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

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1942.

Mental Cocktails

Mr. J. Leonard O'Brien, Conservative member
of the House of Commons from New Brunswick,
used a telling phrase the other day in talking of
Canada's war effort. He spoke of the reported
cocktail parties in Hongkong and Singapore, and
said Canada was doing a great deal of "mental
cocktail drinking—and the mental cocktails are
being shaken in the biggest shaker in the country—Ottawa."

Mr. O'Brien visited England a few months ago.
When he came back and surveyed the Canadian
scene he confesses to "a sense of futility and
frustration." The mental cocktails shaken up and
served from Ottawa are one of the reasons.

What are some of these? The Canadian people
have been served them in headlines month after
month.

"Two-corps army in England to be built up."

"Canada has 250,000 men in reserve army."

"Women to be conscripted for munitions
plants."

"Men volunteering for overseas service as fast
as they can be accepted and trained."

"Canadians to be called on for utmost in sacrifice."

"Mobilization of manpower."

Mental cocktails—and meaningless.

The Canadian public, comments the Vancouver
Province, knows all about the dangers confronting
this country and all its Allies. It is hungry for
war leadership, for sacrifice to any necessary
extent, for action. The complacency is at Ottawa,
and these mental cocktails are put out to elate the
people and give them the mental equivalent of
rose-colored glasses.

Tell the people of Canada the hard truth about
our present ability to wage war, and they will
respond. If we were organized on the British scale
we would have at least 20 divisions under arms
and in training now, and we would be greatly
exceeding our present production of ships, guns,
munitions, tanks and planes. The civilian population
would be making real sacrifices, not just
suffering minor inconveniences.

But ministers and officials and a squad of several
hundred publicity agents at Ottawa keep
mixing their pleasurable concoctions, and the result
is the people have a wholly false impression
of what Canada is accomplishing.

It isn't that we have done nothing. Of course
we have. But we are a long way from organization
for total war. Fewer mental cocktails, and
much more direct action—these are the things
the country needs from Ottawa.

Bank Review Optimistic

Here is the optimistic review of Maritime
business given by the Bank of Montreal as of
March 23. Wholesale and retail trade continues
at high level, despite difficulty in obtaining certain
merchandise. Collections are good. Woods
operations are progressing satisfactorily and
sawing has already started in some districts.
There is a strong demand for lumber and pulpwood.
Newsprint mills are operating at capacity.
Textile plants are fully employed. Demand for
dried and pickled fish continues strong at firm
prices, but stocks are low. Obtaining crews is becoming
a problem in some sections. There has been
a considerable drop in the lobster catch, owing
to unfavourable weather. Fresh fish is in
strong demand at higher prices; catches have been
below normal and stocks are light. Potatoes are
in good demand on the domestic market, with
prices well above those of last year. The steel
industry continues fully engaged. Building construction
on Government account is active. Coal
production in Cape Breton shows a marked
improvement over the corresponding period last
year.

Canadian Codfish In Brazil

Prices and keeping qualities are important factors
affecting sales of fish in Brazil, and the
various types of dry cured fish, which among
Brazilians are known as "bacalhau," most adequately
meet requirements and find a ready market,
states Mr. L. S. Glass, Canadian Commercial
Attaché at Rio de Janeiro, in a report to the
Department of Trade and Commerce. This product,
which might be termed the staple imported
food of Brazil, is consumed by all classes of the
population, but those in the lower income groups
purchase 90 per cent of the supplies.

At present bacalhau is scarce, and prices are
high. These factors have combined to reduce imports
to a low level. For the period January to
November, 1941, imports totalled 5,131 tons as
against 14,170 tons during the same period of
1940. The unit value in 1940 was 7.25 cents
per pound; in 1941 this increased to 10.5 cents.
This increased price resulted in the elimination of
a large number of the marginal consumers, but
there is still a considerable and only partially satisfied
demand at the high prices prevailing. The
most recent quotation works out at approximately
15.25 cents per pound.

Canadian fish has always been known on this

market, the bulk of the imports therefrom being
marketed in the Sao Paulo district owing to a preference
on the part of the large Italian population
there for the milder and darker cured Norwegian
and Canadian fish.

Brazilian imports of codfish in 1940 totalled
16,121 metric tons (of 2,204 pounds) valued at
\$2,292,964, of which 11,006 tons (\$1,477,324)
is credited to Newfoundland, 2,162 tons (\$384,539)
to the United Kingdom, 1,934 tons (\$285,163)
to Iceland, 655 tons (\$102,731) to Norway,
and 221 tons (\$35,614) to Canada.

In addition to codfish, which accounts for the
bulk of the imports of dry cured fish, there is a
small demand from the English-speaking population
for smoked haddock, finnan haddie, and salmon.

EDITORIAL NOTES

March has lived up to its reputation.

If you have no auto ration book you get no
gas Wednesday.

Do not be among the April fools Wednesday,
expecting to get gas without your ration book.

It is difficult these days to stir up any enthusiasm
for political controversy.

New Brunswick Legislature intends closing its
Annual Session on Thursday. Will ours?

Approximately one per cent (not 10 per cent
as stated in Saturday's issue) of the cost of
youth training projects was realized last year
by the sale of commodities by the classes.

Owing to war restrictions to European markets,
more Australian sugar is expected shortly in
Canada and U. S. A. taking advantage of returning
troop ships. Australia's surplus sugar formerly
went mostly to the United Kingdom. The
figures for 1939 showed that of a total production
of 928,000 tons 383,000 was consumed at
home and 545,000 exported.

Have you paid your Income Tax? If not, tomorrow
is your final opportunity, otherwise you
are liable to a penalty. For failure to file return
on ordinary incomes by 31st March 5 per cent on
net tax is imposed, while the maximum penalty
for giving false information is \$10,000 or six
months imprisonment, or both fine and imprisonment.

Who would have believed it? Certainly not
members of the Women's Christian Temperance
Union—One of the qualifications for appointment
as a police officer in the British Women's
Auxiliary Air Force is that the applicant be a
moderate drinker, it was stated in the House of
Commons, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal
Secretary of Air, said an officer could carry out
her duties more efficiently if able to mix with
others who drink.

It may be a matter of interest to know that
the Returning Officer for the County, Mr. Gordon
Holmes, has been advised that appointments
of enumerators, deputy returning officers and
poll clerks will be made on a 50-50 basis between
the Liberals and Conservatives. Nothing
could be fairer than that. The Liberals will have
the recommendations in the polls in the counties
bearing the odd numbers and the Conservatives
in those bearing the even numbers. To simplify
matters, if chairmen of polls will find the number
of their polls they will know whether they are
in the Liberal or Conservative category.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game,
G. B.E., K. C.B., D. S. O. born this date
1876; recognized as the real founder of the R.
A. F. director of Organization and Training Air
Ministry, 1919-1922; commander R. A. F. India
1922-23; Air Member for Personnel on Air
Council 1923-28; retired 1929; appointed Governor
of New South Wales 1930, where he
organized and developed the R. A. F.; prior
served in Artillery in South African War
(Queens' Medal and Clasps) and in the European
War 1914-1918 (mentioned in despatches 6
times and D. S. O.)

Nine years ago (says Montreal Gazette) the
satirist R. T. L. said of Woodsworth: "He is
undoubtedly a very awkward person to have in
Parliament because he has practically no pastime
except arguing about things, and has the additional
fault of not being afraid of anybody or anything.
. . . He is not one of the many reasons
why Mr. Bennett is pleased to be Prime Minister,
but he is one of the few reasons why Mr. King
is glad not to be."

That would do for his epitaph. But there is a
better one in a quatrain of Robert Browning:
One who never turned his back, but marched
breast forward.

Never doubted clouds would break,
Held that we fall to rise, are baffled to fight
better,
Sleep to wake.

That rising hope of the stern, progressive Conservatives,
Mr. John Diefenbaker, member for
Lake Centre, declares "the time has come for the
Conservative Party all over this Dominion to
have a declaration of principles that are not
shadows cast by the past, but fiery beacons for
the future." Reaction would get the party nowhere.
He said first he would ask for a redeclaration
of the party's traditional policy of strict
adherence to the British connection. He added
that while people from all races and creeds are
welcome to this country an intensive policy of
immigration from Great Britain must take place
after the war if the tremendous resources of Canada
are to be developed. This would assure the
continuance and strengthening of the British
connection. He said the Conservative Party had
denied its share of responsibility in the Government,
and the alternative is for the Opposition
to insist that the Government do its job in the
best way to ensure victory and that there will be
"equality of service." Mr. Diefenbaker said
Conservatives should vote in the forthcoming
manpower plebiscite.

NOTES BY THE WAY Halifax Is Annoyed

(Moncton Transcript)
The more money the federal
government spends in Halifax and
the more business the government
brings to that city, the more
annoyed Halifax becomes. Halifax
is crowded, beyond its housing capacity,
business is booming and everybody
is hard at work. Some cities
would welcome this state of affairs,
but it has disturbed the peaceful
way of life which Halifaxians have
enjoyed in the past and the whole
situation appears to be most annoying.

The chief complaint at present is
that because of the additional business
and the increased activity the
city is called upon to spend more
than it has been in the habit of
spending on its public services.
Views expressed in Halifax newspaper,
convey the impression that this
is a hardship unfairly imposed
upon the city by the Dominion
government. There has been no
loud protest against the profits
which are being made in the business
of real estate owners and
others or against the full time
wages which are being drawn by
the workers, but the added expense
of operating the city appears to be
regarded as an intolerable injustice.

According to the Halifax way of
thinking, the federal government
undoubtedly feels keenly on the
subject of war service, but this
division classification of Canadian
citizens is likely to reach far and
wide after the plebiscite vote is
counted. Does the Minister actually
mean it when he says the number
of "No" votes cast will represent
the number of Hitler in the country?

We agree that citizens who want
a full out war effort should vote in
the plebiscite and vote in the affirmative.
Without an affirmative
national declaration their wishes cannot
be met, and this is the only
opportunity to express themselves.
The analysis in the Minister's statement,
if deemed necessary, should
have been made in Parliament during
the debate on the bill, thereby
contributing some directness to the
issue instead of leaving it hanging
in the air as evidence of a deplorably
vacillating political policy.
Coming out in this way, it is more
parishian than patriotic, warning the
population of the risk of counter-
ing the Government's demand for
the support it seeks. That a favorable
vote means conservation for
overseas service can hardly be disputed
in view of the fact that the
Government has taken ample authority
for everything else, and it
should have been so stated in the
House of Commons.

Calling non-voters Quislings and
"No" voters Hitler cannot but help
to inflame the feelings already engendered
by the plebiscite. The
Government must be aware of the
press campaign in Quebec urging
electors to vote in the negative.
The papers are full of it, and it is
the duty of public men and others
in public trust to exercise care to
keep Canada from breaking up.
The Minister's statement is not a
parade.

The Poets' Corner

SONNET
Poor soul, the centre of my sinful
earth,
My sinful earth that rebel powers
Why dost thou pine within, and
suffer death,
Painting thy outward walls so costly
gay?
Why so large cost, having so short
a lease,
Dost thou upon thy fading mansion
spread?
Shall worms, inheritors of this ex-
cavate,
Eat up thy charge? Is this thy
body's end?
Then, soul, live thou upon thy ser-
vant's loss,
And let that pine to aggravate thy
store;
Buy terms divine in selling hours of
Wit:
Within be fed, without be rich no
more;
So shalt thou feed on Death, that feeds
on men,
And, Death once dead, there's no
more dying then.

Among the maple trees and silver
birch,
That rose above him like the val-
ued ceiling;
And pines and pillars of the village
church,
He looked towards the blue myster-
ious sky—
They bowed as though the Host
was passing by.
—Montreal Gazette.

ANCIENT DISH
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all separately. The war and
its awful responsibilities are
ours just as much as those of
anyone else. Each of the
twenty-six nations arrayed
against the evil men is fighting
for itself and for all.
Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of
Finance.

Will Not Help Unity

(Globe and Mail)
A plebiscite advertisement pub-
lished in Canada newspapers last
week over the signature of Hon.
Colin Gibson, Minister of National
Revenue, has resulted in much con-
troversy because of the bite in the
last paragraph. It read as follows:
"As I see it—Hitler would vote 'No,'
Quisling would not vote, Canadians
will vote 'Yes.'"

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a distinguished record, Colonel Gibson
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