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

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Conservative Conventions

Much interest attaches to the Conservative conventions which are being held in the board room of the City Hall this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon for the purpose respectively of nominating candidates for the Second and Third Districts of Queens in the next provincial election.

The contrast between the Campbell Government's record in office and the specific pledges it made with regard to budget balancing and other matters, has been noted even by supporters of the Government on the floor of the Legislature.

British democracy fortunately provides a remedy against the most autocratic administration, by limiting its period of power and bringing it before the bar of public opinion, where the humblest voter has the privilege of passing judgment.

A Clean-Up Needed

Some time ago the Montreal Star carried an editorial protest against the sale in Canada of cheap, trashy magazines which it described bluntly as "Disguised Dirt."

A movement is under way in this Province as well as in other parts of the Dominion for a clean-up by the Customs Department in connection with the importation of publications of this sort, the greater part of which comes from the United States.

The movement for stricter enforcement of customs regulations is in no sense a "padlock" proposal; it is merely an organized appeal to protect the rising generation from contamination, mentally and morally.

Cost Of Spain's War

The New York Sunday Times carries a realistic survey of the cost of the Spanish war, not only in a material sense, but also in terms of human values.

The lost lives have been variously estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000—more than the aggregate of similar losses by the British Empire in the Great War.

General Franco began by raising "voluntary subscriptions." When they began to be less voluntary he levied them. He has also borrowed abroad, mostly in London, getting credits for the purchase of British goods and shipments of supplies on British ships.

To Italy for supplies and payment of ten lira a day for Italian "volunteers" it is estimated, General Franco owes or did owe 2,000,000,000 lire. Half of this has been paid with shipments of iron ore and other minerals.

At the outset of the civil war the Loyalists had the great advantage of holding most of the Bank of Spain's gold reserve of about £230,000,000. It was with this gold that they paid for Russian planes, Swedish anti-aircraft guns and Czechoslovak, British, French and all other supplies, transport and insurance on transport.

There is believed to be about £105,000,000 earmarked for the Spanish Government in France and London which can be returned

when the Franco Government is recognized after all outstanding accounts have been investigated and paid.

Roads, railroads and public services of all kinds have been damaged or have deteriorated. But it is said Spain's real sources of wealth—her agriculture and mines—have not been affected, except in so far as livestock has been depleted and plans have been allowed to deteriorate.

Pensions Payments

Latest available figures with regard to old age and blind pension payments are given in the current issue of the Labour Gazette. They show that in both classes the average monthly pension paid in this Province falls considerably below that of any other province.

The figures given are for Dec. 31 last, when the total number of old age pensioners in Prince Edward Island was 1,900, and the average monthly pension \$10.79, as against \$18.47 in Alberta, \$19.26 in British Columbia, \$18.65 in Manitoba, \$14.05 in New Brunswick, \$14.68 in Nova Scotia, \$18.61 in Ontario, \$17.88 in Quebec, and \$16.55 in Saskatchewan.

This Province has a greater percentage than any other province of persons over 70 years of age to total population, and a smaller percentage of pensioners to population over 70.

The Dominion contribution of 75 per cent to old age pensions payments in this Province amounted to \$133,030.70 for the period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1938, as against a total for all Canada of \$21,142,059. Since the inception of the Act the Dominion contribution to this Province was \$812,882.96, and for all Canada \$144,540,942.40.

During the 1935 election the Conservative Government in this province was criticised for not paying the \$20 per month maximum amount under the Old Age Pensions Act. A pledge to "urge upon the Dominion Government its obligation to pay the full cost" of the pensions was embodied in the Liberal party platform and manifesto.

Of blind persons receiving pensions in this Province the number at Dec. 31 last was 127, as against 4,290 for all Canada. In all but two provinces the average monthly payment is over \$19. The exceptions are Nova Scotia, which pays \$18.93, and Prince Edward Island, which pays \$12.99.

Editorial Notes

Emily Pauline Johnson, Canadian poet, died this date, 1913.

The Campbell Government has not yet disclosed the personnel of its Royal Visit Committee, or the programme it has outlined.

Another member of the Legislature has been declaring his intention to cut adrift from the Campbell outfit, unless certain information regarding Falconwood stock farm is vouchsafed him.

The January imports of living animals advanced to \$35,080 from \$19,039 in the corresponding month last year. In the previous month the total was \$31,061. Imports of cattle for stock improvement totalled \$22,098 against \$2,773 a year ago, of which the United Kingdom supplied \$17,447 and the United States \$4,651.

Our local contemporary, all by itself, has unearthed another Liberal conspiracy. It sees in the comments on the Bren gun contract by the Winnipeg Free Press, leading Liberal newspaper, an indication "that the publisher of that journal has some antipathy against the Minister of Defense, Hon. Ian Mackenzie."

It has always been recognized there are worse troubles in the world than war. "I didn't mind Mussolini, but my wife, she's a holy terror," Leonardo Brezzo, an Italian militia corporal, told French guards who halted him when he crossed the border near Nice, carrying his rifle and full pack, the other night. "I deserted to get away from her. She made life unbearable with her nagging and I will never get within reach of her tongue again." Brezzo signed up with the French Foreign Legion for five years.

Another shell contract scandal rocked the Liberal party in the House the other day, when Mr. Grant MacNeill, C. C. F., Vancouver, alleged that favoritism had been shown in giving a large order to Montreal, hinting at party funds. "There is nothing wrong about campaign funds," said the Prime Minister. "Until we change our laws and have Parliament appropriate money to pay all the cost of elections, the various parties will have to find campaign funds elsewhere," said the Prime Minister.

A Liberal, who does not see eye to eye with the 100 per cent Campbell Government proposal to build a Million Dollar or so Brighton Bridge, makes this proposal. Let the Government present each of the 30 farmers affected with a new auto truck annually at a cost of say \$900. This will enable them to cover the extra distance without much trouble. Also make transportation for trucks on the ferry free. By these means the Government will accomplish its objective at less than 50 per cent of the cost of interest alone on the Bridge project.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The gloom-spreaders are the business-killers. The disunity-spreaders help kill business, too. The pessimists are two "isms" inimical to Canada and to Canadian trade, especially her internal trade, wholesale and retail.

It has not yet been decided by the special train carrying Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth on their trip to Calgary May 26 next shall be routed via Carleton Place or Strathmore from Ottawa. That the delay in the Strathmore by reason of its name will have in the heart of the people a lively and sympathetic interest and curiosity to know this little town in the Canadian West bearing the name of her illustrious ancestor, the Earl of Strathmore, is not surprising.

It may be, of course, that Signor Mussolini hopes Italian influence may be made to prevail in the countries which Italy recruits to the "Axis" cause. Such a theory stands the evidence that Italy has lost ground in Hungary and that Germany is not neglecting her diplomatic contacts in Yugoslavia. Perhaps Italy is working wholeheartedly for the "Axis" and for Germany. And if she is, it is not surprising that she is allowing Germany to take the rope right up to her frontiers in the expectation that Italy's sphere of influence elsewhere, and that she is staking her claim to be counted on German support. An end of the war in Spain might well shed some light to bear on a possible outcome of such a policy.

At last the men of McGill have cast convention to the winds and have begun to adopt a sensible type of clothing for these wintry months. There was a time when they were the one and only headgear for a Canadian winter. Then, along came the Beanie Brummels who insisted upon wearing fedoras and have they to this day. It was at the time of the "Arts" tug-of-war between the "Arts" and the "Arts" that the men of McGill were told, "You are wearing your class insignia upon your brows. Finally the Arts' tug-of-war: we hear that an 'Arts' tug-of-war is on the market.—McGill Daily, Montreal.

There are much bigger jobs confronting Canada just now than worrying about the legal niceties of the Commonweal. First, there is national defence. Then there is the working out of a coherent Commonwealth Foreign Policy, of which only the faintest signs are appearing at Ottawa. Canadians, above all, may well be preoccupied with American and Canadian relations. These men could be paid a fair wage and they could be taken out of the Government truck, and I am sure that the Government would get back their money in gas tax.

The scientific world has received almost as much of the outside public news that Columbia University research scientists have a uranium atom with a 76-ton battery split by two Cambridge scientists at Cavendish Laboratory, and one of them, Dr. J. D. Cockroft, states that the only practical results of the experiment are that it is in the field of clinical medicine. But science may yet open the road to fresh methods of production of the split atom's terrific energy-potential. That might, as in the case of other modern sciences, be a boon or a curse to mankind, or conceivably both. Not so long ago it was semi-scientific theory that the splitting of atoms might mean demolishing the earth. From some points of view, regarding disposition of the latest tendencies of science, it may be rather disconcerting to the public when a scientist may yet stumble on a secret which will annihilate life.—Ottawa Journal.

Further immigration of Japanese into Canada is not desirable, because they who come, or might come, mostly men of adult years, are set in their own ways and for their own nationality; they cannot contribute anything of value to this country except labour which is not wanted; and their influence tends to promote separatism here between Canadians and the second-generation Japanese who can become good Canadians. But this further immigration has practically been stopped for many years now by the "gentleman's agreement." It does little harm, and common sense would seem to indicate that we in Canada should make the best we can of the people of Japanese birth who are in our country. What Japan is doing in China is not a nice thing; but neither is it a nice thing what Germany is doing in the Rhineland, and what the Italians did to Abyssinia—but none of us would dream of blaming Canadians of German or Italian descent for what has been going on in the "World. Neither should we maintain prejudice against the Japanese Canadians.—Ottawa Journal.

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That Body of Hours

By "Commoner"

Now that it is known that a patient who is "anxious" all the time is in the need of treatment just the same as a patient with some other ailment, much is now being done to relieve this "anxiety" state.

The physician first makes a complete examination and if he can find no cause why the patient should be so anxious and tensed all the time, he tells the patient to tell all that is on his mind aside from any pains, aches, or other symptoms. The patient gets some relief by just telling his whole story as some one else now shares some of his burden. The fears, one by one, are fully discussed or brought to the light of day, and the physician is able to show that there is little or no grounds for most of the fears. He advises that a little more will power and more mixing of anxiety states and especially those who have similar unnecessary fears, corrects the trouble in most cases.

Many physicians, including myself, often wonder what becomes of these cases with the anxiety state. Dr. A. Harris, British Medical Journal, tells us his attempt to find out the present condition of 259 patients at the Maudsley Hospital during the years 1924, 1925, and 1926, in which the illness was called "anxiety neurosis," "anxiety state," "anxiety with depression," and "anxiety hysteria." He was able to get a follow-up history of 133 of the 259 cases and found that thirty-eight were well, sixty were suffering with anxiety states, nine had developed psychosis (though they had had organic ailments), and sixteen were dead.

The above findings show that these anxiety states may persist for years, ten or more, and the number of cases where condition grew worse (nine) was small, and these did not go on to organic or serious mental disease.

The patient's chances of returning to work are as good, as four out of every five were able to return to work. If the patient's habits of life remain about the same as before the anxiety state occurred, his chances of complete recovery are excellent. I believe these figures of a follow-up of this large number of patients, ten or more years after they first reported their anxiety state, should be comforting to patients afflicted with these conditions and to their families and physicians.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A SUGGESTION

Sir—Now that Spring is almost here, why not the Government send out some unemployed men in the hills to shovel the snow off the hills between Charlottetown and Summerside. These men could be paid a fair wage and they could be taken out of the Government truck, and I am sure that the Government would get back their money in gas tax.

I am Sir, etc. MERCHANT.

VETERAN POLICE CHIEF DIES

DOMINION, N. S., March 5.—(CP)—Victor Goudreau, retired police chief of this Cape Breton town, died here Saturday. He was 64 years old. Known as "Big Victor," the 300-pound Goudreau was on the police force for more than 25 years.

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Mirror Of The Nation

By "Commoner"

OTTAWA, March 6.—If the general election is held this year it probably will be in October. It does not now seem possible that it could be earlier. There is no present prospect of Parliament concluding its work before the coming of the King and Queen in May. The ministry originally had some hope of this but has abandoned it. While no definite pronouncement has been made, it is believed the Prime Minister will desire to have Parliament adjourn during the entire time Their Majesties are in Canada.

Reassembling towards the end of June, Parliament probably would still have enough business before it to occupy it until August. Definite information as to the election will hardly be given until after Their Majesties have concluded their visit to Canada. Should the Government, after the Parliament adjourns, let it be understood that it intends going to the country in the fall, the remainder of the session would be protracted by the Government. It might thus be continued well into August, so that voting would not come until late in October.

The opposition which, ordinarily has the good deal to say about the length of a session through its ability to shorten or prolong debate, does not appear anxious now to drag out the present session. With the exception of the minority, the opposition is busy with the reorganization of the cabinet. The Minister of National Defence, the debate on the Bren machine gun contract was of most interest, lasting only seven days. The debate on the Trade Treaty has taken up only a fraction of the time spent in discussing the 1622 Empire Agreements when the Liberal Opposition of the time was opposing them. It is to be remembered that in this Parliament there are four parties to be accommodated in all major debates whereas in the last Parliament there were three.

The course being taken by the Conservatives seems to suggest that they are not anxious to delay the bringing on of the general election. Apparently they would welcome it this year. This attitude appears to be due to a conviction that the government cannot make effective political capital out of the Washington Treaty bargain, which the major issue of the election is likely to be the absence of government action to deal with prevailing economic conditions.

While the Conservatives under Dr. Manion in the Commons have been assailing the Administration the party has been organizing rapidly throughout the country and seems to be in a humor to carry the fight to the polls this year.

It is the Prime Minister, of course, and his closest advisers, who will make the decision about risking a popular vote this year. There are plenty of signs that the government is making preparations for the election. Hon. C. H. Cahan saw one of these the other day in the character of the speech by Mackenzie King in making this session. These speeches had convinced the veteran Conservative that the Prime Minister was now "segerly preparing for another political campaign of passionate propaganda." What has so far come to light regarding Agriculture Minister Gardiner's new programme in substitution for the minimum wheat price also indicates that this price is to be framed as an election appeal. It would get back their money in gas tax.

On the other hand the opposition of the government's followers in the Commons to the prospect of facing the voters this year is becoming increasingly insistent. Dr. R. H. Fleming, Liberal Member for Bumboldt, Saskatchewan, spoke the mind of many when he openly advised the Prime Minister last week to leave the election over until next year. Dr. Fleming was proceeding to warn the government of an impending revolt against it in western Canada when the Speaker intervened to notify him that his time was up. Saskatchewan Liberals are said to be particularly apprehensive about the prospects of an election this year.

The anxiety of western members to have the election postponed has been increased by the collapse of the concession proffered the Prairies under the Trade Treaty in the form of a larger share of the United States cattle market. After the disclosure some days ago that Canada was not getting the full benefit of the increased quota for heavy cattle which was put forward as an outstanding benefit under the treaty, the Government did the best it could to end the situation through an appeal to

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Washington. The result of this effort was made known this week. For the last three-quarters of this year Canada's share of the quota is to be 142,000 head. Canada's share for the first-quarter was a little over 30,000 head. Consequently the maximum export of heavy cattle under the treaty terms this year will be roughly 172,000 head. Under the old treaty exports of heavy cattle amounted to over 163,000 head in 1937, which was in excess of the quota, then limited to 150,000 head. The only gain for this country, therefore, is a possible increase in exports of around 10,000 head.

The Poets' Corner

Great sailing-ships, half tree, half bird, stalked through the seas, or skimmed the foam. While the kindly voice of the trade winds whirred. Through the sails of the tall boat, Born in the forests and bred toward the sky. The proud masts rose into keens, straight as an angel, as fair and as high. They flew through the seas on a valiant race. Wind in the branches and song in the sails. The trees that took wing swept over the main. They folded their plumes in the howling gales. And cranted and sang in the tropic rain. Poised on the southernmost dial Or tilting around the perilous horn. They rocked in the storm with a And faced the wind with a splendid scorn. Yet faintly now are those giant wings. In port where the lapping waters sigh. No raring bird of the ocean sings. No ship has remembered how to fly. Where commerce and beauty sailed Together then in the ancient way. There are only phantoms to ride Into distant harbors of yesterday. Virginia Wallace Runyon in the

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