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

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Responsible Government

The term "Responsible Government" implies that the administration is responsible to somebody for their acts of commission and omission.

Necessarily then the respective members of the Government, and the portfolio members especially, must both know and be on their jobs.

At the farewell luncheon in his honour, ex-Minister of Public Works Senator MacIntyre summed up the situation when he commended the deputy for being responsible for 99 per cent of the work.

It so happens in this particular instance, the deputy is thoroughly competent and has spent a life-time in his particular position.

Similarly in the Department of Agriculture, the actual responsible and competent responsible Ministers of recent times have been Messrs. Murdoch MacKinnon, John H. Myers, Shelton Sharp, Premier Lea, who knew their job thoroughly and did it; the others have been more or less figure-heads and chair fillers.

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An amusing commentary on the present bureaucratic tendencies was given the other day, when the progressive and aggressive Deputy Minister of Agriculture and other officials appeared before the Legislature advising the Government on the floor of the House, what was necessary to be done in the interests of agriculture.

Economic Bureaucrats Discounted

Discussing the resignation of Col. John Thompson, Director of Government Economics, Montreal Gazette says the stereotyped explanation is given that he has been let out for "purely personal reasons."

Making The V.C.

Every Victoria Cross that's ever been awarded, says the London Listener, comes from a quiet little jeweller's shop in the West End of London.

As soon as the Service chiefs have decided that a V.C. is to be awarded, a letter is sent to the little jeweller's shop. It's just an ordinary typed letter saying "Please supply one V.C."

Notes By The Way It will help this country hold its own if every one in it will hold his own tongue.—Ottawa News.

Threshing Before Seeding

The shortage of farm labor has resulted in an extraordinary situation in northern Saskatchewan and northern Alberta, where practically 50 per cent of last year's crop stands unthreshed and must be cleaned up before the farmers can start their spring seeding, in many cases.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Going out lambish, all right.

The Premier is naturally jubilant over his surplus, without worrying how it came about. Here is how. All public works suspended. More liquor sold. Greater subsidy from Ottawa due to wartime tax arrangement.

It must be encouraging to the Prohibitionist to know not only that the liquor business last year provided the Government with a net profit of \$140,000, but that the Premier estimates an increase on that for the coming year of some \$16,000, viz. \$100,000 from direct sales and \$56,000 from the Federal Government in lieu of loss of profit through increased Federal tax.

It is evident Hon. Humphry Mitchell is a "wash-out" as Minister of Labour. There has been little else but trouble, both internal and external, since he was promoted from being a bureaucrat in his department to the position of responsible Minister.

Francois Pierre Guillaume Guizot, French statesman and historian, died this date 1787; born at Nimes of Huguenot stock, was educated at Geneva and Paris; appointed professor of modern history at Sorbonne in 1812 and wrote voluminously on educational subjects, and had the principal share in developing the modern system of education in France.

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Evidence of an early election. Says an Ottawa correspondent: "We believe, from the text of the Throne Speech and the tone of his own addresses, as well as from a survey of the general political terrain, that Mr. King would like a general election this year if he could find a sure-fire issue."

When interviewed in Ottawa recently Sir Percy Noble, K.C.B., head of the British Naval delegation to Washington, gave his frank opinions on: (a) the defence of the St. Lawrence route; (b) the status of naval officers and ratings in a fighting navy.

An old Irish clogger used to tell about a village schoolmaster who, during cold spells, invariably repeated over and over again a science lesson which he called "Evaporation of Steam." The master explained to the pupils that the steam was being heated in a retort over a Bunsen burner and trapping the steam in a long-necked flask.

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