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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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A Matter of Confidence

Chances of the Maritimes getting a square deal from the King Government in the field of Dominion-Provincial relations, where the interests of the big industrial provinces are in the balance, do not seem to be very favorable in the opinion of Nova Scotia's leading Liberal paper, the *Halifax Chronicle*.

The *Chronicle* says the return of the Government in the first post war general election was due to confidence in "the will and capacity of the administration to create free and prosperous conditions without resort to the 'excitrics and phantasies' of leftist elements in the country on the one hand, and to Conservative policies on the other. It asks how the Government has lived up to its obligations, and finds the answer rather depressing.

"The question which has now to be faced, especially by the people of the provinces of the fringe," says our Halifax contemporary, "is how far that confidence in the Federal Government can be continued. Certain items in Mr. Ilsley's recent budget have come as a violent shock to many supporters of his party. That budget repeated an Order-in-Council granting tariff protection to certain Canadian organizations such as could only have been squeezed out of the Government by high-pressure local politics. The whole thing is the more unexpected and reprehensible because Diesel engines, of the type and quality included under this new and paralyzing tariff, have never satisfactorily been manufactured in Central Canada. To impose a tariff upon imported articles of this type is to use the tariff specifically for the purpose of raising revenue. It will put up the price of English Diesels from \$1,275 to \$1,575, solely for the benefit of manufacturers in Montreal, Sherbrooke and Toronto. The rest of us will pay the shot.

"If this is indicative of the policy that is to be continued by the Federal Government, one can easily see what is to be the result if all rights to direct taxation are to be handed over to that body.

"The centralization of finance will obviously be only the preliminary to a still more pronounced centralization of all manufacture. Industries already hard put to it to survive in this province stand in peril of going entirely out of existence, as so many local industries have already done. Markets which are natural to us, but which lie over the seas, will be no more ever shut off from us. We stand in imminent danger of being reduced to a mere holiday ground in which weary industrialists of Central Canada may take their ease, away from the toil of developing enterprises in which rightly we ourselves ought to have a share.

"Before the inter provinces repose all remaining power in the hands of central government, there must be unlimited confidence in the intentions of that government to play a fair and impartial game. The past has given us little ground for such confidence. The recent budget of Mr. Ilsley, with its backdoor fiscal clauses, gives us a picture of an Ottawa we have long known too well."

The Last Wrecker

The last of the three provincial Premiers who smashed the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1941 has now been removed from the scene of politics. In the recent election in British Columbia the voters of Prince Rupert at last turned upon Mr. T. D. Pattullo and defeated him. In Ontario, Mr. Mitchell Hepburn likewise has been removed. In Alberta, Mr. William Aberhart is dead.

The last remains of the sorry conspiracy which blocked the attempt at a satisfactory Dominion-Provincial settlement during the dark days of the war have thus disappeared, remarks the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Mr. Pattullo had sat continuously for Prince Rupert in the provincial elections since 1916 when he was returned in the great Liberal landslide of that year. As he says he went to the well once too often. With his defeat ends a famous era in British Columbia politics, an era which began with the establishment of the Liberal party and which has finally produced a union between the Liberals and Conservatives which may well prove permanent.

Teachers' Salaries

Annual salary rates for teachers in the publicly controlled schools of eight provinces show an over-all increase of \$250 since 1939. This figure is based on the median salaries for 50,000 teachers in 1939 and 1944, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The rates for teachers in city schools have increased ten per cent since the war, exclusive of the cost of living bonus paid by a comparatively small number of school boards. The salaries for teachers in towns and villages are 27.6 per cent higher than in 1939 and those for one-room rural schools have advanced 50 per cent.

There has been a decrease of 5,000 male teachers since 1939. Numerically the teaching service has been maintained at pre-war strength, largely by the issuance of temporary permits to teach. There were 3,500 permits issued in 1944.

There were 900 fewer teachers with university graduation in 1944 than in 1939. The number of teachers with first class certificates has not decreased appreciably, but generally the scholastic requirements have been relaxed to maintain the number during the period of

teacher shortage due to the war. The demand for teachers with experience, by city and town schools has had a more than usual devitalizing effect on rural schools. In 1944 the average length of experience of teachers in one-room schools was 3.0 years in comparison with 4.7 years in 1939. The tenure of service for such teachers in pre-war years was from two to two and a half years. In 1944 the median for seven provinces—Ontario and Quebec excepted—was 1.8 years. The practice of allowing teachers with temporary permits to remain in the same school for one year only, unless under exceptional circumstances, has had some bearing on the decrease of tenure for teachers in the one-room rural schools.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our Victory Bond sales are mounting up though still we have a long way to go before we attain our individual objective. Every \$50 bond helps.

A silent and attentive crowd broke into laughter at Kingston, Ont., during the testimony of Inspector Laughton of the Ontario provincial police, over a remark made by Koresky when he was arrested in P. E. I. on September 14. Police had found over \$2,000 on Koresky. As they looked over the bills one officer asked, "How do you account for the money?" A sly smile on his face, Koresky put one hand into his suit coat pocket, took out two dice, shook them together in expert style and said: "Why, don't you ever play dice?"

The Governments, Federal and Provincial, should bear in mind that their first duty is to the average taxpayer, and not to big or little financial interests who may have particular axes to grind. If they do not pay attention to this, nothing possibly can prevent Canada following the lead of the United Kingdom into the Socialist column. In the municipal elections just concluded, England has, for the second year, gone practically a hundred per cent socialist. Labor candidates had gained 709 municipal seats against 21 losses. The Conservatives gained only 13 and lost 331. Liberal nominees registered five gains against 110 losses, while Independent candidates had 49 gains and 311 losses.

A Capetown message says that "ex-servicemen and ex-prisoner-of-war are astonished at how furniture prices have gone up. To furnish a house consisting of one bedroom, one lounge, a small dining-room and a kitchen now costs at least \$2,000, and that's doing it on a pretty austere basis. This figure does not include things like carpets, curtains, cutlery and the stove and refrigerator." They should have been at the recent war assets sale at the airport, where new pianos were allegedly knocked down for a dollar, sitting room suits thrown out for lack of purchasers, and bed and table linens practically given away.

Consulting economist Stuart Armour, an associate of Gilbert Jackson, speaking before the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs at Lake Couchiching last month pointed out that about three-eighths of Canada's working population depend on export trade for jobs in 1939. This statement emphasizes the necessity for exerting every effort and seeking every means to establish world markets for the products of our lands, forests, mines and factories. Mr. Armour also made the pertinent comment that when it is suggested that social legislation can be made a substitute for exports, the people of this country are being misled. We sell in order to buy.

Richard Jefferies, British naturalist and author, born this date, 1848; his *Gems of the Field*, showed rare powers of observation and description; he also published *The Amateur Poacher*, *Wild Life in a Southern County*, *Hedge and His Masters*, *Field and Hedge*, *Toilers of the Field*: "I believe in the flesh and the body, which is worthy of worship—to see a perfect human body unveiled causes a sense of worship. . . . Increase of physical beauty is attended by increase of soul beauty. The soul is the higher even by gazing on beauty. Let me be fleshly perfect."

Passenger travel from the United States to Great Britain will remain on a priority basis indefinitely, it is announced, although previously it was scheduled to be abolished November 7. Reason given for its continuance is the reallocation of some British transports for the repatriation of troops in other parts of the world from the North Atlantic. Anyone desiring to travel from the United States to Britain must file application for priority with the nearest British consul who will then notify the British Ministry of War Transport. Three British lines are operating ships between the United States and the United Kingdom: Anchor Line, Cunard-White Star, Ltd., and Furness, Withy and Company.

Ancient Cairo has been chosen unanimously as the scene of the next annual general meeting of International Air Transport Association and Hafez Afifi Pasha, president of Misr Airwork of Egypt, has been elected president of the association as from that occasion at the annual meeting of the Association in Montreal. IATA, the international air line operators' association organized at Havana in April, has been holding its first annual meeting in the Windsor Hotel. Although the meeting place of the Association is subject to annual change, the headquarters are fixed at the same city as is PICAO and thus are now in Montreal more or less permanently.

In his maiden speech in the House of Commons, Mr. J. M. Macdonnell, member for Muskoka, Ontario, declared that members of Parliament should regard themselves as trustees for all the powers and resources that are placed under their control. "We who sit in the Commons are merely representatives," he said, "and are here only because our constituents themselves cannot be here." It is not often, says the *Montreal Gazette*, that members of the House of Commons use the words "merely" and "only" in relation to themselves. If one considers Mr. Macdonnell's remarks old-fashioned, it is perhaps because there has been so great a falling down from the sense that government is service and not rulership, assistance and not dictation, trusteeship and not ownership.

Notes By The Way

Among the new barons created by the King is a collier's son who left school at the age of 10 to work in a woollen mill. This ought to be democratic enough even for some of the anti-imperialists in the U. S.—*Brantford Expositor*.

Wanted: A man who gets to work on time, who can find plenty to do without calling in the manager and three assistants, who does not sulk when he has to put on a four hour overtime in an emergency, who is naturally courteous to everyone. Apply any time, any place, to an employer.—*Almer Express*.

The completion of one of the largest printing orders for Bibles has been announced from Sweden in a message to the British and Foreign Bible Society. On Swedish paper orders for 345,000 copies in eight European languages—French, Czech, Estonian, Finnish, Greek, two Polish dialects, Rumanian, and Serbian. The order has been placed for 100,000 copies in German.—*Scandinavian News*.

The largest block of timber ever offered for sale in any of the U. S. national forests in the north central region—800,000 cords of pulp timber—has been placed on the market by the United States Forest Service. The timber is owned by Jay H. Frick, regional forester. The timber consists largely of mature and overmature jack pine, spruce and balsam fir.—*Fredericton Gleaner*.

The abuses of the democratic system are less to be condoned in that they, more than any active agency elsewhere, prepare the ground for dictatorship. Every time that democracy is weaker, more tardy or blinder than it needs be, and should by any means be, nothing but the height of absurdity is reached when democracy attempts to dictate, to order the lives of everyone as if they lived in one class state.—*Victoria, B. C. Daily Colonist*.

The Burns Federation has disclosed the awful news that American slavers is sneaking into the Scotchman's mill, the height of absurdity is reached when democracy attempts to dictate, to order the lives of everyone as if they lived in one class state.—*Victoria, B. C. Daily Colonist*.

A special radar set has been prepared for the United Kingdom merchant navy. The set is a scientific committee has prepared a performance specification which has now been sent to the manufacturer. The set is being manufactured for the British admiralty during the war, which are suitable for use in merchant ships. The set is a special radar set which will make Britain's merchant fleet the safest in the world. It is also an investigation. —*Vancouver Province*.

Pipe smokers, it is our expert opinion, are the least to be condoned in that they, more than any active agency elsewhere, prepare the ground for dictatorship. Every time that democracy is weaker, more tardy or blinder than it needs be, and should by any means be, nothing but the height of absurdity is reached when democracy attempts to dictate, to order the lives of everyone as if they lived in one class state.—*Victoria, B. C. Daily Colonist*.

A shortage of tobacco would have caused as much concern in the cedar post, all things considered, as it would for us today. The Indians used a great variety of pipes, many of them are of baked clay. These run the gamut from a very simple form, resembling our cheap clay pipes, to elaborate moulded designs which represent squashes, blossoms or tobacco blossoms, or a strange face or creeping lizard. Still more cherished are the stone pipes, some of which bear intricate carved figures. The pipes range from tiny miniatures to large, impressive ornate pieces. They vary, also, in details of construction. Some are of wood and bowl are carved out of one block, in others the stem was a separate wooden piece. The stemless pipes were usually suspended from a piece of cord which was worn around the neck of the owner. A cedar pipe of this kind might copy this idea to their advantage.—*Ontario Museum Bulletin*.

That very able engineer, architect and long-range planner, King Solomon, understood the value of cedar, and employed it well in the building of his temple. American pioneers, particularly in the Northwest States, where the giant red cedar grows, cut their rough cedar shakes and out of them fashioned roofs and sometimes sides for their houses and barns. The small red cedar shingle, always popular in America, being the foundation of a tremendous business. And when the open ranges were fenced it was soon discovered that the cedar post, all things considered, was preferable to any other. So over the New York Tribune. Cedar building materials, the synthetic and the plastic, seemed for a time to threaten the wood, but the fear now seems baseless. Where cedar is available many of the post-war building planners are preferring it. And the cut-over cedar land in many parts of the U. S. Southwest is being turned into pasture for sheep, goats and cattle. New methods of treating cedar poles have wonderfully increased their durability. The cedar regarded as one of our finest forest resources, King Solomon, viewing the tall cedars of Lebanon with a knowing eye, understood what he was about.—*Brantford Beacon-Herald*.

PUBLIC FORUM

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EDUCATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Sir—May I be permitted to comment upon a statement made concerning Newfoundland by J. V. McAree in *Toronto Globe and Mail* and quoted in your editorial of Nov. 5. I shall refer to your statement only—that dealing with education.

Mr. McAree says: "There is no such thing as a trained teacher. At the present time children go straight from school into teaching, with absolutely no training and frequently before they have reached matriculation standard." In fairness to Newfoundland and the educational system I wish to point out that this statement is quite incorrect. Matriculation, that is Grade XI, is required for entrance to the teacher training classes in Memorial University College in St. John's where a full year of professional training is given. During the years I lived in Newfoundland approximately one hundred students were enrolled each year for these professional courses. In addition to this, very satisfactory summer courses are given, and are attended in any one year by approximately twenty-five per cent of the whole teaching body.

Mr. McAree also states that Newfoundland has had its problems in staffing all its schools with certified teachers throughout the period of the war, but even in this they have required a summer course before granting the lowest grade of certificate. The percentage of teachers holding degrees, and having had professional training in Canada, the United States and England is, large, especially in St. John's, Grand Falls, Corner Brook and other towns. There is a staff of competent school supervisors, most of whom have degrees. Arrangements have lately been completed whereby three of these supervisors are granted leave of absence each year so that they may pursue educational studies at Universities outside the country.

In view of the above which I know to be correct it is difficult to understand Mr. McAree's statement that there is no such thing as a trained teacher in Newfoundland. I am, Sir, etc.

L. W. SHAW.
Nov. 5th, 1945.

Electoral Reform

(*Sydney Post Herald*)
 The few papers in Canada that advocate proportional representation are quick to point to the wide discrepancy between the popular vote and the results in the individual constituencies in Nova Scotia's Provincial election of October 23. The Progressive Conservatives polled 94 per cent of the total vote but failed to win a seat. The Liberals polled 6 per cent, but got 2 seats. The Liberals polled 36 per cent—a little over half the total—and carried 28 seats.

The Montreal *Gazette*, which is not a P. R. newspaper, nevertheless regards the anomalous election returns as "a particularly striking example" of the failure of the existing electoral system to give the people what they vote for.

But neither Progressive Conservative nor Liberal statesmen favor proportional representation for Canada. While admitting there is an electoral problem to be solved, they do not think P. R. the answer, being in that system would inevitably substitute a number of weak groups for two strong parties, to the prejudice of stable government and majority rule. The future of the single transferable vote such as an electoral problem to be solved, they do not think P. R. the answer, being in that system would inevitably substitute a number of weak groups for two strong parties, to the prejudice of stable government and majority rule. The future of the single transferable vote such as an electoral problem to be solved, they do not think P. R. the answer, being in that system would inevitably substitute a number of weak groups for two strong parties, to the prejudice of stable government and majority rule. 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