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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Education Week

The difference between democratic and totalitarian states is, at bottom, educational. Without education, democracy would be impossible.

This is a reminder of the importance of Canadian Education Week, an annual campaign put under the auspices of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, which runs this year from Nov. 5 to 11.

The purpose of Canadian Education Week, as outlined in an advertisement in today's issue, is briefly to acquaint the general public with some of the objectives, achievements, and possibilities of the schools of our Dominion.

There is no doubt as to the importance of this campaign, which has proved highly beneficial since its inauguration a few years ago.

\$2,214 Per Horse

An Ottawa despatch says that the Dominion Government has let a contract for the construction of a stable for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police near Ottawa to cost \$106,280.

"It may be a small thing to speak about," says the Globe and Mail, "but it is one of a thousand other contracts that Parliament voted \$100,000,000 for in the dying hours of the last session."

"If these Mounted Police horses were doing useful war work the expenditure might be defended. But only the other day a story came out of Ottawa that the redcoats had no need for their mounts and that any one who would be kind to them could have them for \$1 a month and their keep."

Hitler And Stalin

Lemuel F. Parton, of the New York Sun, writes that he has just received from a friend in Paris, who was in Berlin until September 6, a letter with some interesting notes and conjecture about Germany's great "realpolitik" specialist and whisky salesman.

"Von Ribbentrop sold this Soviet deal to Hitler—he and nobody else. Hitler did, does and will hate Stalin like a rattlesnake. Just how Von Ribbentrop slicked him into this combine nobody knows, but in Berlin nobody doubts for a minute that that is just what happened."

"The Junker and the old Reichswehr leaders hate Ribbentrop the way Stalin and Hitler hate each other. To them, the Foreign Minister is the head devil in all Germany's troubles. The killing of Gen. von Fritsch didn't help any. You can put me down for a small bet that, when and if Germany cracks, it won't be the people caving in—it will be the old Reichswehr generals prying loose the army and finishing Hitler."

Columbus, like Von Ribbentrop, was a traveling salesman and, also like Von Ribbentrop, got his real start by marrying into the minor nobility. There the parallel ends, says Mr. Parton, with one discovering a continent and the other trying to grab one.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tschaikovsky, Russian composer whose works include the operas Eugen Onegin and Iolanthe, and the symphony Pathétique, died this date, 1893.

A new and up-to-date Y.M.C.A. building will be appreciated by everybody. The financing of the scheme may be safely left to the directors who are cautious business men not likely to enter upon it unless assured of its ultimate success.

Hon. C. A. Dunning, M.P., although missing the appointment of Principal of McGill, has been elected a director and a vice-president of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

The total value of sales of products of the slaughtering and meat packing industry of Canada in 1938, according to a preliminary statement, was \$174,982,357 compared with \$181,419,311 in 1937 and \$156,971,640 in 1936.

The export of farm implements and machinery in September was \$414,630 as against \$674,405 in August and \$439,747 in September, 1938. Purchases by the United Kingdom were \$83,107 and by the United States \$58,324.

The stocks of canned fruits in Canada on October 1 amounted to 1,087,106 cases compared with 1,492,378 a year ago. Some firms have not yet to report but the amount they have on hand will not increase the reduced amount very much.

Sir Reginald Hildyard resigned the Governorship of Bermuda recently because the Legislature would not allow him to use an auto touring the Island on his gubernatorial duties.

It is reported investigation of 2,100 properties owned by enemy aliens in Canada is under way. Four large concerns with offices in six cities are being liquidated, and three large-scale manufacturing companies are under investigation.

What was the conference at Ottawa at which this Province was unrepresented by our Attorney General? We have been asked. Merely for the purpose of ascertaining the willingness of the Provincial authorities to co-operate with the Dominion Government in enforcement of anti-profiteering regulations of the War-time Prices and Trade Board.

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We're hastening to print his story because one of the people concerned, a doctor, is undoubtedly planning to use it in his book. One night the doctor's telephone rang, wakening him from a fitful post-operative slumber.

FARM PRICES

Sir.—The people of this province are entitled to an explanation by "Economist", as to just what he meant by:—"At the very time Canadian profiteers were jumping up prices, anticipating bigger prices from the 'boon' fields of Europe, prices were declining in the State."

The above quotation is absolute proof of several things, namely that Economist fully realized Mr. Jones' contention that "an ever increasing breeders' herd" and that he made a clumsy effort to distort

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Contracts awarded in the Dominion of Canada during the month of October for all types of construction, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports Limited, amounted to \$14,228,100. This represents a decline of 26.5 per cent from the September total of \$19,379,100.

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A Lapse in Scent

(London Spectator) We all know the strange fact that musk, once a proverb for sweetness of smell, is now a scentless plant. A Gloucestershire rector suggests to me the fear that laurel is going the same way.

Time was when the smell of the broken leaf was so pungent that young entomologists (as I well remember) used to use them in a poison bottle for the palatine destruction of moths and butterflies. Today from the laurels in the rectory garden emanates a perfume so mild that it could not harm a midge. Is such deficiency common or general? It is certainly true that some laurels have lost their one-time pungency, even when full allowance is made for the diminished sensitiveness of the antique senses.

In regard to musk, whose loss of scent has wholly baffled the botanists, a Canadian correspondent once sent me a specimen, as he claimed, odorless musk, but the bouquet was found to contain an inconspicuous sprig of mint!

Newest War Baby

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people in their barbaric and beautiful hills threw off the cords which united them to their cousins the Czechs and stretched eager hands for the handouts of Berlin.

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The Poet's Corner A GALLANT FLEET (From "De Roberval") A gallant fleet sailed out to sea With the pennons streaming merrily.

On the hulls the tempest lit, And the great ships split in the gale.

And the foaming fierce sea-horses tumbled the frigates in their forces To the ocean deeps, Where the kraken sleeps, And the whale.

The men are in the ledges' clefts, Dead,—but with motion of living guise

Moan, O sea! O death at once and the grave, And sorrow passing, O cruel wave! Let the resonant sea-gulls ring, And the sorrowful surges sing, For the dead men rest but restlessly.

—John Hunter-Duvar.