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

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Dr. Manion's Indictment

"A theoretical reformer and a practical reactionary" was Hon. Dr. Manion's shrewd summing up of the political record of Prime Minister Mackenzie King. No one can dispute the justice of this criticism in view of the speech which Mr. King delivered four years ago on the occasion of his party's victory at the polls, of which the following quotation is an example:

"Today's election discloses that the people share the view, which the Liberal party has all along maintained, that unemployment is Canada's most urgent national problem. It is an indictment of the Liberal proposal to deal with this question by means of a representative national commission and by policies which will serve to revive industries and trade."

And again: "We take up at once, as our supreme task, the endeavour to end poverty in the midst of plenty, starvation and unnecessary suffering in a land of abundance, discontent and distress in a country more blessed by Providence than any other on the face of the globe, and to gain for its individual lives, and for the nation as a whole, that strength and peace and sweet content which is the rightful heritage of all."

Surveying the national scene four years after this eloquent assurance was given by Mr. King, the Canadian Welfare Council felt compelled to say: "Canada still lacks long-term legislation, comprehensive planning, and any integrated and adequate program for a fundamental attack upon the serious national ills which have occasioned these heavy expenditures."

The Conservative leader was on firm ground, therefore, in indicting the King Government for its betrayal of the electors' confidence on this important issue. The budget, he also pointed out, has not been balanced though Mr. King had said that would be the aim of a Liberal Government. He had promised a reduction in expenditures and expenditures have never been so heavy as now. Reduction in taxation had been promised, but there have been increases only. Nothing has been done to bring about a more equal distribution of wealth. The Prime Minister had pictured Canada with all Liberal Governments as an ideal set-up for a co-operative commonwealth. Instead, we are facing a crisis in national disharmony brought about by the bickering between Liberal provincial and federal leaders.

Dr. Manion spoke on the Draft Address for about three hours, no doubt covering much ground which is not contained even in the lengthy Canadian Press summary in yesterday's Guardian. His most damning indictment was summed up in the following words: "The real charge against this Government is that it has an absolute lack of realization of actual Canadian conditions. It has given no evidence it understands conditions although the Prime Minister in 1935 was able to convince the people he understood them. It has shown a complete lack of action and a lack of any plan to remedy conditions."

A Government which must perforce plead guilty to such a charge as this can expect nothing but condemnation from the taxpayers, however much money it may spend in an eleventh-hour effort to recapture public confidence.

Butter Tariff Bungling

A question which is likely to come before Parliament is the reason why, with a huge surplus of Canadian butter last year, the King Government undertook to remove the exchange dumping duty on New Zealand butter imported into Canada.

During the first nine months of 1938 Canada imported 29,052 cwts. of New Zealand butter, valued at \$670,460, as compared with 208 cwts. valued at \$4,536 for the same period in 1937. The figures appear in the current issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal, a Government publication, which states that last year's New Zealand butter imports represent "the largest quantity shipped to Canada since 1930."

1930, it will be recalled, was a Liberal year, in which a Liberal low tariff of 1 cent per lb. permitted millions of pounds of Australian and New Zealand butter to flood this country. It was only the action of the Bennett Government in the following year that saved our dairymen from ruin. The present Liberal Government has not dared to put the tariff back to the 1 cent rate, but in meddling with the exchange dumping duty last year it added to the difficulties of our farmers at a time when the home market for their surplus butter was never more badly needed.

Democracy And Religion

In his speech to Congress recently President Roosevelt said something about the interdependence of democracy and religion. Since then, notes the New York Sun with amusement, a number of bright young men in the United States have made a tremendous discovery. One of them proudly proclaims that to dissociate free institutions from religion and patriotism is to render them unworkable. Another suggests that in so far as the democratic idea has lost vitality this is due to the fact that the conception of man as an ethical and spiritual being has been reduced to a consideration of him as a mere product of economic or biological forces. "What puzzles some of us, to whom this discovery is no discovery at all," says the Sun, "is to understand where our brighter young men and women have been living, what they have been reading, to what discourses they have been listening all this while. 'They cannot be well acquainted with the writings of the Apostle Paul, especially his

Epistle to the Romans, wherein he so nobly expounds his doctrine of the superior excellence of righteousness through individual faith over righteousness that is imposed by an ironclad code of law. They cannot be well grounded in the history of the Reformation, or they would understand that humanity's long struggle for political self-government has invariably gone hand in hand with its struggle for religious liberty. They cannot have studied the great Encyclicals of Pope Pius XI, especially the one on the eve of Christmas in 1929 or the "Quadragesimo Anno" pronouncement of May, 1931. "Surely they have not been sitting regularly under any great preacher, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish, in recent years, or they would have known that this 'new' doctrine of theirs is about the most familiar of all to makers of sermons. "True democracy may not be a religion but it must be religious or it is neither true nor a democracy. It must worship something, if only an idea. It postulates two things—self-discipline and self-denial. Men must first rule themselves before with any success they can rule one another for their common advantage. The individual citizen who voluntarily submits to the rule of his fellows can be persuaded so to do only through a more or less mystical belief in a higher good. Mere morality will not do the job—or, at least, never has done the job—but morality enlightened by spirituality can do it."

Editorial Notes

Scott reached the South Pole this date, 1912. Bennett's triumphal farewell to Canada recalls Gladstone's farewell to Mid Lothian. But Gladstone returned.

Curiously enough it was Manion, Meighen and Bennett who featured the news columns yesterday.

A little brief authority makes even millionaire publishers want to gobble it all, as the case of Mr. George McCullagh and C.B.C. serves to demonstrate.

Imagine the severe shock to that most patriotic body, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire at Regina, when a competitor in an oratory contest under their auspices concluded her speech on Hitler by giving the Nazi salute. Needless to say that particular candidate was eliminated.

With the announced purpose of campaigning against "harsh and vulgar mother-in-law jokes," the Mother-in-law Association, of New York State has filled a trade name certification with the county clerk and opened temporary headquarters. Sponsors tentatively set February 7 as "Mother-in-law Day" and said that later the ideal mother-in-law, son-in-law and daughter-in-law probably would be selected "in a dignified manner."

In the Speech from the Throne at Ottawa there was a bad break for which no doubt somebody in the Prime Minister's office has got a keel-hauling. Reference was made to the proposed trans-atlantic air service and it was stated preparations were continuing in collaboration "with the governments of the United Kingdom and of Ireland." The new name of the former Irish Free State, Eire, was missing.

Mayor Day of Toronto has been officially advised that the King and Queen will be guests of the provinces rather than the cities when they visit Canada this summer. The one exception is Ottawa, where Their Majesties will be guests of the Dominion Government. All arrangements for the Ontario visit will be made by a special committee headed by Hon. Albert Matthews Ontario Lieutenant-Governor, in accordance with instructions from Ottawa.

Because Britain would not give General Franco diplomatic recognition, he has retaliated by refusing permission to British airplanes to pass over that part of Spain over which he has jurisdiction. This has wrecked Britain's plans for starting an air service from London to South America. The first stage, London to Lisbon, was scheduled to start on January 2, and trial survey flights have been carried out by British Airways as far as Bathurst and Gambia. It is suggested that Franco is acting under pressure from Germany, which fears British competition with its Luft Hansa transatlantic service, and secondly that Franco possibly hopes to obtain belligerent rights by such methods.

One of the many controversial private bills to enlive the present session at Ottawa is the measure of the Ontario Government to authorize the construction of a new international bridge at Niagara Falls. While it is sponsored by the Government of Ontario it will not be given formal federal government sponsorship. It was this bill that provoked stiff opposition from the Conservatives, led by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, in the House; and there was also a fight in the Senate, the bill being finally withdrawn at the instance of Hon. T. B. McQuesten, of the Hepburn Cabinet. The bill itself has not been filed with the Government, but it is believed that this year's proposal will be much the same as the one which caused so much trouble in the House of Commons and the Senate committee on railways and canals a year ago.

In Rome the Papal organ Osservatore Romano devotes a long article to the coming jubilee of the Canadian College at Rome, tracing its history from its foundation in 1888 on the initiative of Cardinal Howard, patron of the Company of St. Sulpice. The Osservatore gives special emphasis to the fact that since its establishment 22 bishops have been chosen from among the 721 pupils graduated by the college. Praising the present rector, Mgr. Leonidas Perrin, the newspaper says his activity combines "all the fervor and all the zeal of his professors." The Osservatore points out that the college's Rome jubilee celebrations scheduled to take place the latter part of this month will be presided over by Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec. He will officiate at a Pontifical Mass January 29 in the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, of which he is titular bishop, and a reception will be given on the afternoon of the same day in the Canadian College.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The report was circulated that a Miss Muriel McDowell of Keighley, Eng., was making money, taxation officers sent her a blank form to be filled out, and then it was found that Muriel was 10 years old, and was earning three cents a week making matches at bedtime. The income tax people believe in catching them when they are young.—Peterborough Examiner.

Slightly more than \$600,000,000 worth of trade between Canada and the United States is involved in the concessions granted each country by the other in the new trade agreement. Canada gets concessions of varying character on exports to the United States which last year were valued at \$227,505,484. On the other hand, Canada gives to the United States concessions on trade which last fiscal year were valued at \$280,000.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

As Adam Smith said in a well known passage: "Dance is more important than opulence." In 1931, when the National Government came into office, the cost for dancing in the United States was \$140,000,000. This year it was \$340,000,000. The cost is admittedly enormous, being much larger than the whole of the national expenditure before the inevitable in view of recent developments abroad. It must, therefore, be remembered that this money is expended at home, and thus benefits the people of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Moreover, the security of our wool and industries could not continue to exist.—Belfast Telegraph.

Mr. Chamberlain's forthright statements during the past few days, that Britain's ties with France go far beyond the obvious, that Tunis is certainly covered by the Anglo-Italian agreement; that we resent German Press insults to East Africa; that the democratic system, have pleased almost everybody in this country. This is the authentic voice of Britain. Nothing but good can come of plain, unequivocal statement of what this country stands for and what it expects in the shape of a settlement with Mussolini, with agreements have been made. The Prime Minister cannot be too blunt to suit this country's mood. We want friendship; but we want a square deal also. And we will have no truck with bullying.—Sunday Chronicle.

It is, indeed, very clear that the policy of appeasement must be abandoned. The fullest opportunity of proving its worth. Perhaps not everyone would agree that the alternative to the present policy is the diplomacy of personal contact. "To make up our minds that war was inevitable and to throw the whole weight of our country behind preparation for it," it is certain that no responsible politician in Britain wants war, and there are not many, even among the Minister's critics, who are so deeply pessimistic as to despair of peace. But this country is already deeply committed to the principle of collective security, and it is obvious that if this method is not justified itself fully, it cannot be abandoned now.—Glasgow Herald.

Tunis is clamorous. In Memel the Nazis prepare to march. The city of Danubius is in a state of command Home Rule. The air is full of rights and wrongs. But when we have finished our lot of grievances in Europe we find plenty more waiting. There are a lot of other people after the Memel-landers, the Tunisians and the Ukrainians who are a queue of oppressed nations waiting to ask for your sympathy. When they have all had their say, you may have to turn on the West. You may have to turn on friendly terms with Italy, there is no necessary conflict between our imperial interests and Danubia. Lord Elton in The Fortnightly London.

Though you may draw frontiers of interest across the land, and we are getting used to the idea of a German Middle Europe, as far as the Balkans, the sea is all one, and for that reason we are particularly sensitive about any approach of Germany to the Mediterranean or any use of the alliance with Italy to gain territorial or naval footing on its shores. The Italian demands for the coast of Nice, Corsica and Tunis are not taken seriously, and are probably only meant as bargaining counters for something entirely different. Rightly, we have always ranged ourselves on the side of France in opposition; but, lest Germany should make the same mistake about Mr. Chamberlain's character as some of his critics at home, we would do well to make our position still clearer. The ques-

Ottawa Society SHINDIG AT LEGATION

(Chester Bloom, Ottawa correspondent in the Winnipeg Free Press) Capital society is holding its breath over aftermath stories of social solacisms committed by hard-drinking Ottawaians at the recent grand opening party at the new half million dollar French legation near Government House. Reports of glasses smashed, bottles broken against the magnificently carved stone and tapestried walls of the French palace, of holes burned in costly Persian rugs under the tramping of heedless feet, and even worse offences against good taste are circulating through the capital's ample whispering galleries.

The great bulk of the huge crowd of 600 odd government dignitaries and their wives invited to the opening ceremony conducted themselves with the dignity and decorum befitting their positions. They did not participate in the mad scramble for the lavishly served champagne and liquor of the French minister, Count de Dampierre. Most of the more prominent guests left at a reasonable hour—some as early as the drinking Ottawaian say they saw little incidents that occur at a big Ottawa crush.

But different accounts are given by those whose business it was to see the party to the finish. It appears that as usual in these big affairs there were some gate crashers who guarded in despite the closely guarded entrance. Blame is put on them but the truth seems to be that a number of young sprigs of Ottawa society with the wrong aristocratic blemish humiliated aristocracy because blind them were among the worst offenders.

The champagne, Scotch whiskey and other liquors were served at a table in the big saloon. The scramble for the liquid refreshments were reportedly a shambles. Unable to get served as rapidly as they desired, some of the young sprigs more rude shoved arms between those in the front row, snatched bottles and carted them to their private drinking sores. After midnight, as the big throng thinned out, the debris was appalling, say those who saw the honor of Ottawa good society at heart.

Empty bottles were strewn in various corners. Some had been broken against the walls. Fragments of smashed glasses were ground into floors and rugs along with burned cigarette stubs. Wreaths of thick smoke filled the main hall. The young sprigs of Ottawa society's careless smoking habits, the Count de Dampierre had provided no ash trays or other receptacles for cigarette smokers would use the legation smoking room for their ease. "What a hope! Hundreds dropping cigarette ends on hardwood floors and Persian rugs indifferently."

Much blame is put on the young social dictators how for the young The French minister was in their hands in listing invitations. Various persons were included, who ordinarily come into into an Ottawa social affair with a basket of flowers. Generally known to the pressmen of the capital as cock pushers, these social dictators are not to be trusted and using every effort to hush up the social offence against Canada's sister nation.

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That Body of Hours

VIOSTEROL EFFECTIVE IN TREATMENT OF ACNE—PIMPLES

I find myself writing very often about acne—pimples, not because the condition is painful or dangerous but because it is spoiling the lives of many boys and girls just when manhood and womanhood is opening up to them. They avoid playing games, going to parties, or enjoying other forms of amusement. They draw back within themselves and some become mental patients, all because of this simple eruption on face and shoulders.

Physicians now agree that as acne appears about the time of puberty, gland changes in the body cause the skin eruption. Just how gland changes cause the trouble is unknown but in some manner the body processes are difficult to handle various foods and this improper burning or handling of foods results in the change in the skin.

For years the results of X-ray treatment of acne have been excellent; in fact the X-ray treatment has been considered "the best single treatment of acne." It is, however, that this top position or standing of the X-ray treatment is to be challenged by the treatment of which I have written many times, that is, the treatment by viosterol. The viosterol treatment of acne was first given to the profession by members of the staff of the University of Chicago who cured themselves and many of their students by this method.

Dr. M. R. Maynard, San Jose, California, in California and Western Medicine reviews 255 cases of acne treated since 1930. Of these, 123 patients were treated by other means than the use of viosterol and 132 with viosterol; eighty-six were treated by X-ray, or ointment, or both. In 18 cases the diet and application of lotions were much better, the same in the two groups. Of those receiving viosterol the dosage was started at 20 drops each morning; in many the dose was later increased to 40 drops.

Of the 86 patients treated by X-ray the acne was better in 30, at the end of three months; in 18 it was much better, and in 26 the condition was healed; and of the 132 cases treated with viosterol, 8 were better, 20 were much better, or helped by the X-ray, there were 26 in whom the acne returned whereas the acne returned in only one case where viosterol was used.

RAISE MINIMUM WORKERS' AGES NAIROBI, Kenya, Jan. 17.—Raising of the minimum age from 10 to 12 years for light work and to 14 for industrial employment is recommended by the Kenya committee on juvenile labor, set up by the British government. The committee declares the worst feature of the problem is town life, many native children being casually employed in very bad conditions in Indian bazaars and also by Africans.

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