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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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The By-Election Campaign

The campaign in connection with the by-elections in the Second District of Queen's opens at 7:30 p.m. this evening with a joint political meeting.

For bringing on the campaign at this inopportune time the Campbell Government is wholly responsible. We believe the electors generally are more concerned with prosecuting Canada's war efforts than with provincial political issues.

The deadlock resulting in the litigation over the contest between Messrs. Bell and LePage, candidates for Councillor in the last provincial election in Second Queen's, has not been broken but the effect has been that of a stolen Liberal victory.

His colleague, Mr. Philip Matheson, is a representative farmer of the community and is widely known and esteemed. They are both well competent to look after the interests of Second Queen's in the Legislature.

The principal issue at stake is the need, in provincial politics, for a strong Opposition. The war has accentuated the vital difference between democracies and totalitarian states.

As for the Government's record, to which the Liberal press somewhat vaguely refers, it need only be pointed out that two Cabinet ministers have had occasion, in the past week, to deplore the impoverished condition of our farmers and fishermen.

Sea Takes Its Toll

The widespread nature of the loss suffered by the sinking of the Canadian destroyer Margaree may be gathered from the fact that every province except Prince Edward Island was represented among the casualties.

Tragedies seldom come singly, and with the news of the loss of the Margaree came verification from the British—Government of the sinking, by an enemy bomb, of the Empress of Britain, 42,381 tons, one of the world's ten largest vessels, which carried the King and Queen back to England in 1939 after their visit to this country.

Greece Stand Firm

Greece has become the tenth country since Sept. 1, 1939, to find itself the victim of Axis aggression. In each case the tactics of the aggressor have been much the same. Territorial concessions, which Italy has demanded from Greece, were made the basis of similar acts of invasion by Russia and Germany.

reported to have struck along the Greek-Albanian border half an hour before the ultimatum was due to expire. They were said to number ten or eleven divisions of about 200,000 men and to have had bases well established in advance.

Meanwhile, it is probable that Turkey, ally of Greece, will be drawn into the struggle. Turkey's vital interests in the Dardanelles would be seriously threatened by an Italian coup in Greece, and the Turkish Government has shown no signs of yielding to Axis pressure in this quarter.

Britain undoubtedly has been prepared for this latest act of aggression on the part of Italy. The result may well be a major naval engagement in the Mediterranean, in which the British Navy will have a long-sought chance to demonstrate its effectiveness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Not the best of weather for political campaigning, and the canvas period is brief.

The sailing times of ships carrying Christmas mails will not be announced this year. Those with friends overseas, accordingly, would be wise to mail their letters and presents early.

The Naval disaster poignantly brings home to us in the Maritimes the perilous times in which we live. So far we have escaped any major catastrophe save those of the Fraser and the Margaree. As Churchill warned us, however, we must be prepared for greater losses that freedom, liberty and religion may survive, and the world continue safe for democracy.

Mr. Justice E. Fabre Surveyer, speaking before members of the St. James Literary Society, Montreal, on "The Early Patents in Quebec," revealed that plans were already under way to mark the centenary next year of the birth of French-Canada's only Dominion Prime Minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the latter's birthplace at St. Lin.

Private motorists in Australia may have an emergency stock of 44 gallons of gasoline stored on their premises for the beginning of the rationing scheme by which fuel for only 80 miles travel a week will be available for private motorists.

The present devastating war hits hard many of the rising generation for whose ultimate benefit it is being waged. Many children in the Old Country are orphaned and homeless. Principal MacKenzie of New Brunswick University makes an appeal in the present issue on their behalf, to which we would draw sympathetic attention.

Sir Philip Goldfinch, of the Australian Ministry of Munitions, has announced that 25 pounder guns of the type found so effective in Belgium and France will be made in large quantities in Australia. The value of the first quota will exceed \$4,000,000 and every available man and every suitable machine tool will be engaged on their production.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

When Franchot Tone first arrived in Hollywood he rented a house in Santa Monica—a house he couldn't afford, but which he deemed necessary for the proper front.

A recent number of Field and Stream, a sportsman's magazine published in New York City, contains the following item on the conservation of shad, which should be of morbid and sinister interest to Westmorland and other counties which produce the finest shad in America.

One of the things which we have always wanted to know is the approximate number of potatoes that are grown from one potato given a good soil in the first place and good soil and reasonable growing conditions afterward.

Since time out of mind men have dreamed of plants in the future. Usually in the past, but sometimes still to come. It has meant peace, plenty, good health, goodwill, no more wars, no more suffering, no more man's blood by man.

His (Stalin's) ambitions are manifold. First and foremost, to remain in power at any price. Secondly to bring about a revolution in the West. Thirdly, to expand the territory over which he rules—this being Russian revolutionary and partly old Russian imperialism.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of correspondents of questions of interest. The Char. & Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Sir—In an editorial note of your issue of the 28th inst., referring to the 49,242 passengers crossing in the first nine months of this year on the P.E.I. route, you mention that there is an increase of 4,011 persons, I am glad to advise you that these figures are only for the passengers coming to Prince Edward Island and do not indicate those crossing to Cape Tormentine.

Recently I was able to make arrangements for these figures, and some other information regarding our 1940 tourist trade to appear in a great many newspapers in Quebec, Ontario and the New England States, which is excellent publicity for our province.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH OUR SURPLUS?

Sir—Last night, my son Johnny says, "What is the surplus? It is in the papers about the big surplus of our farm products?" "Well," says I to Johnny, "I don't see any great surplus in anything. But what is it?"

Of course, the reason is quite clear; the present management has such weighty problems to deal with, such as the suggested paragon of the evening of the 21st instant, P.W.C. students, that the trivial matter like the loss of \$100,000 of civic funds must not be permitted to divert their attention.

Contrast this with the treatment handed out to the unfortunate individual who by accident drives his auto past a stop sign, or leaves his car parked overnight on a city street. Why it should be considered criminal to leave a car parked for 1 or 2 an hour in a parking where it may properly be parked all the rest of the 24 hours, requires that wisdom of such men as control our Civic affairs to explain.

ONE INTERESTED.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—(CP)—All Greek ships in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were instructed in a British radio broadcast picked up here today by the Columbia Broadcasting System to proceed to British, United States or Dutch East Indies ports.

THE POET'S CORNER

AUTUMN HOLIDAY ON MOUNT ROYAL

Some gay leaf-carpets had been laid Of maples in their richly-colored gowns. Kept time with lilting theme songs of the wind.

THE TWO MACS

Why not call and see our stock of Max Factor Society Beauty Aids and take advantage of the tremendous cry in the price of these products. Never before has the price been so low in Canada.

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You will have taken the first step in Heating Satisfaction in Soft Coal. It is soot free, bright burning and containing the maximum heat units.

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

Sir—I notice the threats that the Civic Authorities are making should anything in the way of Halloween celebration take place on the evening of the 31st instant.

Recently the theft of \$3,000 worth of goods from the railway at Charlottetown was before the Civic Authorities, and so report says, was proven to have been made by some highly paid railway official, and the case was reported as "the theft of goods in excess of \$25." The parties were given a suspended sentence and accepted for military duty.

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OTTAWA, Oct. 27.—(CP)—Daylight saving time, now in effect in many Ontario and Quebec municipalities as a power conservation measure, will probably be continued indefinitely in those centres, Government circles believed today. A Pennsylvania State College professor who says, "You're never too old to learn" began the study of calculus when 59 years old and now at 59 is studying hyper-space geometry. Keep Minard's in the home.

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