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

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Speech From The Throne

As a forecast of legislative measures, the Speech from throne delivered at the opening of the Legislature yesterday can scarcely be described as illuminating. We are told that "the accounts and reports of the various departments of my government for the past year, and the estimates for the current year, as well as a number of proposed statutes and amendments, will be presented for your consideration."

We had hoped this year to find, if not a more concrete reference to the proposed legislation, at least an assurance that discussion on all matters of public importance would take place on the floor of the House, and not be confined to the caucus chamber. A caucus on legislative matters were all members of the House are of one party affiliation is really an anomaly.

We had also expected an announcement that the Government had succeeded in balancing its budget, at least on current account. In view of many tax increases—on gasoline, on chain stores, on amusements, on insurance companies, on motor vehicle licenses and what-not—imposed by the present administration, a balanced budget should present no difficulties to statesmen pledged to achieve this result every year with the revenue available when they took office.

The two cents extra tax on gasoline, we are told, is earmarked for road paving and subgrading purposes and not for general revenue. But this work is referred to in the Throne Speech as involving "capital expenditures on public works . . . for the relief of unemployment." That is precisely what it is, and if a special tax had not been levied it would have been necessary to finance the projects out of general revenue.

Moreover, the paved roads, when constructed, should relieve the general revenue in the matter of road maintenance for many years to come. This has already been the case with the MacMillan highway between Charlottetown, Borden and Summerside, and the McLure highway to Rustico. These projects, constructed without additional taxes, have saved thousands of dollars to the present Government in road maintenance costs. Another reason why we should expect the promised balanced budget this year.

With regard to the paving contracts involving, we understand, an expenditure of upwards of \$800,000 apart from the sub-grading contracts, the Throne Speech states: "You will be asked to provide the necessary authority for financing these projects." Does this mean additional borrowing, over and above the three-million-dollar blank cheque which the Government received at the special session in the fall of 1935?

The Speech is longer than is customary, and deals in part with federal matters with which the Legislature, as a body, has nothing to do. Its prime purpose seems to be to provide subject matter for political speech-making. Reference to many still unimplemented planks in the Liberal election platform is conspicuous by its absence.

A Modern Horatius

Not mentioned in the Speech from the throne is a matter which has stirred up a good deal of political dust in the last few weeks.

To the proposal of a fourth Supreme Court judgeship for Prince Edward Island it is reported that Ottawa countered with the suggestion that in the event of such office being created the Province, in the interests of economy, should be prepared to sacrifice one County Court judgeship. Strange as it may seem, this met with the approval of a number of Liberal wire-pullers and King's County was selected as the sacrificial goat. Plans were going along swimmingly when the Hon. S. S. Hessian intervened. Mr. Hessian, in the event of the retirement of Judge Fraser, is regarded as the logical Liberal appointee to the King's County Court bench, and he failed to see why his prospects, and the interests of King's, should be sidetracked to make some legal colleague happy with a brand-new job in the Supreme Court.

As Speaker of the Legislature, one-time prospective Attorney General and veteran of several political battles, Mr. Hessian knows something about the art of wire pulling himself; and rumor credits him in this case with achieving a single-handed victory with the powers that be at Ottawa.

Nor is it reported to be likely that Parliament will put through the proposed legislation to retire the Supreme Court judges at a certain age, thereby making room for deserving democrats. The Supreme Court, it has been pointed out, existed before Confederation and there is no provision in the British North America Act for legislating its members off the bench. Perhaps it was realization of this snag that prompted the scheme to create an additional judgeship by "liquidating," as Hitler would say, the King's County Court. "Over my dead body," said the Honourable "Steve" in effect, and he moved his guns into position with such alacrity that he was bombarding Justice Minister Lapointe's office, and the strategic approaches thereto, before his opponents knew that war had been declared.

Result: the Supreme Court retains its present quota of judges, King's County Court, Mr. Hessian's prospects, and his colleagues their fissionification with the existing situation.

Now rumour has it that Mr. Hessian is getting

some dirty looks from his fellow stalwarts in the House.

But what of it? Horatius got the same reception from the envoys when he came home after defending the bridge against Lars Porsena and the whole army of the Etruscans. Later a statue was erected in his honour, and he received as much land as he could plough around in a day. Land and glory are not what the new Horatius wants. All he wants is the bridge. After his spectacular feat in holding it single-handed, who is there among his Liberal "friends" to say him nay?

The Big Stick In Transport

Under the above heading the Woodstock, Ontario, Sentinel-Review has the following criticism of the King Government's Transport Bill, now before the House of Commons for second reading:

"It may seriously be questioned whether the Transport Bill, which received its first reading in the House of Commons on March 1, is designed to promote the best interests of either shippers or carriers. The first four parts of the Bill are innocuous enough, but the fifth, which makes provision for 'agreed charges,' seems to be a move towards the rate conditions prevailing some thirty-five or forty years ago, when the most powerful shipper got the lowest freight rates."

"Part Five of the Bill provides that 'notwithstanding anything in the Railway Act, or in this Act or in any other statute, a carrier may make such charge or charges for the transport of the goods or any shipper or for the transport of any part of his goods as may be agreed between the carrier and that shipper.' For safeguards, it is also provided that such agreed charges shall require the approval of the Board and that shippers who feel that an agreed charge is unjustly discriminatory against them may protest. But in practice it may be questioned whether the safeguards would be effective.

"Our present freight rate structure is the result of many years of experiment, but since the early years of the century it has generally been recognized that no shipper of goods should be put at a disadvantage through a competitor's ability to secure a lower freight rate. The rate structure is flexible and tariffs are now frequently modified to meet new conditions as they arise, but there has been no departure from the basic principle.

"If agreed charges become legal, it is not difficult to foresee an era of chaos in the transport field. Large shippers of freight will be given a tremendous advantage, for to obtain favorable terms from the carriers they will be able to wave the big stick of threatening to withdraw their business and transfer it to another mode of transport. The small shipper, having no stick to wave, except his illusory right of protest, will suffer."

Of particular interest to this Province is the section which proposes to regulate rates on water traffic between the Maritime Provinces and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River ports beyond Father Point. As noted in Saturday's Guardian, Premier Campbell at the instance of the Charlottetown Board of Trade has forwarded a request that this provision be omitted, and it is hoped this will have the support of all our Maritime representatives.

Editorial Notes

Keble died this date, 1866.

March made a mistake, both coming and going.

Liberals select their candidate for Queen's today.

Our out-of-town Legislators are being cordially welcomed to the city.

At Ottawa, "they don't know where they are" on the question of divorce, whether Senator MacArthur or Senator Hughes is the right interpreter of Divine Law thereon.

One of Italy's new submarines will bear the name of a priest, Father Reginaldo Giuliani, a Dominican chaplain and veteran of the World War, who died on an Ethiopian battlefield, administering to wounded and dying.

This is Mr. William Randolph Hearst's summation of Herr Hitler and his imperialism: "As a military genius he is emphatically a good corporal, but as a constructive statesman he is still a bad housepainter." The structure he so laboriously builds is as ephemeral as the morning mist, and the so-called "united Germany" he so earnestly and uselessly endeavors to create "will eventually dissolve in discord and disaster."

There is a Liberal revolt in Quebec which found ventilation in an unofficial convention held privately in Montreal last week. It was stated 18 counties were represented and an assurance was given by a representative of ex-Premier Godbout that an official convention would be called after the present session of the legislature for the purpose of reorganization.

"In cases where the evidence before the Public Accounts Committee of the Quebec Legislative Assembly is of a nature to indicate certain persons have been guilty of criminal conduct, such persons will be arrested, and those who have unlawfully taken money from the province, as disclosed by evidence before the same committee must reimburse such money. Among those to be arrested is Mr. Charles Lanctot, K.C., for many years Assistant Attorney-General. He became Assistant Attorney-General in 1905." This was the announcement made by Premier Duplessis. The Premier said that the Government would act as humanely as possible, yet with all the necessary severity. He did not give the names of others to be arrested, but said instructions had been given by him as Attorney-General to arrest all against whom the evidence pointed in a criminal way. As to the reimbursement of moneys which he believes have been illegally taken from the provincial coffers, the Premier referred to a bill which has been lying on the agenda paper for weeks. The Premier told the committee that the purpose of this bill was to enable the Government to collect all sums due from those who had illegally taken money from the province, plus 10 per cent. interest on such amounts, to count from the time of the "theft," as the Premier called it. This bill provides for mortgage upon the property of the persons found to be owing such money until paid.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dr. A. D. Ruedmann, Cleveland surgeon, attending the American College of Surgeons convention here, has branded as "just so much publicity" the pleas of blind persons for the corns on their feet. "These are people of living corns to be had with or without advertising for them," said Dr. Ruedmann. "There are always eyes being removed because of accidents in which the corns is unimpaled and could be transferred to those who need them."

R. H. Bess, a rancher of Downey, Cal., who lives half a mile from the road, has his mail delivered to his home in a box equipped with a motor from an old sewing machine. He used to walk to the highway three times a day for mail. Now he presses a button and the box travels over the trolley wires to his front door.

"I have never been in a counting room and I am regarded as such high up in Sweden. The whole nation is built around the individual, and it is the development of centuries of habit that has made it so keen and real and quick. The Swedes consider the state is made by the individual and for him; he is not made for the state. That is the reverse of the point of view found in autocracies and dictatorships."—Denton Massey, M.P.

German scientists have succeeded in producing soap from coal. Since 1921 they have been experimenting in an attempt to obtain a fat-containing substance by synthetically combining with certain oxides. Such a soap was eventually produced in 1928. Now that a way has been found to extract large quantities of paraffin from liquid carbonaceous material, the use of a wholesome and useful soap for cleaning and for toilet purpose can be manufactured from ordinary coal.

The construction of a fabricating and assembling plant for high-speed aircraft at Malton, a little village near the new airport that is being built outside Toronto, has been undertaken by the National Steel Car Co., and will be completed before the end of the summer. Mr. Magor, president of the company, in making the announcement said that the plant at Hamilton, Ont., would continue working at its full capacity in emptying and loading of various kinds, but that the reason Malton had been decided on was that land was available there at a cheaper price. It was close to what is probably the biggest airport in Canada where the runways would be of sufficient length to permit of the proper testing of high-speed machines.—Montreal Star.

A lion's cage for drunks, adorned with lanterns and drawn by a sad-faced horse, was its first public appearance in an American City recently as taverns emptied and residents lined the sidewalks to see the sight. A carnival spirit prevailed as the rolling "hoosegow," led by a sound truck screaming martial music and accompanied by the playing of a hot, passed through the city's principal streets.

In accusing fat men of laziness Dr. Leopold Williams runs counter to the opinion of another eminent medical authority, Dr. Berthold, who has declared that "embodiment is one of the greatest benefits that Providence can confer on man, and with obesity comes perseverance, virtue and contentment." Berthold cited some notable examples: Napoleon, who developed a "corporation at thirty," Mirabeau, who ate fat temples, Balzac and Dumas, prodigies of energy who were also mountains of flesh; and Gambetta, who, in spite of his obesity, was a mental and physical vigor until his death.—Manchester Guardian.

For quite a few years the "dangerous age" was 19. Youths of that age were more numerous as law breakers than those of any other age. But J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, now reports that the greatest number of arrests during the past year were of young men 22 years old. At the same time, he noted there was a 7 per cent increase in crime in this year over that of the G-men. He cannot explain the increase in crime, nor can he understand just why it happens that the majority of criminals are young men 22 years old. It is reasonable to believe, however, that unemployment and the desire for money for a good time led most of these youths into crime.—Boston Post.

Men, without exception, loathe the hats that women wear today; and most women love them, protesting that they find them so amusing. Hats have resembled, and are still resembling, anything from a corkscrew to a turned-down flower pot and have been higher than anything in the past. But they are coming down with a rush to pancake level. Whereas they have been brimless now the edge of the pan-cake is to flop about in every gust of wind. These advance tidings are merely passed on. Petronella, in case you have been saving a velvet-covered hat, a tarboosh, or beige-peribonned gimlet affair, for your trip to England in the spring, sit on it, scrub it, and wash it, and when it is, save put it on your head as it is, and you will be in the fashion.—Cairo Sphinx.

In a certain fashionable message in San Francisco there is a most remarkable maid who is a distinguished personage. What her past story is, that may have led to her becoming a maid, we do not know, but there is not a single guest that is intimate with the owners of the house in which she is employed, that has not felt the force of her personality, and who does not look upon her as a sort of special friend. Hanging upon the wall in the kitchen she has a code of ethics, which regulates her life, and she placed there that the daughter of the house might stop and read. It runs thus: 1. Be honest. 2. Be truthful. 3. Be helpful. 4. Be courteous. 5. Be dignified. 6. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PROMISES. (the capitals are hers). 7. Always do your best. 8. Do not speak ill of others. Then in large red pencil printing at the bottom of the list was an addition, made, if you please, by the 12-year-old daughter: 10. Find your own business.—San Francisco Argonaut.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SIMPLE YET SCIENTIFIC WEIGHT REDUCING

When our insurance companies point out that after thirty years of age the overweight individual is shortening his life span, is more likely to be attacked by illness, and is a poor risk if surgery should be necessary, it is only natural that many fat individuals decide to reduce their weight. Added to this is the large number of women and men also who do not wish to get the "middle-age spread," but wish to retain a youthful figure.

Unfortunately, while most overweight individuals get that way from over-eating, or from lack of exercise or both, nevertheless they are looking about for short cuts by which to reduce weight, and it is these short cuts that prove disappointing and often dangerous. Using "hydrox" extract and the drug dinitrophenol, without medical supervision, have been the cause of a number of cases of the severe form of goitre, cataracts and death itself.

"Most fat or plump persons want to be thinner, but at the same time they refuse to recognize the real cause of their trouble which is, in all but a few cases, simply eating more food than the body needs for its daily work or activity."

Naturally a fat individual does not think he (or she) is eating too much when they eat even less than others of normal weight, but they fail to realize that they have an "economical" body which does not need as much food for the amount of work as does the body of one of normal weight, and so as their body has more food than it needs, it stores the surplus as fat. The thin body or one of normal weight does not have this extra food to store and would not store it in any case.

The proper or scientific way to reduce is simply to continue eating the usual amounts of protein foods—meat, fish, cereals; but cut down on starch foods—bread, sugar, potatoes; and try to do without fat foods—butter, cream, egg yolks, fat meats as the excess fat on the body can be used by the body processes thus removing that much fat.

One other important point is to cut down on all liquids—water, tea, coffee, milk, soft and hard drinks, as fat tissue hold more water than more active tissues. That is, the fat individual is somewhat "water-logged" anyway.

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PRISONER'S AID

Sir—The Prisoner's Aid Society wish to thank the following for help in bettering conditions at Queen's County Jail.

To Father McGinn, for his letter talks and for his promise to donate some books for the Jail Library later on. Then this past week 10 copies of The Reader's Digest have been received.

Our three Jails have been included in the list of free contributions to Jails all over the world. Over 1000 Jails have been supplied with this Magazine.

We thank them very much as The Reader's Digest is certainly a Magazine for Prisoners—helpful. These books and magazines have been sent in by Miss Enid Rogers and Mrs. W. H. Johnson. By Trinity United Church per Mrs. Wm. Fuestis a supply of "Oswald's" Trinity Young People's Society, have twice visited the Jail and held services which have been much enjoyed.

Also The Salvation Army have held services and distributed War Cry.

The Repair Shop has been turning out some good work and among the articles repaired this past week was an armchair sent in by Rev. Mr. Littlefield of The Church of God.

We wish also to thank Rev. Mr. Littlefield for treats distributed. Mr. B. Williams, Florist for flowers.

Our needs are—More books and more old furniture. The Prisoners are doing their part in keeping the Jail clean—the cleanest Jail in Eastern Canada—so those who know say.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "THE SONG OF THE SEA"

When the wind is from the East,—the spirit of the wave is aroused, so that it strives to pass us westward to the land where sets the sun, listening to the . . . song.

When the wind blows from the North,—the harsh dark waves strive to reach the southern world waging war with the pale sky, listening to the . . . song.

When the wind blows from the West,—over the swift streams of the sea it strives to go past us east into the arrows of the sun into the wide and distant sea.

When the wind blows from the South,—the firm-shields of the Saxons—its waves strike the isle of Scit, travels to the head of Calathnik.

—Eleventh Century, translated from Old Irish by Kuno Meyer.

List Of Party Leaders

(Exchange)

The Dominion Conservative party being about to choose a new leader, a list of those who have held the position since Confederation, with the dates of their tenures of office, becomes peculiarly interesting. There have been eight in all. The list follows:

Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Leader and Premier, from November 6, 1867, until 1874. Leader of the Opposition, 1874 until 1878. Leader and Premier from 1878 until his death in 1891.

Hon. Sir John J. C. Abbott, Leader and Premier from 1891 un-

til retirement, 1892.

Rt. Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, Leader and Premier from 1892 until his death, 1894.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Leader and Premier from 1894 until his retirement at the end of April, 1896.

Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Leader and Premier from May, 1896, until July 8, 1896. Leader of the Opposition, 1896 to 1900.

Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Leader of the Opposition from 1900 to 1911. Leader and Prime Minister from 1911 until his retirement in 1920.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Leader and Premier from 1920 to 1921. Leader of the Opposition 1921 to July 28, 1926, and Prime Minister from June 28 until September 25, 1926. Retired from leadership of party October 11, 1926.

Leader of the Opposition, 1926 to 1927. Prime Minister August 7, 1930, to October 23, 1935. Leader of the Opposition from October 23, 1935, to the present.

There have been 11 Prime Ministers of Canada since 1867, of whom 8 were supplied by the Conservatives and 3 by the Liberals. With only one exception, every leader chosen by either party has at one time or another held the Premiership. The single exception was Hon. Edward Blake, the Liberal leader who preceded Laurier but resigned to accept a seat in the British House of Commons.

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