vagrants, because there is no work or them to do. A million dollars, in our jobs when what we want and need most is some concrete action in placing our sons in some useful and gainful employment.

Just one other point. In the "Financial Post" of April 9th there is an article by Kenneth R. Wilson entitled "Taking Canada for a Billion Dollar Ride." Let me quote: "Whether you ever rode on a C. N. R. train in your life, you pay the bill—\$123 a mile. That figure is the actual out-of-pocket cost to you and me as Canadians for the privilege of operating a public-owned railway system in this country. In the fifteen years since the C. N. R. was created in 1922 to the last day of December 1937... over and above the hundreds of millions paid in fares and rates by those who used this railway, it and say no cold, hard cash, the sum of almost exactly ONE BILLION DOLLARS, to keep this system in repair, pay its bills and rescue it from bankruptcy."

I submit, Sir, that this is a large amount of money and it would pay for a good many tree rides, however there is no use bringing these facts before the public without a constructive suggestion. The Montreal Court habitues have had their laugh, as have the readers of our daily papers, at the expense of these boys. The laugh is on the other side of the face, at our expense, as the taxpayers of this country.

I wouldn't be human if I didn't feel sympathy for these adventurous young boys out to seek their fortunes in a land over-flowing with milk and honey, but only those, clever enough and perhaps unscrupulous enough to grab it off in huge blocs, sometimes even at the expense of those less fortunate than they.

These boys, in a hard, cold place especially in these fine, spring days and association with hardened criminals can do a lot of harm to two young boys of twenty and twenty-two years of age. And although I feel that I have already paid my share for their stolen ride on the freight train, I hereby enclose five dollars, in the hope that you will open a fund to bail these lads out of jail and if possible, see to it that they are given a job, or some kind of work, in some job, here or elsewhere.

After all, Sir, it's only by the Grace of God that they're not your boys or mine.

I am, Sir, etc.,
MOTHER OF THREE

HELP THESE BOYS NOW
 Mother of Three 5.00

BOUNTY ON HAWKS
 Sir,—I have read in the Guardian of April 9th an article by Jack Miner "Facts About Hawks." The conditions here on P. E. Island, especially to poultry raisers, and now that the skunk is almost a thing of the past, I think a small bounty on every hawk which is destroyed would be well worth the cost of the bounty.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FARMER

CANOE COVE GHOST
 Sir,—Several of your correspondents report seeing a Phantom Ghost Ship off the coast of Canoe Cove. Some say it is in one form or another according to their vision. No doubt they all saw something out of the ordinary. I remember quite well when I was living at home at my father's some 60 or 70 years ago a Phantom Ghost appeared in the Straits along the first end of March, when the N. S. Our neighbours were keeping a vigil watch over the place where they were murdered.

It just seemed to be a bright light, don't remember that they were looking on the form of a sailing ship or steamer. The light was quite visible for some nights. It finally disappeared never saw or heard of it again until recently when I saw in the Guardian that it had once more appeared off the coast of Canoe Cove.

I am, Sir, etc.,
ETHELM BELL
 Cape Travers

PARK PROPERTIES
 Sir,—The records of history show no greater instance of the trampling under foot of personal and private rights without any regard for the feelings of their helpless

ness to vote at every possible opportunity. 2. I will vote only for those candidates, who place them selves stand for efficiency and economy in all forms of government. 3. I will remember that those for whom vote are spending MY money—every dollar they spend or promise to spend unwisely or extravagantly comes out of MY pocket. 4. I will pledge myself to study the problem of taxation locally, provincially and federally, and keep posted as to how it is affecting my savings and pocket-book. 5. I pledge myself to discuss this problem with my friends and to enlist them in taking similar pledges.—Canadian Business.

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 "It does not consist in seeking satisfaction, but in finding satisfaction in what satisfies others."
 "It does not consist in what we do, but in how and why we do it."
 "It does not consist in great knowledge, but in putting knowledge into practice."
 "It does not consist in what we seem to be, but in what we are."
 "The question is not: What is your pain? but, How do you bear it? How do you receive suffering when it comes to meet you and seeks admittance at your door? Do you rebuke it as an intruder and show it the door with indignation as a disturber of your peace and a destroyer of your happiness? Do you fly from it and seek by all means and at any cost to withdraw from its touch and avoid it, or do you receive suffering with honour as a messenger from God, who has come to bring a gift of eternal love to your home and heart? Their will is free from every vestige of rebellion, their spirits enlightened, they have learned to measure by a higher standard and to see and value things in the light of eternity."
 I am, Sir, etc.
OBSERVER
 Summerside, April 12.

Alice in Wonderland
 Sir,—Mr. C. Saint Clair Trainor, the legal partner of the Minister of Education and Health, has made a diagnosis of the Campbell Government, he finds, is suffering from a grievous malady, a chronic condition of ill health, due to an unbalanced budget. The diagnosis, either usurping the functions of the Minister of Health, or perhaps speaking for him, has found a sovereign and specific remedy, which he prescribes to the public. Mr. Trainor, like Alice in Wonderland, tried to follow the trail of the white rabbit of the Government's promise to make ends meet and balance the budget. He discovers that the trail led him downward into a very deep hole. And now he has lost the rabbit. Looking around him, Mr. Trainor finds himself in a dark hall. It has many doors but when he seeks to return he finds them locked. They are one-way doors only. Like little Alice, he writes, "I cast my eye down the hall to get back again. In his desperation, Mr. Trainor has tried every door. "We have taxed everything tangible and intangible," he laments. "There is a little prospect of arriving at a balanced budget by means of decreased expenditures," he declares. Like little Alice, he finds himself imprisoned with no way of escape. In the "Wonderland" story, Alice eventually saw a new door, a very little one, for which she found a golden key that made unlock it. The door was for small for Alice, or anyone, to pass through, but she could look inside. She saw there a wonder-working bottle on which was printed in large letters "DRINK ME." But Alice was awfully shy, however, to indicate "poison" on the label, she drank some. That gave her the power of those who know the story may declare. "Our modern Alice has likewise

THE POET'S CORNER
EASTER CHORALE
 All creatures of our God and King
 Lift up your voice and let us sing,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with softest gleam,
 O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 Thou evening star, in glory shine,
 O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou flowing water pure and clear,
 Make music for our Lord to hear,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 That givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Dear Mother Earth, who day by day,
 Unfoldsst blessings on our way,
 The flowers and fruit that on thee grow,
 Let them His glory also show,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 (This anonymous invocation of the powers of Nature is plurally derived from the "Benedicite omnia opera" from the song of the Three Hebrew children in the Apocrypha.)

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