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

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A Tricky Aggregation

So determined were the Campbell Government members and party supporters to take the electors by surprise that they went to astonishing lengths in camouflaging their dark designs. The Premier made two elaborate speeches on the question of how long the Executive could remain in power after the dissolution, a year hence, of the Assembly. The election costs were not tabled with the main Estimates but smuggled in at the last moment as a supplementary vote.

Hon. L. R. Allen, the last speaker in the Budget debate, referring to Conservative criticism that the report of the Public Accounts Committee had failed to show the outstanding bills at the end of 1938, maintained that this omission was in accord with the usual practice. In 1935—the last election year—he admitted that the report did show the unpaid bills on ordinary account; "but," said Mr. Allen, "as it is generally known, this is not an election year, and consequently I ask you, Mr. Speaker, what reason could be advanced for changing the well-established system?"

This statement was made on Wednesday night last—on the very eye of the prorogation, and within less than sixteen hours of the Premier's announcement in the House that the election would be held on May 18!

What About Falconwood?

Last year a good deal of attention was drawn to the extravagance of the Campbell Government in the management of Falconwood Farm. The critics included Liberal members of the Legislature—farmer members such as Messrs. J. Walter Jones, D. N. MacKay, and George Barbour. They even included a member of the Campbell Government itself in the person of Hon. John A. Campbell.

Two suggestions were offered as a means of reducing the expenditure by thousands of dollars, namely; transference of the Farm management from Mr. McIntyre's Department of Public Works to Mr. Dennis's Department of Agriculture; and reduction in the number of Falconwood Trustees to the two departmental Ministers.

In commenting last year on the situation, Mr. Barbour declared that \$19,000 could have been saved in 1937 "with proper management," and that for the current year the Government had "a great chance to save upwards of \$20,000."

He had gone over the Accounts, Mr. Barbour declared, and found that \$1,200 had been paid out for seed in the last two years; \$1,000 for fertilizer, and \$10,000 for groceries and other supplies to the hospital, which the Farm should have supplied.

If Mr. Barbour had gone over the Accounts for 1938 as thoroughly as he did those for 1937, he would have found similar heavy expenditures for seed, fertilizer, groceries, etc. He would have found that the total cost of running the Farm was about the same as in 1937, and the net loss some two or three hundred dollars greater. No doubt Mr. Barbour and his farmer colleagues in the House did take note of these recurrent evidences of governmental extravagance, but—this being election year—they kept their comments to themselves. Another example of Liberal "unanimity" at the expense of the taxpayers!

As for Falconwood Hospital and infirmary, whose material requirements are so lavishly supplied by firms represented by Government members on the board of Trustees, at no session since the election have the problems of that institution been openly discussed. The welfare of the unfortunate inmates—who of course have no votes—is seemingly a matter of no consequence to them. Instead, it was frequently cited as an example of damning extravagance on the part of the MacMillan Government that it had a mental hygiene policy, and plans for providing modern treatment which by this time would have restored many of those innocent victims to their families.

Parallel with this callous indifference to the real needs at Falconwood has gone bungling mismanagement and gross extravagance, to an extent almost unbelievable. An increase of nearly a hundred thousand dollars is shown by the Public Accounts in the cost of running this institution during the last three years as compared with the corresponding Conservative years,—enough to build another wing to the institution, to buy three or four sets of plans for a completely modernized system, or purchase the old Prince Edward Island Hospital four times over!

Where has all this money gone, and what have they to show for it?

Manion's Proposal

Urging a concrete, intelligent, co-operative effort to abate unemployment in the course of a vigorous speech in the Commons last week, Hon. R. J. Manion expressed surprise over Premier King's currently reported remark in a Liberal caucus that the unemployment problem "could not be solved." Hon. Mr. Dunning interrupted to deny that the Prime Minister had made any such statement. Promptly the Op-

position leader retorted that it would have been better if the denial had come from Mr. King himself when the report first appeared in the press.

"This," comments the Sydney Post Record, "was certainly hitting the nail on the head. But it might further be observed that it would be still more satisfactory if the Prime Minister, instead of resting content with this mere denial of the alleged defeatist remark, should prove his faith in his own ability to cope with unemployment by definite action to that end. Statements are not rightly judged by what they say but by what they do.

"This is not to imply that any Government can completely cure unemployment or even arrest the ravages to any considerable degree. The most that reasonable people can expect from their statement is intelligent effort, coupled with a readiness to seek out new and improved methods by the process of trial and error. One should like to be able to give the present Ministry credit for a record in this regard which could be claimed to be superior, and more effective than that of their predecessors. But the truth is that the King Government has made no essential or even visible change in the methods of dealing with unemployment, as inaugurated and worked out by the Bennett Government."

Our Sydney contemporary comments approvingly on Dr. Manion's statement at London, Ontario, to the effect that, if he became Prime Minister of Canada as a result of the coming Dominion election, he would immediately take steps to assemble not only the best brains within Parliament but also the most practical minds in the Dominion, whether within Parliament or in the general citizenship of the country, for the purpose of getting at an effective practicable solution of the baffling problem of unemployment.

This is in line with similar public statements made by the Conservative leader within the past year, and unquestionably reflects what is in his mind with regard to one of the most important problems now confronting Canadian statesmanship. There will be general agreement with the Conservative leader in his denunciation of the abuse which has grown up under the system of direct relief. Pointing out that since the beginning of the depression the Dominion has spent more than \$600,000,000 on relief measures which have made no return whatever to the country. Dr. Manion claimed that, where such vast appropriations were made from the revenues and borrowings of the Dominion, the productive forces of the country should have been utilized in such a way that some reasonably adequate return might have resulted from these colossal expenditures.

Editorial Notes

New Brunswick Government is contemplating following the example of our own in going to the country—but after the King's visit.

R. M. Ballantyne, writer for boys, six years with the Hudson's Bay Co. author of about eighty stories of adventure, travel and historical romance, born this date, 1825.

Another blunder of our blundering incompetent government, is fixing the date of the election for the day on which His Majesty the King is to unveil the Great War Memorial at Ottawa—the chief event of the Royal Visit, to which war veterans, from all over Canada, including this Province look forward with the keenest patriotic interest.

The question now being asked is—is it the guilty conscience or the hidden hand which has had the greater influence in compelling the Government to take the plunge into the unfathomable depths at this particular juncture. We should hazard the guess that conscience is the last thing in the world that would bother the Campbell Government, so it must be the hidden hand.

There is no dubiety, so far as the South African Government is concerned, where the Dominions should stand in case of war. General Jan Christaan Smuts, Vice Premier enjoyed South Africa to "stick by Britain, who is our greatest friend." Addressing a United Party meeting at Malmesbury, he said South Africa should take warning from the fate of Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia and Albania. "Our gold is the envy of the world and our big country with many harbors depends on the British Navy for defense," he said. "We are fortunate by the grace of Britain to have a free, democratic country not dictated to by dictators. Therefore, I implore you to keep your hands overseas."

Unless a person is a Canadian citizen or has a Canadian domicile no court has the power to interfere with any proceedings, decision or order of an Immigration Board of Inquiry, Mr. Justice Decary decided in Montreal Practice Court when he dismissed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Antoine Hanna Laow. Laow, who admitted he was a citizen of Syria, was convicted on two charges of theft in Court of Sessions and while he was detained at Bordeaux Jail a Board of Inquiry of the Immigration Department ruled that he be deported from the country as an undesirable.

Fierly words came from Dr. Manion last week as he scored a Liberal member, Dr. J. K. Blair, for referring to the jobless as "yaps" and "spineless creatures." Then the Labor Minister, Hon. Norman Rogers, sought to explain away the harshness of Dr. Blair's adjective. "I think the Minister ought to keep his seat," said Dr. Manion. "I am just a little tired of his jumping up and down, making little speeches while others are trying to speak," and continued that "anyone who stands up in this House and states that the young men in this country, who are jobless, are pap-fed, spineless creatures and yaps, that, in other words they are no good and do not want work, either shows complete ignorance of conditions or a narrowness of outlook which I cannot comprehend."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Said Samuel Pepys, Esquire, 272 years ago: "It is plain what the effect of this Parliament will be, if they be suffered to sit, that they will fall upon the faults of the Government; and pray God that they may be permitted to do it, for nothing else, I fear, will save the Kingdom from the doom it is in. In those days the House of Commons was almost entirely Opposition. The Government; was the Council, appointed by the King from among the members of the House of Opposition in those days. When it began to examine into the accounts of an administration, the Lord Chancellor saddled a fast horse and kept it ready for a quick sprint to Dover. The Lord Privy Seal found it hard to keep from glancing over at the Tower of London and wondering if the axe would feel cold on his neck. That kind of thing made the Government try to be efficient, so that presently England had developed the greatest empire the world has ever known. It was, however, slowly broadening down from precedent to precedent, has weakened the Opposition. From a majority in it is formed the Government of the day. The House of Commons of course become all powerful, comprising both Government and Opposition; but with more than half its members weighed by the expense of office, there are only a minority left to form the Opposition and to "fall upon the faults of the Government."

Because of the conflicting interests of the various groups, the House no longer moves unanimously to hang the Government. Criticism therefore suffers, and efficiency with it. The trend in national Government is towards solidly on the fact that Opposition are no longer worth their salt and might as well be done away with. The Opposition may day by day criticism, they sit waiting for opportunities of political advantage. They have no longer any pride in being His Majesty's Opposition; they only hope to be in the Government, and therefore cross the floor and be with the Government. But first let them try just once more to recapture the spirit of the old days when the Opposition was loyal to the Government, when the frightened Lord High Treasurer worked so hard over his accounts that the night of Britain's splendour round the world. The Printed Word.

Every time there is a new war there is the objection of the description of wealth comes to the front. According to sentiment it is an easy matter out of which to make a formidable and popular cause. A store, bonds, mortgage, or our man-power to battle then wealth should also be placed in the same category. The exact working out of such a plan has never been made clear. We have never distinctly stated just what is meant by "wealth" in this particular issue. As a rule wealth means the possession of land, of a house, a factory, a store, bonds, mortgage, or all such things. Wealth is used in the form of currency every day to carry on business. Just how much of this wealth is to be conscripted, and how it is to be conscripted, in which wealth is conscripted to pay for war and it has been in operation in this country ever since the war in 1914-18. We have had to pay since then about the millions for war purposes and the money is not a free-will offering. We are obliged to pay it and the government has the machinery of conscription to use for that purpose. So in a very practical way we are operating under that system now—the conscription of wealth to pay for war. —Peterborough Examiner.

As has been noted, the Japanese Government through the mouth of its Minister of Marine, has announced a policy to increase the Japanese fleet in a parity with that of any other single power in the world. Should that come, the Japanese will control the Pacific Ocean. The greater part of the British naval power must remain in European waters. The United States, too, must keep part of its fleet in the Atlantic. The world of America will be open to Japanese devastation unless there is defence by fortification or air force. This includes the Canadian coast. The Japanese fleet would be childlike; an enormous expense with a value that would be purely stagnant, and that might never be tested. An air force would be a better defence. No fleet would dare come near a coast defended by bombing airplanes. —Ottawa Journal.

The Kingston Standard says: "There are 10,000 pieces of type used in a single newspaper column; there are seven possible errors in each line; and there are 70,000 chances to make errors and millions of possible transpositions in the sentence. 'To be or not to be,' 2,759,023 errors are possible in a single line of type alone." We don't know where the Kingston Standard got its information. The editor must have had a quiet day to figure it all out. The fact remains that every piece of printing of any size is made up of thousands or millions of pieces of type. Add to the millions of chances to make errors, the natural carelessness of the compositor, and the fact that the human eye has a strong tendency to see what the mind expects it to see, rather than what is actually in front of it, and you have the explanation of the fact that there is rarely a piece of printing of any size in which at least one error cannot be found. —Typo-Talks.

Before Mussolini went into Abyssinia I purchased five dollars' worth of uncancelled stamps from the postmaster in Addis Ababa. Before Japan went into China I purchased \$50 of uncancelled Chinese postage stamps from Peiping. Before Hitler went into Bohemia I purchased \$50 of uncancelled postage stamps from Prague. These were all good investments. What is the best buy now, Poland or Rumania? If everybody did this it would pour considerable money into the treasuries of the threatened countries. That seems to be the only case where one can eat one's pie and have it, too. Americans of Polish and Rumanian descent should take note of this. —Letter to N. Y. Sun.

While Halifax has denied that it was dicker for Quebec's decorations to use in welcoming their majesties, the Ottawa Citizen vouches for the fact that New Glasgow has asked for the second-

That Body of Hours

By James W. Borlen, M.P.

DEFINITE SIGNS ARE FOUND IN ORGANIC HEART DISEASE

A professional boxer motorizing to a city 250 miles distant to take part in a bout that same evening was involved in a motor accident which overturned his car into the ditch. He was unharmed but somewhat shaken up. When examined by the Athletic Commission physician he was 'shaky' and nervous and the physician refused to permit him to box owing to the condition of his heart. After a conference with another physician, he finally was allowed to box but he was so upset about being rejected by the first physician that he boxed very poorly and lost the decision. He decided he would retire from boxing.

Arriving home he consulted his own physician and told him his story and his decision to retire. After listening patiently, his physician explained that the automobile accident had caused shock from which he had not recovered when examined by the Commission physician. After a careful examination with advanced methods, his heart was now absolutely normal and that he would never be rejected again unless he continued to worry about his heart. He resumed training and three months later won the championship of his class.

When an individual is upset and becomes worried about his heart, the emotional disturbance may cause the rate and the rhythm of the heart beat which with a slight breathlessness due to nervousness or worry, gives some of the symptoms of an organic heart ailment.

When an organic condition of the heart is present the physician will find definite signs and symptoms. Thus Dr. A. G. Gibson, in Medical Record:

"When organic disease of the heart (enlargement of the heart; not much reserve power; heart a long time getting back to its normal resting rate; a feeling of blood pressure—systolic and diastolic—high; and organic murmurs can never be found nor definitely suspected, then some reason must be sought for the existence of these tachycardias (fast heart rate) of 120 beats to the minute, at the beginning of the consultation, may be 100 at the end, and a little exercise instead of increasing the rate may lower it.

The thought then is that rather than worry or wonder about your heart, you should undergo examination of the circulation by exercise, use of X-ray (fluoroscope), electrocardiograph machine, and other methods, will definitely show that you have, or have not, true or organic heart disease.

King George The Sixth

Chapter Twenty

"Friendship, mysterious cement of the soul; Sweetener of life, and solder of society." —Blair.

It has been said again and again that the narais of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the present Queen Elizabeth, had planned the career of their daughter with the dearest of intentions. It was for the days when she would assume the responsibilities of the wife of the King, they could not have added anything more that Fate itself had been able to accomplish.

Throughout her childhood, her youth and just prior to her marriage to the King, she had been surrounded by her elder brother, Lord Glamm, and Lady Dorothy Osborne, the daughter of the Duke of Leeds. When she was only nine years old she acted again in the same role at the wedding of her eldest sister, Lady Mary to Lord Epsingstone. In later years she continued to be outstanding at many important social functions, and she was peculiarly popular, although she was a very young girl at that time.

Whenever she was a guest or a hostess, she was always outstanding on account of her personality and her ability to make every one who came into contact with her. When she was only five years of age, she met the King at the home of Lady Leicester, and it is an interesting page of history which records that she made such a deep impression on him that when he met her again thirteen years later he recognized her immediately without any introduction. Thereafter, this friendship blossomed into a romance, culminating in their marriage.

During the Great War, she saw history being made and caused a strong reaction, arousing sympathy and understanding of the realities of life at an early date in her life. Four of her brothers, Patrick, John, Michael and Pergus, were amongst the first men who answered the call to arms and who joined the army. But outbursts of hostilities, with one of them, Pergus, being killed in action at Loos in September, 1915, and another, Michael, being forced to spend three years in a prison camp for years. Her famous Scottish home, Glamis Castle, was converted into a hospital and she saw the first hand the atrocities which in its resultant consequences since wounded soldiers were sheltered and nursed right in her own home from the early days of the struggle until late in 1919, with the long rows of white beds replacing the usual furniture of this beautiful and ancient castle.

hand use of Ottawa's. They'd better put a no-dry-no-buy clause in any such agreement. What decorations will look like if it rains will be just too bad for the purchaser. —Toronto Star.

PUBLIC FORUM

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HON. DENTON MASSEY'S INDICTMENT

Sir—The Liberal apologist in its usual boastful tone, editorially attempts to challenge Hon. Mr. Massey's speech in parliament, in which he charged that death from starvation, exposure and privation had visited "every province in Canada." And his only defence is that Premier Campbell had wired Hon. Mr. Rogers, Minister of Labor, denying that this was true of this Province.

Those familiar with Liberal practices, particularly in this Province, will neither be surprised at this statement, nor will they be to the least extent, surprised as the bubble bursts.

To commence with, the Premier is "Most ignorant" of what he is really asserting, "knowing practically nothing of what he announced. If he had taken the precaution to consult medical men, hospital authorities, nurses and statisticians, he would find that a large number of funerals were held, covering deaths, a large proportion of which the cause of demise is starvation. Amongst these will be indicated, "Malnutrition," which is a synonym for "starvation."

Further, if he asked physicians, he would learn that in many cases the cause of death is modified, sometimes out of sympathy for families, sometimes as a practical public neglect. And, in the most substantial evidence, he would have learned that the Hon. Mr. Massey's charge was well established even in our supposed "disease free" province.

I could tell him more from personal experience. And so could many boards scheme to unload their "wards" and derelicts, for forced free housing at private expense, in the province, are "wards" of the government, as in the cities they are "wards" of the city. Thousands of dollars are annually spent in the province to subsidize the cost of food, fuel, and sometimes rum and tobacco, while with subtlety they impose on private industry the onus of housing their derelicts.

And those landlords, when they seek to look for rent, and the Salvation Army, City Clergy and Charities Poor agencies, can point for him the most appalling picture of privation, starvation frozen death, freezing atmospheres, in those stolen living quarters, which would damn into the inferno such unfounded declarations as that dished out to Ministers Rogers, in the House of Commons their Ministerial and Governmental neglect.

Yes; even in our own communities, so favored by Providence, there is clay in our cemeteries covering the remains of those whom Hon. Mr. Massey designated as victims of starvation. The product of Government neglect.

I am Sir, etc., LEWIS F. TANTON.

LIBERAL PROMISES

Sir—Before the election canvass commences kindly allow me space to show what has been done for labor under Liberal administration. During the last election campaign the Liberal candidates in Charlottetown made a door-to-door canvass and they promised if elected to have every man earning in a short space of time. These words were very encouraging to the labourer's wife and she naturally believed these flattering promises. At the time all kinds of promises were made to induce the electors, especially so with the unemployed.

Since then the unemployment situation has become acute and as was stated this winter at an unemployment meeting there are now 1,200 unemployed men in Charlottetown and no efforts are being made by the Government to remedy the crisis.

What will the Liberals promise this time? Will they have nerve enough to ask the working man for a vote? The only work of any account by the Liberals has been in slashing the repairs to the Provincial Building. Any other expenditures for about went elsewhere clear of Charlottetown.

When the Liberals came into power the rate of wages for labour was 36 cents per hour. This wage was adopted by the MacMillan Government. The Liberals lowered this wage to 25 cents per hour.

Why should a Government cut wages when they had no work to offer? The rate paid by the city is 35 cents per hour. The same is paid on Federal jobs. This was the reason why Dr. MacMillan set the same rate so as to have the working men of Charlottetown doing all work for a consistent minimum wage.

It was also a precedent for contractors on private jobs to pay fair wages. But since the Liberals lowered the rate several contractors have followed in line.

How are the Liberal candidates going to explain this grievance? At the first regular session of the Provincial Legislature a Liberal representative promoted a bill regarding relief for all men on the relief list could be put working on the streets without receiving any extra remuneration for their services. Yes! Promoted a bill that would have men that were underfed and without warm clothing to go and shovel snow and chop ice on the streets and receive nothing in return! What an insult to the unfortunate workmen!

Thanks to the efforts of the L.P.U. this Act was only enforced for a very short period.

During all this time in office the ferry wharf at the foot of Prince St. has been dilapidated, and no efforts to repair it while hundreds of idle men walked our streets.

Almost four in office and nothing done for labor! Just think of their excuses regarding workmen's compensation. Anything at all would make an excuse for labour.

There was a time when it didn't make much difference to the workmen which government was in power. Those were the good old days when the workman was independent as he could earn an honest living by his labor. In those days only men that were looking for some important government position were very interested in the outcome of elections, but now things are very different. The workmen are faced with continued unemployment; they are becoming desperate. They must become united and stand together and repudiate those who make false promises and try to flatter them.

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WHY THIS UNDOE—UNSEEMLY HASTE?

Sir—Why is May selected for dissolution? Let the honest public who believe in clean politics look the facts square in the face. They know now, as they never knew before, that crooked promises, never meant to be fulfilled, is the trump card of local Liberalism. The one and only sign by which they hope to save their face.

They are borrowing \$1,000,000 which will be useful as a money bait and a base for election promises. Other monies have been voted with lavish prodigality for pretended employment work. The Federal Government are playing the same game with them as parties to these complacent election bluff. The traps are set for the unemployed that has ever been attempted in this Province. It is because they cannot de-

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