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

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Lively Session Anticipated

The opening of Parliament at Ottawa today is of unusual interest in many respects. It will see a new Opposition leader in the person of Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Conservative chieftain, and as it is likely to be the last session before the King Government goes to the country, the discussions are bound to prove of importance.

At long last, the Government is reported to be planning to deal with unemployment and relief "from a new and more comprehensive approach." This being in effect what it promised to do immediately on assuming office, the question arises why such action has been left as an election-eve gesture.

The new U. S.-Canada trade agreement, the revision of the ill-fated West Indies treaty, and other trade and tariff issues will doubtless bulk large in debates. Interest will also centre on the budget and on taxation reductions, if any. These usually make their appearance in the dying days of every Liberal regime, regardless of the condition of the finances.

Trade Board Activities

Always a matter of interest to our citizens is the annual review of activities of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. The retiring president, Lt. Col. G. E. Full, presented his report at last night's annual meeting which appears in conjunction with the reports of the various Board committees in today's Guardian.

Many will agree with Colonel Full's opinion that the relations between the City and Province with regard to auto and gasoline taxes require some adjustment, in view of the fact that 30 per cent of these taxes are paid by Charlottetown citizens who receive nothing from this revenue to help pay for the maintenance of City streets.

The retiring president also dealt with the civic relief burden, which he maintained should be borne out of income taxes, in other words from Dominion and Provincial revenue and not from civic assessments.

The reference made by Colonel Full to the right of the city and towns to their share of C. N. R. monies paid the Province in lieu of taxes, recalls that in 1927 this was one of the planks which helped to elect the Liberal party to power. It should therefore appeal to a government composed for the most part of men who were active in Liberal politics at that time.

Canadian Government Annuities

A memorandum has been forwarded to the Dominion Government by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, complaining of the rapidly growing loss in operations in the sale of Canadian Government annuities.

Briefly the memorandum sets out that the purpose of the Government Annuities Act when it was enacted in 1908 was to forestall a demand which arose at that time for old age pensions. The Act proved inadequate for this purpose, and now, with every Province providing old age pensions with federal assistance, there no longer exists any reason for Canadian Government annuities being sold at less than cost.

It is claimed the annuity scheme is purely voluntary and the classes which require assistance or pensions in later years do not avail themselves of the benefits provided in the Act except in an almost negligible number of cases. The scheme is therefore devoid of the most essential characteristics of a sound social security plan.

It is also claimed that the method of administering the Act tends to defeat its avowed purpose. Annuities are sold by agents remunerated by commission; the income of such agents being dependent upon the volume of business sold, they naturally solicit business among the wealthier classes, for which the scheme is not intended.

As a result of annuities being sold at seriously inadequate rates, recurring losses have arisen each year in the Annuities Branch. From the inception of the Act to March 31, 1937, an amount of \$2,300,000 was appropriated to the fund to provide for mortality losses alone and during 1938 a further \$5,000,000 was appropriated for the same purpose. To make adequate provision on annuities already issued for future mortality losses, for expenses, and for losses arising from crediting the fund with interest at the rate of 4 per cent when the Government can obtain capital at a much lower rate, it is estimated that an appropriation at the present time of a further \$20,000,000 might be necessary.

Furthermore, it is stated that the Annuities Branch is actively soliciting group pensions, and that as a result of this, it is possible for corporations—including foreign corporations—to receive the benefits of the favorable annuity rates which are subsidized by the Canadian taxpayers.

The memorandum recommends that premiums be calculated, not on the present 4 per cent interest rate, but on a rate subject to change from time to time, but which shall not exceed the cost of money to the Dominion Government; also that premiums be adjusted to cover the full cost of administration, that a continuous audit be maintained, and that the privilege be discontinued under which a person may acquire through a deposit such as \$1.00 a year an option on an annuity at present rates and apparently continue to hold such option even against an increase in the rates of premium or a lowering of the maximum annuity purchasable.

The first representation to the Dominion Government on this subject was made by the Chamber of Commerce in May, 1936. "Further representations," says the memorandum, "are now deemed advisable in view of the loss on existing business party disclosed by the recent appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Annuities Branch, and it is again urged that future annuities be sold on a self-sustaining basis."

A Serious Situation

Our evening contemporary calls attention to the existence of a "crime wave" in this Province and quotes the Grand Jury report in which comment is made on the widespread increase in the crimes of theft, breaking and entering, burglary, and even armed robbery during the past year.

Emphasis should also be directed to the Grand Jury's statement that the primary cause of such law breaking is frequently known to be poverty and destitution resulting from unemployment, and to its recommendation that the Government endeavour, by co-operation with employers of labor, to furnish employment for those who are idle.

Of course, law enforcement is always a matter of governmental responsibility, but where the cause of a crime wave is traced, as in this case, to poverty and unemployment, the onus on the Government becomes all the greater, especially when the remedying of such conditions was one of the chief obligations it assumed on taking office.

Editorial Notes

Parliament opens today.

Edmund Burke born this date, 1729.

According to President Roosevelt's weighty dictum, modern civilization depends for its continued existence on three fundamentals—Religion, Democracy, and reasonable International Relations. But, alas, do the Germans, Japs and Russians know and concede this?

Necessity is the mother of discovery as well as of invention, hence it is that British prospectors searching for new oil fields in British Guiana have found vegetable pitch in the North West District, near the Venezuelan boundary. Vegetable pitch is the rarest form of the substance in the world, the only other known source being Soviet Russia.

An Islander wintering in Jacksonville, Florida sends us the following from the Times-Union newspaper remarking that it is what one would expect to find in Charlottetown papers in June. "The Hastings area is a scene of great activity just now, with planting of potatoes under way. Planting is near completion at Federal Point and in Flagler County. Planting in the Elkton district, and around Hastings proper, will start about January 12. Early cabbage shipments are now going out of Hastings, Elkton and the Toccoi district. The quality is excellent, according to County Farm Agent Loomis Blich. Shipments are expected to increase shortly as the season gets under way."

Charlottetown will have plenty variety of plays and diversified talent Friday evening when the Dominion Drama Festival takes place in the Prince Edward Theatre — no fewer than four one-act plays being staged by four different casts. This theatrical event is not under the direction of the Little Theatre though the Little Theatre players with others participate, hence membership tickets of that organization are not good for admission on this occasion. The entertainment starts at the unusually early hour of seven o'clock to permit the plays being concluded before morning, and warning is given that late comers will have to remain in the rear until the end of the first play so as not to disturb the performers.

It is pointed out that the City Council's resolution re auto registrations and assessment is more comprehensive and inclusive than at first reading appears. It provides that a car owner "shall produce a certificate from the City Clerk . . . to the effect that such person is not in default or arrears for any civic assessments of any year or years . . . in respect of such motor vehicle . . . whether or not he is the applicant for such registry." In other words, it is the car and not the offending owner, that is to be penalized. Under this proposed regulation hire-purchase autos repossessed by the auto agency could not be resold unless the agency, or the new purchaser, paid the "arrears for any civic assessment . . . in respect of any motor vehicle" due by the defaulter.

Beverly Baxter believes in conscription, though he does not believe the Conservative Party in Britain, of which he is a member and an M.P. believes in it. Here are his own convictions in a nutshell: "There are times when democracy seems a poor thing. There are times when free speech seems an incipient to confusion and disruption. In my opinion, democracy will not survive unless it is prepared to impose upon itself a discipline as rigid as that which a dictator fixes on a totalitarian state. Britain owes that to the men who in past centuries gave their lives for the cause of human liberty. Britain owes it as well to the generations that will follow us and who must become heirs to our decisions. Self-imposed compulsory National Service—or individual liberty? That is the issue that is cutting deep into the conscience of the British people at this hour."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Twenty years have passed since the Kaiser fled Germany laboring under an impression that the war was lost. —Detroit News.

A magazine article advises against over-exercise. It was Chauncey Depew who said he got his exercise by "acting as a waiter for my friends who exercise." —Brookville Recorder and Times.

In New Jersey the professional Santa Claus must soak his whiskers in disinfectant. Thus to the rising generation a hospital will have a delightful smell of Christmas. —Toronto Star.

Another advantage of democracy is that the mayor of New York has the background which makes him instantly ready for a grapple with a dangerous assailant. Try to name any European ruler who can use a football tackle in self-defence. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

Correspondents who have been kicked out of Europe seem to have been kicked into the lucrative trade of denouncing the kickers. One in book and broadcast. —Sherbrooke Record.

A Philadelphia shoe merchant made a bid for business with a sign reading "Goulashes." It has been written on the sign, "Goulashes, Goulashes or even goulache, but the presence of the 'u.' calls for paprika seasoning. —Moncton Transcript.

Scotland's girls are pretty, but they make too little of their beauty. Such as the opinionist, who would make his home in Paris, as expressed in the "Scottish Field," "I have seen more pretty girls in five minutes here than I have seen in a whole day in Paris," says Mr. Marshall.

"The only trouble about them was they didn't look like the girls they were," said a young man looking like a chorus girl, but I think they might, young and old, do something to make themselves more attractive. They've got the complexion and they've got the figures. "But why go about wearing their clothes as though they had been blown on them in a high wind? Why not make them conform to the fit their bodies, and why not walk in them with some appearance of dignity and to something about their hair and their hats? Why go about looking like so many sacks of potatoes when they might look like primcesses?" —Stratford Beacon Herald.

One of the more interesting manifestations of feeling aroused by the Nazi persecutions of Jews in Germany, has been demonstrated by Canadians of German birth or descent who appear to be overwhelmed in their opposition to Hitler's savagery. —London Free Press.

We have just been told another good strike story which has been told in the Times-Union newspaper. His wife walked alongside him. When they arrived at the gate the woman asked where her husband was going. He said he was going on the picket line. "You get in there and get to work, you beggar," said the wife, "either get to work quick or get out of the night." (He went to work.) —Windsor Star.

Why believe in miracles like the airship, the locomotive, the radio, the skyscraper, and disbelieve in the other miracles like faith, hope, friendship, the Christian spirit, and the answer is that the material miracles of today have been proven and established by their very existence, then the reply is that the miracles of the spirit have been even more firmly woven into the existence of man by their very life and vitality and force of truth.—Timmins Advance.

No man — as far as is known — saw what must have been an awesome sight when the glacier on Mount Hector rushed into the valley. The mountain guide who was in the district two weeks ago saw the glacier in its usual place; when he returned the other day from Banff, the valley was filled with a carpet of broken ice, two miles long and a mile wide. Fortunately no human beings were in the path of the avalanche when it broke loose. —Edmonton Journal.

If the cold truth were told women score all along the line in the matrimonial battle. As their sole discretion regarding "obey" may be omitted from the marriage service. Women have arrogated to themselves the right which has been established in the English High Court — to decide if and when they shall bear their husbands a child. They may, if they wish, go to work after their marriage, and their husbands cannot prevent them. But, be it noted, a husband is bound by law to pay his wife's income tax, no matter how much she earns, and whether she decides to retain every penny of her earnings for herself, to save or to spend. Meanwhile, her husband's credit is not pledged for every reasonable necessity that may arise. —Johannesburg Times.

An American commercial attaché at Shanghai says he thinks a seventy-mile railway tunnel will join America and Asia. Bering Strait is 55 miles wide from continental coast to continental coast. It has two small islands in the middle to break the continuity. Its extreme depth is about 300 feet. Maybe a tunnel might be constructed and maintained under all conditions, but the cost would make even Harry Hopkins' head spin. —From the Detroit Free Press.

At the very first test we are informed that the millions we have expended on armaments during the war which can be foreseen and prevented. —ML John Lee, England.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHY RINGWORM'S FOOT — RINGWORM — IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO CURE

It was only after seeing the dramatic advertising of the "cures" for athlete's foot—ringworm of the feet—that the public and physicians themselves realized that such a large number of cases existed. The vegetable organism or fungus of ringworm requires a warm moist place in which to develop and it is in this particular place—between and about the toes—where the blood is farthest from the heart and circulation poor at times, that we find this ailment. We can thus understand why it occurs and is so persistent and so difficult to cure.

One of the reasons why ringworm of the feet is not readily cured is pointed out by Dr. D. A. Berberian, Beirut, Syria, in Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology, Chicago. Dr. Berberian notes that the stockings of patient with ringworm are the commonest cause of reinfecting the feet. Not only is the fungus vegetable organism found in the stockings of patients suffering from the infection but this organism is not killed by the ordinary process of laundering and is actually able to grow in the stocking itself. Dr. Berberian's experiments show that this organism can grow in different kinds of materials used as inner lining for shoes and also on rock, wood, moss and seaweeds. "The use of all rubber slippers—no cloth or fabric inner lining—has been recommended as a means of safeguarding one's feet against the possibility of infection or reinfection from outside sources."

For prevention of ringworm of the feet Dr. Berberian finds that vapor of formaldehyde is most effective. "Its disinfectant action is greater and more rapid (six hours) than that of the disinfectant which is moistened just before being placed in the disinfecting chamber."

Washing the feet, drying them well, and the use of disinfecting ointments is usually effective in curing athlete's foot. Dr. Berberian's studies explain why some cases are so persistent: it is because they are reinfecting. His suggestions should be of great help to these sufferers.

Question Of Plurals

(Baltimore Sun) Now, here is a controversy in which the carrow myself was enthusiastic. A correspondent writing to the New York Times says he has called the Postmaster General, Mr. Frazier, several times because of "a glaring error in grammar on the one-and-one-half-cent stamp." The point is that the stamps says 1 1/2 cents and Mr. Frazier has got the Post Office jumbled up in clear, for he reports that he has a letter from the assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Adams, that says "a technical viewpoint he is 'probably' correct and that the matter will be looked into further before any series of 1 1/2 cent stamps is designed."

I hope the Postmaster General and his assistants, unto the third and fourth degree, will not retreat from their position. The objection is that they have used the plural form of the noun cent. Now, what is plural? As the dictionaries I have ever heard of say that plural means "more than one," if one and a half is more than one, then two and two make five and all arithmeticians are lunatics and have been since the beginning of time. It is proper, of course, to say "a cent and a half," but it isn't only improper, it is downright idiotic, to say "one and a half cent," and if Jim Frazier is a half a man he'll stand pat.

The Poet's Corner

MOONRISE

I awoke in the hammock not to call night, in the white and the waik of the morning; The moon, dwindled and thinned to a slender, a slender, a slender, held to the canoe. Or paring of paradisaical fruit, lovely in waning but lustreless. Stepped from the stool, drew back from the barrow, of dark Manana's the mountain. A cusp still clasped him, a fluke yet fanged him, entangled him, not quite uterine. This was the prized, the desirable sight, unsought, presented so easily. Parted me leaf and leaf, divided me, eyelid and eyelid, slumber. —Gerard Hopkins.

CARDIFF —(CP)—The ministry of health has announced a scheme for a Snowdonia national park of 56,000 acres. The one that will be prepared by the Caernarvonshire joint planning committee.

DOBI'S KIDNEY PILLS. TREATMENT OF BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, SHLUDGER, THROAT, EAR, NOSE, SORE THROAT, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, PAINFUL BUBBLES.

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Hyde Park Changing

(Exchange)

Freedom of speech in Hyde Park in the heart of London is an old established custom and the right of any man to his soap box platform is protected by special police detailed to keep peace and order among the crowds.

So well is the arrangement understood that at moments of national crises, such as has recently been experienced in London, the crowds will assemble to hear what the orators have to say and may then march to picket such focal points of energy as Downing-Street, where the Prime Minister makes his home or to Buckingham Palace, where the King lives, which adjoins Green Park just across Piccadilly from Hyde Park.

The people of London have established a professional form almost as regular as the pageantry of procession that heralds the opening of Parliament. Whereas the opening of Parliament is attended by scarlet-cad Life Guards and Peers, and officers of State wear their gorgeous robes, the people turn out with umbrellas for standards and raincoats for tabards, while mounted and foot police in blue and silver act as escorts.

For the past ten years these parades of the people have been gradually growing in significance without any one knowing what they were leading to. They began as expressions of sympathy when the crowds marched to Buckingham Palace at the time of the illness and death of King George V.

They became bewildered marches at the time of the Abdication. During the crisis over Czechoslovakia they became partisan marches; some marching for peace, others marching for war!

Thus, probably for the first time in history, the people's forum has taken on a serious, two party character. Time was when those who spoke at Hyde Park were regarded only as orators. Today observers are not so sure.

There is one great difference between a meeting in Hyde Park and a similar meeting in the United States. The British meeting does not speak beneath the national flag.

Hyde Park Changing

(Exchange)

as does the U. S. group. In fact, any flag can be raised in Hyde Park without protest—even the red flag. The first to fly this was one Albert Jervis, who used to hold meetings of opposition to splendor amid poverty. He had the distinction of flying the red flag on coronation day while a big crowd gathered to listen to him.

18 BURN TO DEATH

Eighteen persons were burned to death and four seriously injured when the tank of a motor lorry in which they were travelling near here exploded.

BIG CATTLE EXCHANGE

DONCASTER, England —(CP)—Doncaster Corporation has prepared plans for new cattle markets for the handling of up to 10,000 head of cattle a week. The animals passing from the sale rings

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