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

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"Canada Saved The Day"

Under this caption the Saturday Evening Post has published a leading editorial giving great credit to Canada for its share in maintaining the North Atlantic sealines during those bleak days late in 1941 and early in 1942 when the sudden spread of the war into the Pacific caught American naval power with tasks far beyond its strength.

The burden of protecting the freighters fell chiefly upon England and Canada. Britain, with a very limited amount of help from the Norwegian, Polish and Fighting French navies, supplied 51 per cent of the escort vessels for the trade convoys; the United States contributed 2 per cent, and little Canada, amazingly, provided 47 per cent.

This does not mean, of course, that the United States was drowsing during those long and critical months. We supplied aircraft for freight convoy patrol and extensive ship and plane repair bases on both sides of the Atlantic. We guarded the growing stream of troops on their way to a global war. And after the fall of Singapore and Java we held the line almost alone in the Pacific. Also, it should not be forgotten that long before Pearl Harbor we had hunted over to the British fifty of our over-age destroyers.

"Yet the fact remains that we probably would have lost the war if the Canadian navy hadn't come through in a spectacular and heroic way. It is not surprising that Britain, with her great sea power and resources, should have been able to shoulder 51 per cent of the job. But it is one of the marvels of this war that Canada, an agricultural nation of less than 12,000,000 people, could have contributed 47 per cent of the vast fleet of fighting ships necessary to get the freighters across."

Shortage of Teachers

The shortage of qualified teachers continues to be a serious problem in every Province. It is causing grave alarm among those most closely concerned, as is apparent from a statement issued by a group closely connected with St. George's School, Montreal.

On January first, 1943, the report states, there were 3,000 teachers without full qualification teaching in the schools of Canada. This figure does not include Quebec about which information was not available. Of these, 127 had no professional training; 125 of them had five weeks' training; 600 had 12 weeks' training—and so on. This gives a picture of some 90,000 Canadian children—supposing each of these teachers is in charge of 30 children—receiving their education from people with less than full professional qualifications.

In addition to this an estimated two to three thousand children have no teachers at all, and their schools are closed. If these figures were correct on January first of this year, it is certain that similar figures now would present an even sorer picture.

This is bad enough, but it is made worse by the fact that the most serious loss to the teaching profession lies amongst its key people. Lack of inspectors, supervisors, principals, and teachers of special subjects, now in the armed services, has seriously impaired the whole structure of the educational system. Those who have brought this whole subject up have likened their removal to the eroding of part of the foundation of a huge building.

The whole problem of teacher shortage may be traced directly to short-sighted failure on the part of federal authorities to enforce selective service. Under a proper selective service plan men needed in the teaching profession would be retained there, and the same applies to every essential service. The effect of this shortsightedness at Ottawa will be felt for years after the war.

Le Bloc Populaire

Yelps of indignation and surprise came from many Liberal quarters at the resounding kick given the King Government in the four federal by-elections this month. In particular, Liberal indignation has been voiced at the result in Stansstead, where the candidate for Le Bloc Populaire Canadian was so successful. The Bloc is as close to being anti-war as the Defence of Canada Regulations permit, and therein lies its ominous significance. Yet there is another side to the story, which is thus given by a writer in the current issue of News:

The three members of Le Bloc Populaire Canadian in the House of Commons were formerly Mr. Mackenzie King's men, Maxime Raymond, Le Bloc's leader in the national field, was first elected in 1925 as a supporter of Mr. King and re-elected in '26, '30, '35 and '40. Etienne Lacroix, another House of Commons member was first elected as Mr. King's man in '25, and again in '26, '30, '35 and '40. Dr. Pierre Gauthier, the third member, was first elected as Mr. King's man at a by-election on January 27th, 1936, and re-elected in 1940.

Mr. King is the direct cause of the forma-

tion of Le Bloc. That new party is carrying on in Quebec in the tradition of Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Cardin and Mr. King's other Quebec ministers. For to keep Quebec voting solidly for Mr. King, the anti-participation anti-British, anti-conscription cry was worked for all it was worth and more. The result is a strong indoctrination of Quebec, harder to overcome by reason of the fact that there was never any real attempt to do so by Mr. King or his ministers in the first three years of the war.

Add the fact that Le Bloc grew out of the conscription plebiscite of 1942 and you have Mr. King's handiwork complete. There was, until then, no organized anti-conscription, which in some ways is also anti-war, group. The announcement that there would be a plebiscite was an invitation for the isolationists in Quebec to organize. La Ligue pour la Defense des Canadiens was formed. It campaigned for a No vote. Got it overwhelmingly. From La Ligue, as Mr. Raymond has often said, grew the political party, Le Bloc Populaire Canadian.

The dangerous effects, in the success of Le Bloc in Stansstead and the near-success of the same group in Cartier, can be traced directly to Mr. King. His twistings and turnings, his efforts to keep a bloc in Quebec to safeguard his election formula have resulted in the highly unpleasant mess we now have.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hope the farmers will find a little time from their arduous labours to consider the issues at stake in next month's election.

"A rose by any other name" etc., is still recognizable by its "works," hence the Communist party's new name of "Labour Progressive" means the same thing.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, afterwards Duke of Connaught, as a "middy" paid his first visit to this colony this date 1869; four years later the colony became a province of the new Dominion of Canada, and forty-two years later Prince Arthur returned as Governor-General.

There is a distinct mystery about the evacuation of Kiska by the Japs. Two light surface U. S. ships shelled positions on the Island as late as July 21, and up to that the island had been bombarded six times, and bombed from the air by U. S. airplanes 17 times. When and how did the Japs escape seeing the small island was so well encircled by sea and air?

One of the greatest landmarks of British Imperial history is the Statute of Westminster of 1931, which recognized the coming of age of the great dominions. It defined Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Eire as "autonomous communities within the British Empire, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as Members of the British Commonwealth of Nations." In other words we are as Kipling sang, a daughter in our mother's house, but mistress in our own.

This is how the Sydney Post-Record views our political situation: While election forecasts are generally nothing more than blind guesses, it is merely stating the obvious to say that, if the popular trend against the Liberal Party is anything like as pronounced in Prince Edward Island as it is everywhere else in Canada, the Jones Government is now making its last journey to the polls. And this despite the fact that there were only 4 Progressive Conservatives in the Legislature which was elected in 1939 and dissolved last week. For the popular vote was more closely divided 4 years ago than it had been in any general election since 1916, the margins as between the opposing parties being unusually narrow almost everywhere outside of Charlottetown, which the Conservatives carried by substantial majorities. A transfer of less than 900 votes from the Liberals to the Conservatives would have given the latter 19 seats in the 30-seat Assembly.

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For many years we have been writing, says a contemporary, that the older parties were failing to cultivate the rising generation, making no appeal to them except for their votes at election time, while the C. C. F. was careful to cultivate this rising strength in the voting lists. C. C. F. speakers kept going into the universities and the schools to make speeches. Sometimes they conducted study groups at which they sprinkled a generous helping of C. C. F. propaganda. Sometimes they went in to make straight political speeches. In the meantime the Liberals and Conservatives ignored the younger voters, taking the attitude that they could get around a few days before election and win all the votes that might be needed. It was impossible to convince leading Liberals and Conservatives that they were missing a bet in not cultivating the youths. The older parties lost their vision of keeping their political fences in repair. In the meantime the younger party, as was instanced in Ontario and the West, was surging upward, attracting anyone willing to listen, carrying the ballot message to all and hoping many would accept it.

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Notes By The Way

Wing Commander Gibson, V. C., now at Ottawa, says the full effect of "busting" the Eber and Mohne dams last May will be felt next month when the streams which it will be dry. There is something for the Germans to "mohne" about. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Goering's wife has arrived in Switzerland. Probably loaded down with the family diamonds—loot from a dozen countries. —Ottawa Journal.

For every 30 Canadians there is now one Government employee. Every 30 Canadians six ordinary families, have to support a Government employee and his family. Every day more Government employees are hired and more families are left to support them. —Vancouver Sun.

The well-known song says "Until the sands of the desert grow cold" which, as if they never grow cold even that, will be an unusual to find thin ice forms on any water exposed overnight in winter. Sentries dread the coldness of night as much as they dread the burning heat of the day. But there is one grand compensation. If you sink a bottle of beer a foot or two under the sand, you can be assured, when you dig it out after a hot afternoon, of a nice bottle of stone-cold beer just off the ice, as it were. —Bombay (India) Standard.

Beginning Monday in Massachusetts, mere man will find it costs him seventy-five cents for a haircut. The result could hardly turn out to be anything but a time bar-bar shop talk is very likely to centre as much about the increase as about the latest war developments. However, at home he'll not be getting much sympathy. Milady will cite to him the price she has been paying for her permanent hair all these years. She'll see to it, too, that male man will have to pay and like it. Boston Post.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian. Opinions necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

NEW PATHOLOGIST

Sir—Premier Jones in his address to the convention at Kingston on Wednesday night referred to the appointment of a pathologist who would be available for consultation regarding disease in various farm birds and animals. In other words a glorified veterinary surgeon.

It is the case that the Premier's wife's nephew, Dr. George Bishop, has already been selected for the position? If this is so, what practical training along pathological lines or in practical laboratory work has Dr. Bishop had? I am, Sir, etc.

QUESTION TO PREMIER JONES AND "POLITICS"

Sir—How many vacancies were in the local Legislature at the time of Dissolution? Premier Jones says five, "Politics" says thirteen. One would suppose that "Politics" would be wrong. If it is so, what practical training along pathological lines or in practical laboratory work has Dr. Bishop had? I am, Sir, etc.

ACCURACY.

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THE NEW BOULEVARD

Sir—Voter, have you travelled ever the Jones Boulevard yet? It is a fine road, but it has been taken four or five Government engineers to steer the big road machines between the telephone posts and the telephone wires on one side and his turnips on the other. There is yet one step before the Boulevard is perfect—a hard surface. Then Hon. Mr. Jones' emulation of Hon. J.P. McIntyre in spending many thousands of dollars on the money to build a hard surface highway almost to his own gate will be complete. So the new aggregation asks the old motto still is: "Look after ourselves first."

SECONDARY ROAD RESIDENT.

FARMERS AND DUCK SHOOTING

Sir—In the Public Forum of your issue on the 24th, a letter entitled "Duck Season" and signed "Gunner" somewhat attracted my attention. Gunner writes that the Duck season should open on Sept. 10th and that the farmer has a longer season to secure meat in this time of rationing. I wonder if the wrangling of the farmer is even interested whether the farmer has been a week or three times a day. Perhaps someone whose feet are getting itchy or dog is getting anxious to trade fields and shores looking for game as a pastime. Not many island farmers, however, are in a position to build a duck pond. It is a long time travelling for ducks as long as there is a nice fat rooster in their own yard. It would be a long chance for the farmer to take, if he were having a crowd of threshers or potato pickers, to strike to the late afternoon to get meat for their dinners. Personally I would sooner drive the several miles, as "Gunner" mentioned to the local store, to buy a load of produce along. This would be killing two birds with the one shot whereas the precious time of arriving late in the pond might not mean any birds.

SLING SHOT.

DALVAY

I know a cove where Jool green waters flow. In gentle curve to meet the pulling berries grow. Where slopes of grass and wild berries grow Down to the sandy dunes which lie beside. How fragrant is the spruce-wood in the dawn When winding paths are flushed with rosy light And shadows of a stormy night have gone Beyond the wharves outlined in churning white. Down where the breeze cuts cleanly from the sea. And combers lash the shore with rhythmic surge. There in the calm of evening I would be and trees and moonlight sweep seas will merge eternally. —Audrey P. Ryan.

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