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

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Sorry Liberal Aftermath

Coming on top of the fulsome eulogies delivered in connection with Prime Minister King's twenty-fifth anniversary as Liberal party leader, Tuesday's election results should have a sobering effect at Ottawa and elsewhere. In the 1939 election in Quebec the Liberals won 69 out of 86 seats, with the Union Nationale getting fifteen. Today the Union Nationale is on top, though it is doubtful, at the time of writing, whether they will have an overall majority. In any case the defeat of the Godbout Government cannot fail to be interpreted as the handwriting on the wall, so far as Federal Liberal hopes in Quebec are concerned.

This is the fourth triumph that Liberal governments have had in recent years. It began with Alberta, which threw out a Liberal Government for Social Credit, and on Tuesday returned the latter party candidates for the third successive time—the once dominant Liberals being as scarce as hens' teeth in the contest. Then came the great Liberal debacle in Ontario, which saw the Progressive Conservatives elected under Premier Drew, with the Liberal remnant playing a very minor role even as an opposition. Saskatchewan proved another Liberal Waterloo, in which the powerful political machine of Hon. Jimmie Gardiner was smashed, perhaps beyond repair. Now we have the Quebec fiasco—a bitter disappointment, as it was generally predicted that Premier Godbout would be returned, though with a reduced majority. Unfortunately for Mr. Godbout, he did not succeed in having the contest confined to provincial issues. The electors evidently felt that the King Government was on trial too, and registered their verdict accordingly. In a straight Federal contest, the adverse vote would undoubtedly be much larger.

The situation in Quebec today is a concrete example of the King Government's boasted success in achieving "national unity." It was a case on Tuesday of many Liberal chickens and ugly ducklings coming home to roost. Twenty-five years of exploitation of the Quebec vote on Mr. King's part has culminated in this—a resounding defeat for his party provincially, accompanied by more ominous signs of disunity than have been seen in any province since Confederation.

Canada's Merchant Fleet

At the end of this year Canada will have close to three hundred merchant ships owned by the Dominion Government. Some are leased and operated by our allies at present. Some are operated by a crown corporation, Park Steamships, and some by the Canadian National Steamships. After the war Canada will have these ships available as a merchant marine fleet, as against some thirty-seven ships before the war.

This increase of almost ten times our merchant marine accommodation will be a big factor in developing Canada's post-war trade. It will also present some problems and difficulties. Discussing the matter in the House of Commons the other day, Hon. Mr. Michaud, Minister of Transport, said he believed all our merchant ships will be needed and will be operated after the war. A definite policy in the matter, however, has yet to be determined. It is under consideration by a committee of civil servants who have not yet made their final report. While there is no intention to "sabotage" any ships of our merchant marine, Mr. Michaud said, there remains the fact that we cannot expect to move all our imports and exports exclusively in Canadian ships. Another factor in the situation was pointed out by other speakers, namely, the varying rates of wages and standards of accommodation which the crews of other countries have. Some of these countries, before the war, were running ships at one-third of the cost at which Canadian ships could operate.

Calculating that after the war we shall still have our complete quota of ships built during the war, Mr. Michaud said this fleet would give employment to about fifteen thousand seamen. The minister did not attempt to explain how the problem of maintaining a proper scale of wages in the operating of these ships would be solved. This was something for the committee of experts to report on and be subsequently considered and integrated in the general policy to be adopted by the government—a phraseology which has a familiar ring, implying that there will be no undue hurry in reaching a decision.

In the meantime it is interesting to note that the officials of the Parks Steamships, above referred to, have been in correspondence with His Worship Mayor Blanchard and as a result have proposed to christen one of their new ships the S. S. Victoria Park, after our beautiful park in Charlottetown. This is a nice gesture, and will be appreciated by all our citizens.

Plain Political Speaking

The San Francisco Argonaut, whose editor is a student of British political history, has dug up a speech delivered in the House of Commons against the Government of Sir Robert Peel by Macaulay which, some may say, could be delivered in the Canadian House of Commons at this time most appropriately. Thus:

"There is much ground for the reproaches of those who having, in spite of a bitter experience, a second time trusted the Right Honourable Baronet, now find themselves a second

time deluded. It has been too much his practice, when in Opposition, to make use of passions and of prejudices which he regards with a profound contempt. As soon as he is in power, a change takes place. The instruments which have done his work are flung aside. The ladder by which he has climbed is kicked down. . . . The natural consequences follow. All those fierce spirits whom you hailed on to harass us, are now turned against you.

"What did you expect? Did you think that when, to serve your turn, you called the devil up that it was as easy to lay him as to raise him? Did you think when you went on, session after session, thwarting and reviling those whom you knew to be in the right, that the day of reckoning would never come? It has come. There you sit, doing penance for the disingenuousness of years. If it be not so, stand up manfully and clear your fame before the House and the country. Show us that some steady policy has guided your conduct with respect to Irish affairs. Show us how, if you are honest in 1845, you could have been honest in 1841. Explain to us why, after having goaded Ireland to madness for the purpose of ingratiating yourself with the English, you are now setting England on fire for the purpose of ingratiating yourself with the Irish. Give us some reason which shall prove that the policy you are following, as Ministers, is entitled to support, and which shall not equally prove you to have been the most factious and unprincipled Opposition that ever this country knew."

Looking back over Canada's political history through the past 25 years, contemplating the scene in Quebec today and the obvious reasons for most of it, the Ottawa Journal believes that the language of Macaulay could be used—certainly quoted—with a degree of bitter relevancy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Crowds are arriving to join those already on the scene for Old Home Week.

At the beginning of the Soviet offensive on the Karelian Isthmus, more than 25,000 Leningrad citizens reported to the Institute of Blood Transfusion to give blood for the Red Army.

Today, the C. C. F. "don't know where they are" politically. Nor do the Liberals in Quebec, nor the Government at Ottawa. Certainly none of them have reasons to congratulate themselves on the result of the two Provincial elections.

A new kind of summer wheat is being cultivated at the Novosibirsk Grain Research Institute. An enormous stretch of western Siberia, where the climate and soil are suitable, has been divided into a number of zones, and a special type of grain is grown in each. This method is expected to insure large and stable harvests.

Laurence Binyon, English poet, born this date 1869; was a civil servant by profession and an artist by nature, in addition to his poetry having published dramatic works, books on British and Oriental art; his best known poem is that "For the Fallen", written in 1915 in connection with our losses in the Great War, but his output includes "London Visions", "The Praise of Life", "Odes", "Paraphony and Other Poems", "The Death of Adam"; For Mercy, Courage, Kindness, Mirth, There is no measure upon earth; Nay, they whither, root and stem, If an end be set to them!

Here is what Mrs. Eleanor B. Geary, of Chester, writes to The Empire News: "I went to Canada as a war bride of a Canadian soldier after the last war. It is in the country or small towns that you see Canadian life at its best. There you experience the friendliness and helpfulness of the people. There for nearly 20 years I made friends in that pleasant land, and my two children were born. Always there is an atmosphere of good cheer and real friendliness . . . simple pleasures, but so very much worth while. To travel through the countryside when the maple leaves are turning to red and gold in the fall of the year, to see the surrounding mountains covered in spruce, and when winter comes and snow covers the land the trees, heavy with snow icicles, or, perhaps, a silver thaw, is something to remember always. It is a good country for children to be born and raised in." On the whole, Canadians work harder than most people. Keen competition, spurred by the personal ambition to "make good", whether in farming or manufacture, is the cause. There is hard striving everywhere. The Canadian way of life is fine and free and carries into practice the highest traditions of this country.

In view of the Bloc Populaire fiasco in Quebec election, the following proves interesting: "For a long time, L'Action has maintained that the Saint-Jean-Baptist Society, a so-called national society, and so regarded in the eyes of the credulous, is nothing more than a branch of the Bloc Populaire, and that the two are controlled by the secret Order of Jacques Cartier. It advised all sincere Liberals to quit without delay this hypocritically political organization, which is making a mockery of them. Proof has made it obvious that the Saint-Jean-Baptist Society is one hundred per cent Bloc and exhibited unbelievable cynicism in launching its vast national recruiting campaign a few months before the elections, a campaign which was a lamentable failure. Of at least 100,000 Montrealers who should belong to a truly representative French-Canadian Association, the Saint-Jean-Baptist Society numbers no more than 6,000 as a result of the desertions which have occurred during the past few months." The paper concludes that "since the Society has taken an active part in politics, it must be exterminated along with the Bloc and the Order of Jacques Cartier. This trinity is a stumbling block in the Province of Quebec, and has covered us with ridicule and ignominy. Let us organize a new national society which will really be national."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The contributors' names and addresses are not published unless the contributor so desires.

WARNING TO DELINQUENT PARENTS

Sir:—Not a few juveniles should be in Juvenile Court, for deliberately breaking windows. In Imperial Biscuit Factory near the railroad crossing, across from the jail, every pane of glass in the rear smashed and several in front of the entrance are broken. This city has evidently more young hoodlums than is good for it. In many parts of the city houses have windows smashed. I believe they are really juvenile thieves as window breakers will steal. Some of them have a habit of calling dirty nicknames to old folk passing along. A few of them should be locked up and punished as a warning to others.

I am, Sir, etc

CITIZEN

Notes By The Way

Manuel, the extinct volcano, is 61. He hopes that his happy future. He hopes that his old partner in crime will escape his hangmen and die in bed.—Ottawa Journal

A fuel merchant in Ontario is convicted of shortchanging his customers, in one instance by 2,400 pounds, and is sentenced to 15 months in jail. In addition he must make restitution to the amount of \$400. There will be few persons to sympathize with him.—Hamilton Spectator

Illiteracy among the 50,000 Italian prisoners of war in Britain when they arrived was as high as 26 per cent, says the Manchester Guardian. Today, according to Y.M.C.A. which has organized many reading and writing classes, it has been reduced to five per cent. This about 18,000 Italians have learned the three R's in Britain and will go home no longer dependent on the local village scribe when they want to write a letter.

German humor traditionally stops short of poking fun at themselves. Here, who are the pipers that are in Germany have unpleasant ways of coming back at those who poke fun at them. Therefore it is not surprising to find that a pleasanter alleged to circulate among Germans who can still "joke" comes out of Switzerland. It was repeated by a broadcaster but deserves to be preserved in print. "These people say," said he, "that the only weapon which can save Germany is a long pole with a white flag on top of it."—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Mr. Churchill pays tribute to General Eisenhower as a genius who has brought his Allies together in a firm spirit of comradeship. They fight for freedom, not as the cold, dead, unfeeling puppets of a few dictators of this or that race, but as true brothers-in-arms. There are no national rivalries among them. They are united in the growth of little men on the home front. General Eisenhower has a superior sense of command. It is pleasing to know that he and Mr. Churchill get on so well together.—Hamilton Spectator

The Allied forces of liberation have enjoyed an enthusiastic reception from the people of Rome. Our special correspondent, telegraphing on Wednesday, wrote: "Why scenes which Allied soldiers may have dreamed of during the past six months are now being realized. The transport is parked in the Piazza Venezia and the window from which Mussolini made so many bombastic speeches is now a pipe of peace. Two famous Highland regiments have played, creating a furore among Rome onlookers.—London Weekly Times

Spinners of yarns about Hitler planning to fly to Canada. Germany gets too hot to hold him haven't been listening to Jap radio for some time. A German director at some of the German "strategy" and the explanations for surrenders and withdrawals (beg pardon for the word) indicates that the two partners in crime have about reached the stage when dear old Hitler begins to think of calling upon the state's attorney and offering to turn state's evidence. It's an understandable frame of mind, but the case is not being tried in any courthouse. And the crime, while similar, are offences in respect to jobs. Neither criminal can smother on the job because there's nothing we don't know already.—Chicago News

The picture of a mound of thousands of bushels of wheat heaped up at a street intersection in Texas town for lack of storage space did not exaggerate the situation. Cars are piling up at elevators all over Kansas, Oklahoma and other wheat States—first, because of shortage of manpower to unload them; second, because the elevators are in many places full. The Santa Fe Railway, one of the largest wheat carriers, reports that not only does this congestion on elevator sidetracks complicate the car situation, but that invasion of the tracks by cars of western lines to be held up in the east, thus further affecting the continuing demand for wheat cars to carry the huge crop. Just another wartime problem for the railroads.—Christian Science Monitor

During this past year about 200,000 babies will be born to Canadian fathers and mothers. This does not include the babies born overseas to Canadian fathers and the babies they have married in Great Britain. Of the 200,000 new babies, about 7,000 will be still-born and about 14,500 will die in infancy. Also about 80 mothers will die from child-birth. Some 20,000 of the children will be born without the services of a doctor. There is something to challenge the Canadian people. In this great country, a new country with every need of fine citizens, too many babies die in infancy and too many mothers die when bearing children. It is a most important matter, because the birth of a baby is the greatest event in the household. It takes precedence over everything, even the war.— Windsor Star

Premier Jones Reviews Transportation And Other Island Problems

Exclusive Interview With P. E. L. Premier in The Monetary Times, Toronto.

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"At the opening of the last session of the legislature the speech from the throne predicted the establishment of a Department of Reconstruction for the purpose of promoting and coordinating plans for provincial development and post-war employment. Has this department been created and could you enlighten our readers as to its objectives?"

"The Reconstruction plans are proceeding and a Department of Reconstruction will be organized this year. It will coordinate its activities with the Federal Department when it is established and take care of the provincial interests in the post-war period. Necessarily much of the work will be done in existing departments inspired by the Department of Reconstruction."

"What are the post-war aspirations of this province and what projects of rehabilitation plans have you and your ministers in mind for the post-war period?"

"Possible post-war projects which will be studied and considered are:

"1. Construction of bridges across the North and West Rivers to provide employment and give better transportation to persons living in districts across the harbor from Charlottetown."

"2. Construction of a paved road to broaden along a southern route, providing target craft for fishermen."

"3. Development of cheaper electric power and the extension of municipal electrification."

"4. Improved educational facilities."

"5. Technical training in agriculture, fishing and other occupational trades."

"What are the chief resources of our province and from what source is the greatest revenue derived?"

Improved Land

"With an area of 2,184 square miles Prince Edward Island comprises only 0.1 per cent of Canada's total area and with a population of 100,000 it has but 0.02 per cent of the Dominion's total population, yet this smallest province has the greatest percentage of improved land in the Dominion, 1,500 square miles out of a total of 2,184 and the greatest density of population; 45 persons per square mile. The industry of the population depend on farming for a living, next to farming the fishery is the industry's most important revenue producer."

"In the last two or three years a new industry has developed in our midst, that is the gathering of Irish Moss along the shores of our coast. Millions of pounds of this moss have been exported and many farmers and fishermen have benefited from this product of the sea that has been in great demand since Europe's war of production were cut off. Prince Edward Island was first in Silver Fox farming and raising foxes is still continued on a large scale and until recently produced over one-half of the supply of foxes raised in Canada. The tourist trade is fast becoming one of our important industries and many thousands of dollars are left here each year by visitors to this vacation-land."

Leading Exports

"As agriculture seems foremost in the life of the Island what crops predominate and in turn what are your leading exports?"

"Potatoes, eggs, cheese, the largest crop, but mixed farming is carried on extensively. Dairying, hog raising, livestock and poultry are also important assets to our farming industry. Almost 5,000,000 dozen eggs were produced last year. Quality products will be extended. A summary of our leading exports for the year 1943 is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Quantity. Includes Potatoes (1,669 cars), Turnips (1,255 cars), Livestock (225 cars), Meats (197 cars), Fish (35 cars), Cheese (35 cars), Irish Moss (32 cars). Total value: \$1,481,000.

In addition large quantities of eggs, butter and poultry were exported."

"Has the Dominion price control policy been of any great benefit to the farming and fishing industry of Prince Edward Island?"

"The policies of the federal government in fixing prices gives Prince Edward Island farmers an advantage not formerly held. Eggs, cheese, bacon, milk and fish are guaranteed the same price as elsewhere in Canada and if feed, fertilizer and equipment are similarly controlled in price, I am land producer can hold his own with any in Canada. Some of the present controls should certainly be continued in the post-war period."

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