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

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"Out Of Its Own Mouth"

The Liberal organ has discovered a new way of book-keeping and financing—the only way, apparently by which Liberal "economy" claims can be established. It appears in a leading two-column editorial and must therefore be intended to be taken seriously. Briefly, the contention is that all the credits which the Conservatives obtained at Ottawa, including the subsidy increase spent by the Campbell Government, should be added to the Conservative liabilities. By this means it arrives at the conclusion that "the total increase of liabilities under the Conservatives" amounted to \$2,670,140.

Before analyzing this argument let us see what the Provincial Auditor has to say, in his statement of Comparative Statistics of Public Finance tabled by Premier Campbell at the last legislative session:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Conservative Debt Increase, Liberal Debt Increase. Rows for 1932, 1933, 1934, Total, 1936, 1937, 1938, Total.

These are the Auditor's figures, and they show that the Campbell Government's increased debt was greater by \$890,066 than the increased debt of the Conservatives in their corresponding years.

But our contemporary insists that credits from Ottawa should be counted as liabilities, so let us take its own methods of calculation for the Liberal years: Dominion subsidy and other items listed under ordinary expenditure for years 1936-7-8 — \$2,531,628

Domination revenue classified as capital expenditure in the same period Liberal liability increase in same period, as shown by Provincial Auditor — 1,817,178

A LIBERAL DEBT INCREASE OF — \$4,725,587

But this is not all, for it does not include the Liberal bank overdraft which at Dec. 31, 1938 was approximately — \$1,200,000

Nor does it include the borrowing, at the last legislative session, of another — 1,000,000

MAKING A TOTAL LIBERAL DEBT INCREASE, ON THE BASIS OF THE LIBERAL ORGAN'S CALCULATION, OF — \$6,925,587

This figure is probably nearer the truth than the odd method of calculation would suggest! But we were loath to accept such a staggering deficit, even at our contemporary's suggestion; so we decided to deduct from the total all the subsidy increases obtained as a result of Liberal initiative at Ottawa.

Lo and behold! All that we could find to place to the credit side of the Liberal ledger was just the ROUND GOOSE EGGS that Dr. MacMillan said was all they ever got!

Of Conservative subsidy increases we found that the Campbell Government had the spending of no less than \$1,875,000 of federal revenue, obtained successfully, by the Mathieson Government, the Stewart Government, and the MacMillan Government.

BUT OF LIBERAL SUBSIDY INCREASES OBTAINED BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE BELL GOVERNMENT, THE SAUNDERS GOVERNMENT, THE LEA GOVERNMENT AND THE CAMPBELL GOVERNMENT, WE FOUND—TRY AS WE MIGHT—NOT ONE RED CENT TO PLACE TO THEIR BARREN CREDIT!

Extravagance At Ottawa

Despite the gising tide of public opinion in favour of economical public administration, the King Government at Ottawa like the Campbell Government in this Province, has totally ignored its "economy" pledges. As revealed by the Dunning Budget, Dominion expenditure reached a new post-war peak of \$557,000,000 last year. The estimated deficit of \$55,000,000 is very misleading because it includes only \$25,000,000 as loss on Government wheat subsidy. Hon. James Gardiner recently estimated the cost to the Government on this account at \$48,000,000. Later estimates placed it near the \$60,000,000 mark.

Ordinary expenditures of Government are at the highest point in national history. In the 59 channels through which "ordinary" expenditures of Government are made, the Public Accounts recorded increases in all but 19.

connection, "in a year when the national income declined by 9 per cent, some attempt should have been made to hold back this steadily rising tide of public administration costs?"

It declares that there are many Canadians who will not agree with the remark made by Mr. Dunning that "there is as yet no reason whatsoever for any fear as to our national solvency." No doubt of Canada's ability to carry its present burden of debt in conditions of unbroken prosperity. Yet there is real fear as to the future of public finance in Canada.

Revenues of the Dominion and most of the provinces in recent years have been at peak levels. Yet budgets for the most part are unbalanced. On every hand debts are increasing. The end is not in sight. The Dominions and all of the provinces are increasing their expenditures.

Mr. Dunning himself states: "No nation can go on indefinitely with a budget heavily unbalanced without sooner or later providing a real, not an imagined, basis for fear as to the soundness of the country's financial position."

Editorial Notes

David Livingstone died this date, 1873.

The virulence shown by the Liberal organ indicates a spirit of despair.

The respective candidates will now have had official endorsement by their respective conventions.

All eyes and ears will be turned to the Conservative Rally in the Strand Theatre tonight when the Hon. Dr. MacMillan will announce the Party's platform and address the electors.

Premier Campbell has yet to explain how he managed to bungle the Election Law to disqualify three of his supporters in the Legislature.

A spirit of the greatest optimism prevails among the opposition—not only the Tories but also those Democratic Grits who detest dictatorship and maladministration.

Let the taxpayers bear in mind that, according to Premier Campbell, the hard-surfaced roads that cost \$4,821.12 per mile last year are to cost \$8,966.80 per mile this—Election—Year. And the same contractors!

The snow is hardly off the roads but men are busy already filling up holes and fissures. There should be grand travelling by July, not to mention Fall hauling. That is if Premier Campbell does not do as Premier Bell did, stop all work the day after the election.

To commemorate the Royal Visit, the Prime Minister, has approved distribution of 2,500,000 medallions to the school children. These are now being despatched to distributing centres. They all bear the likeness of the King and Queen, and on the reverse side a special commemorative design.

Tom Mackay, claims he charms fish with bagpipes. He said that recently with other pipers he was having a barren day's fishing from the rocks at Kildare. To fill in the time he had a little bagpipe practise. Within 30 minutes, to the strains of Maids of Kintail, 20 fish were caught, one weighing 50 pounds. Mackay said some time ago, when playing the pipes along the banks of a small creek, he saw half a dozen fish with their heads above the water swaying to and fro. They were following in the direction he was walking.

In 1938, 19,548 migrants settled permanently, in Australia the net gain was 8,145 compared with 5,075 in 1937. Of the arrivals, according to figures just issued, 9,289 were British, 3,063 Italians, 1,792 Germans, 1,033 Greeks, and 1,173 non-Europeans. At the present rate of increase, Australia's population is expected to reach 7,000,000 early next year. More than 40,000 European refugees have applied for permits to enter Australia in the past 18 months. The department of the interior is still receiving about 2,000 applications a week. Fifteen thousands will be admitted in the next three years. They are expected to introduce \$22,500,000 of new capital into Australia. More than \$2,500,000 was brought in during the latter half of 1938.

Table showing estimated number of males in England and Wales alone of the ages of 18, 19, 20 and 21 respectively as at June 30, 1938.

Or within the next three years 1,078,800 youths available for active military service in England and Wales alone. To this may be added an additional 360,000 youths from Scotland and Northern Ireland making nearly a million-and-a-half ready for service by 1941.

The Ottawa Journal thinks that for the sake of the reputation of our people for common sense, not to mention their respect for the King and Queen, the official program should be cut down. Certainly there should be nothing but prompt rejection of any suggestions that may come from now on for additions to the program. This Royal visit, it may be necessary to emphasize, is not for the benefit or the glorification of officials or political big-wigs in this or that part of Canada; and the worst thing that could happen to it would be a suspicion on the part of the ordinary public that it was being engineered and tampered with for the political benefit of certain people—or for the enhancement of their social position.

NOTES BY THE WAY

We have the Western Hemisphere to protect. We want to keep access to rubber and tin in the East Indies. We feel more comfortable with British sea power because of the power over all the world Britain has served the status quo.

Mr. Dunning very well for it. We might do better for ourselves if we understood the world—nobody knows, but inasmuch as we depend on the British to do the policing, we have a quite satisfactory arrangement in which we obtain the police benefits without assuming very much responsibility. We don't have to worry about the Monroe Doctrine because British support is as conscientious as we do. So our national interest would seem to lie in preservation of that situation rather than in an overturn of it by a combined German-Italian-Japanese fleet. Therefore, while there doesn't seem to be any reason at all why we should rush over to Europe to make it more democratic, there seems every reason why we should throw supplies and all kinds of breaks toward Great Britain, and France as well, because she is Britain's ally in line of defence on land. That is as far as our policy in the present situation has developed, and there is no visible reason why it should develop beyond this point. — New York World-Telegram.

One by one the pillars supporting British world policy have fallen. Britain enters a new phase in international relations. Now the search is for some more central method to prevent further aggression. There is a new alliance among like-minded nations. Let us cultivate all the friendships we can. But we must not base our policy on the helping hand of others. We must be ready to stand on our own feet. We must work as we have never worked before. Britain must be made so strong that it need be, she can stand alone. This is our primary duty—and we have the means to fulfil it. Let it not be said that we rely upon our friends to do battle for us. Total British rearmament would be the greatest contribution to peace, for two reasons. First: Any Power, however formidable, would hesitate to challenge a world Empire armed to the teeth. Second: Our friends, heartened by our strength and resolution, would be encouraged to join us. Some of them are at this moment hesitating. They would not hesitate if Britain were fully armed and not half-armed. This country must share the responsibility for the deterioration of the last few years. In 1935 there have been five major crises—Abyssinia, the Rhineland, Austria, Sudetenland, and Czechoslovakia. Why did they arise? Fundamentally because Britain was weak. Britain was weak, Britain could do nothing to stop them. — London Daily Mail.

Speaking to the Canadian Club of Toronto this week Gilbert Jackson, former economic adviser to the Bank of England, told that a young Australian lady was discussing Canadian relations with Vincent Massey, Canada's High Commissioner. She deplored the fact that Canadians knew so little about their country. "How many Canadians," he queried, "would know the capital of West Australia?" "Very few," replied the young lady. "But how many of you Toronto folk would know the capital of Saskatchewan?" "Oh, Mr. Massey," replied the young lady, "you can't fool me with such a place." — Toronto Financial Post.

How often in this life the bottom falls right out of a thoroughly sound thing. Apparently the recent reforms, which were told imprisonment for debt was abolished in fact as well as in arrears, do not apply to income tax arrears. A young man, today who had just come out of Buxton Goal as an income tax defaulter. This cheerful soul, who is a very far from being a criminal in the real sense, and me a tale of woe. He knew he was "due" to be committed on the income tax warrant, and accordingly told the only economy practiced by the Le-Campbell Government was to reduce the amount paid to those "aged poor," in a large number of cases. These "poor" were shorted in their pensions to enable the junta to increase their own fat incomes. And "Elector's" bigger and more blundering stupidity is in the fact that "this Government" did not contribute one third of the \$600,000 which he had the gall to credit them with. I am, Sir, etc.

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Public Forum

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He wants to know if loaded teams, trucks, automobiles, carts of hay and produce are to enjoy this boon of free transportation, or is just a Sunday treat to the kids from the Indian camp, instead of attending Sunday School or Divine services?

If the latter only isn't the bait a failure in vote fishing? South Shore and Lok 65 residents don't usually travel on foot. If the secret is let out, and the "nigger" released, this attempt to bribe will prove abortive. I am, Sir, etc.

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