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King Government Returned

Yesterday's election results indicate that the Mackenzie King Government has been returned with a substantial majority.

Yesterday's voting means that Canada, alone among the democracies fighting Nazi Germany, will continue for the present to entrust to a one-party administration the direction and prosecution of the war.

In view of the solid line-up of big interests behind the King Government—as indicated by the attitude of such organs as the Montreal Star and Montreal Gazette—it is not surprising that the vote went as it did.

That issue was well summed up in a pre-election editorial in the Ottawa Journal. The King Government, says the Journal, even though it is returned at the polls, cannot continue as a party government if the war develops as it is expected to do.

Today in England, in France, in Australia, in South Africa, there has been a union of parties, a putting away of labels and shibboleths, for the winning of the war.

In the meantime, the mandate asked by Mr. King and his followers has been given, and their assurances of prosecuting Canada's war effort to the utmost have been accepted.

In this Province the Conservative candidates put up an excellent fight, and though defeated have no reason to feel ashamed, either of the nature of their campaign or the objectives they sought to achieve.

The Alberta Election

While there are still a few final counts to be completed in Thursday's polling in Alberta, the return of Mr. Aberhart's Social Credit Government is definitely assured.

A survey of the returns by constituencies as supplied by The Canadian Press compels the conclusion that, had it not been for the eleventh-hour fusion of the Liberals and Conservatives under the common designation of "Independents," Mr. Aberhart would have carried almost as many seats in this election as he did in 1935.

On the other hand, says the Sydney Post-Record, had not Hon. James Gardiner and the Provincial Liberal leader, E. L. Gray, blocked the Unity movement almost up to the time of dissolution, the chances are that Mr. Aberhart's regime would now be down and out.

While Mr. Gray's personal defeat in Bow Valley-Empress, where he ran finally as an "Independent," is regrettable because it deprives the fusion Opposition of an able member, there is still an element of poetic justice in his elimination.

Like Mr. Gardiner, the defeated Liberal leader placed party before Province with stubborn persistence till the local Liberal organizations in the various constituencies broke away from partyism on their own initiative, and made the nearly-successful Independent Opposition possible.

The Siros Report

The announcement by the Minister of Justice that the Siros report on Dominion-Provincial relations will be made public immediately after the election is mildly interesting.

The report, a mainland exchange notes, has been ready for a considerable time and would have been tabled at the regular session of Parliament promised by the Prime Minister if Mr. King's promise had been kept.

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with the then Chief Justice of Ontario, Hon. Newton W. Rowell, as its chairman, and very great things were expected of it. Hearings took place in all important centres of the Dominion and submissions were made by local governments, industrial groups, and indeed by all sorts and conditions of men.

There were, as the exchange points out, two courses open to the Government, either to publish the findings of the Commission immediately, or to wait until after the elections, and the official decision was to withhold the contents of the report on the pretext that it would be better for the various political parties to proceed with the campaign in ignorance of the recommendations.

It is not to be supposed, of course, that the Government itself was not then fully aware of the findings and proposals contained in the report, so that the effect of the decision was to deprive the Opposition groups of important information which the Government possessed.

Infected U. S. Hog Imports

An outbreak of hog cholera in Ontario is reported in the Montreal Standard as being due to vast quantities of cheaper U. S. pork imported into the area recently, and the bacon rinds being fed to local hogs.

Why is not an embargo placed on this importation, which in any case is seriously detrimental to the interests of the Canadian bacon industry?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow the local Legislature meets.

Yesterday was a good day so far as weather was concerned, but oh, the almost impassable roads!

The Equinoctial Gales and the Ides now being past, we should be entitled to a reasonable spell of real Spring weather.

James I of England and VI of Scotland died this date, 1625. From his "A Counterblast to Tobacco":—"A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black, stinking fume thereof nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

When and if the yellow gold of Cripple Creek, Colorado, is exhausted from its mines, good old Irish cobblers may carry on as a source of income. The county agent's office reports that Teller County, in which the famous gold camp is located, ranks near the top of Colorado counties in the production of certified seed potatoes.

The Registrar-General for Scotland claims to have debunked the whole belief that the early hours of the morning are the most critical times of foreboding. Taking a cross-section of 6,055 deaths, he found that 48.8 per cent took place in the first half of the day and 51.6 per cent in the second half of the day; 50.8 per cent took place between six in the morning and six in the evening, compared with 49.2 per cent between six in the evening and six in the morning, when it generally is supposed that deaths occur more frequently.

Some of our adopted Canadians are more appreciative of the benefits of British democracy than many who are born heirs to it. For instance, one Vancouverite, Milan Skobo, a Ukrainian residing in suburban Surrey, was a highly pleased man a few years ago when, after he had farmed in Surrey for some time, he had made application for naturalization and was granted the right to become a Canadian citizen.

A short time ago he died. When his will was read it was found that Skobo, who was single and as far as can be ascertained had no relatives, had left his whole estate, totalling about \$1,300, to "His Majesty the King in his right of British Columbia."

It has only recently become known in Britain that ranking next to the famous Victoria Cross is a decoration called the Empire Gallantry Medal. Its full official title is the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, but it is to be known generally as the Empire Gallantry Medal, and those who win it will put the initials E.G.M. after their name.

Only a few men have won it so far, and it is almost unknown even to members of the services. The standard of gallantry required to win it is almost as high as that for the V.C., but, unlike the Cross, it may be won by civilians. So far however, no man outside the services has qualified for it. Like the V.C., the E.G.M. can be awarded to a man who has been killed in action. This applies to no other decoration. So far, only one instance of this has occurred. The late Commander F. R. Jolly, R.N., of the destroyer Mohawk, was awarded the E.G.M. after his death, but it was not generally realized that it was an unusually high honor, because it was gazetted as "Medal of the Military Division of the O.B.E." and few people outside the Chancery of the Order knew of its importance.

NOTES BY THE WAY

S. S. Queen. Elizabeth, world's largest liner, crosses the Atlantic and reaches the haven of the port of New York in safety. To tie up for the duration—or in readiness for A.E.F. No. 27—Windsor Star.

We think the Port Arthur Chronicle has said volumes in this one brief sentence. "Germany waging war against the world, but Britain and France are fighting back."—Sturford Beacon-Herald.

The new submarine Sargo is to run her trials and knowing our American submarines are named for fish, one had to look up "sargo" and lo! it was a very large fish, found in the Mediterranean. We hope not.—(Ponder).

More than 20,000 national, international, state, and regional convocations are expected to be held in the United States in Canada during 1940. A survey indicates that 13,300,000 delegates will spend approximately \$280,119,000 for food and hotel rooms at these gatherings.—(Christian Science Monitor).

Three armed Irish Republican Army terrorists rowed out to Eire's first warship, stormed onto the deck, threw the first grenades, and escaped to shore amid a hail of bullets. The Eire Government's statement is attached to the present issue.—(Montreal Gazette).

Referring to Sumner Welles' visit to Hitler, General Smiley D. Butler scoffs: "There is no use sending emissaries to talk to a mad dog. Unless, of course, the emissaries can outsmart the mad dog. That's where sulphur and Smiley might have been a better choice than Welles."—(Windsor Star).

Probably no part of the BBC's war effort has been more effective than the use made of Herr Hitler's own speeches. Not merely quotations from them, though that in itself would have been effective; but the actual recorded words of the Fuehrer announcing in the happy claims of never a day at a conference table with the present rulers of Russia. To hear one's own recorded voice "played back" is always a strange and rather disconcerting experience. It is practically impossible even to recognize it. But to no one can the experience have quite so disconcerting a note as to hear one's own recorded voice as to Adolf Hitler—supposing that he to his fellow citizens, of listening to the BBC's broadcasts in German.—London Listener.

Contemptuous references in Berlin to the "small detachments" of Australian and New Zealand troops which have arrived in the East are oddly reminiscent of the Kaiser's famous comment upon the British in 1914: "contemptible little army." The German's generation of 1914, however, regarded the Dominion troops; but battle experience taught them that the "Digby" and "Ludlow" battalions were no contemptible little army. After August 8, 1918, the German Army—"the worst exterminator I had to go through." In that month played out under the leadership of their leader, and their moral and physical superiority over the professional soldiers of a militarist enemy nation." History as Dr. Goebbels may be reminded, has a habit of repeating itself. (Sydney Morning Herald, Australia).

Customs in writing and speaking amongst us do not come so close to the model as to free one's self of need of occasional counsel, hence we call attention to a few words that without oversteering the forthrightness of their simplicity. We therefore, ask our readers to read the "finish of the Right Hon. Winston Churchill's recent speech at Manchester and not his packed with short Anglo-Saxon words in a manner so winsome that it is not seen like for some time. Mr. Churchill closed thus: "Come then, let us take to battle to toll, each to our arms, each to our station. Fill the armies, rattle the U-boats, sweep the mines, plow the land, build ships, guard the streets, securer the wounded, uplift the brave. Let us go forward together, in all parts of the Empire, in all parts of the Island. There is not a weak, not a day, not an hour, to be lost."

In this thrilling close—usually we would say personal—are 79 words of which 46 are but one syllable and the bulk of them plain Anglo-Saxon, and yet the quotation is full of strength and vigor. Its effectiveness would not have been lost if brightened by words of three and four syllables of Latin origin. This extract will form a text in English and writing in college institutes and public schools heretofore, compiled from a man who is admitted by one of the masters of English in our day.—(St. Thomas Times-Journal).

It is expected, for several commonly known reasons, that tourists from the United States will flock across the border next summer in larger numbers than ever before. Canadians everywhere view the prospect with very real satisfaction, also for, we like to meet our neighbors and get acquainted with them. We think our country is worth. When others find it so, in these days when entertaining the holidaying stranger is a recognized business, we make any secret of the hope that our guests will stay as long as they care to spend as freely as the impulse moves them. The which is not altogether selfish, nor confined to those who stand to benefit directly. Canada is buying a good deal of war supplies in the United States, and the more United States money comes in by the tourist route the easier it will be to square the account. It might even be said that the more United States money the visitors bring and leave here, the more war-time requirements Canada will be able to buy in that country. It is strange therefore to learn that complaints have been reaching the exchange board of Canadian firms refusing to accept United States money at the going rate of exchange; that complaints that the Mounted Police have been instructed to see that board of exchange money is carried out, and convert into Canadian funds. As banks will accept the money at the exchange rate, there is no

The Poets' Corner

FOR THE EMPIRE'S AIRMEN
O Love that guards the vaulted sky
Beyond the range of human eye
Keep Thou within Thy mighty earth
All those who ride the boundless air:
Uphold them, safe from war's alarms,
Within Thine Everlasting Arms.

O Light that makes the darkness shine
Grant that our Airmen choose Thy way
And find the gloom as bright as day:
Uphold them, safe from war's alarms,
Within Thine Everlasting Arms.

O Life at whose most sacred Birth
The sound of wings was heard on earth
Bless Thou the wings that will not cease
To serve the heavenly cause of Peace:
Uphold them, safe from war's alarms,
Within Thine Everlasting Arms.

O Lord of righteousness and power,
Protect our Airmen through each hour:
In life or death be with them still,
And strengthen them to do Thy will:
Uphold them, safe from war's alarms,
Within Thine Everlasting Arms.

Review.
Playing To A Nazi Gallery
Secretary of State Hull's reprimand of James H. R. Cromwell, United States Minister at Ottawa, for his recent pro-Ally speech at Toronto, is said to have evoked "amazement on all sides" in the Dominion capital. "Such public statements by our diplomatic representatives," says Mr. Hull's messenger, "are likely to disturb the relations between this and other Governments."

What Mr. Cromwell said at Toronto was that the totalitarian system was repugnant to democracy, that the Allies were fighting "for the perpetuation of individual liberty and freedom," and that he hoped the war would result in the victory of the basis of the Hull reprimand was the Toronto speech "contravened standing instructions to American diplomatic officers, as public discussion of controversial policies of other Governments engaged in war without prior knowledge of this Government is not in accord with such instructions."

While a rebuke of an ambassador for running counter, even merely technically, with his official instructions is obviously just in order, nevertheless the terms of Mr. Hull's message are more extraordinary than the trivial departure by Mr. Cromwell from the instructions. It comes as a shock, for example, to find the United States Secretary of State characterizing as "controversial policy" the issues separating Germany and the Allies in the war they are waging. Surely there can be nothing "controversial" in the Allied position so far as any free country, especially so in the great American democracy is concerned. In point of fact President Roosevelt himself has repeatedly spoken, both before and since the outbreak of the war, in almost identical words with those expressed by Mr. Cromwell and quite identical in sentiment. Mr. Hull's message is maladroit, unfortunate in its phrasing, inopportune, and certain to bring some "moral" comment to the totalitarian aggressors in Europe.

Nor is Mr. Cromwell greatly concerned over that message or any message which may menace it may wish. The philosophy of totalitarian Governments, he says, says rightly, "means the end of democracy and the free economy of which democracy depends." To this he has added firmly: "Upon this interpretation of my content to risk my official head if I am wrong, then, let the executioner risk his axe."

Mr. Hull's message, publicly announced instead of being confidentially conveyed, is clearly a political play on the edification of a Nazi gallery.

GOING A-MILKING IN SWITZERLAND
SCHWYZ, Switzerland, March 26 (CP)—The labor department of Schwyz in the forest and pasture canton of Switzerland's Alps had Swiss villagers to learn to milk cows and children of peasants and the male milkers has taken most of the male milkers into the army and there's a shortage of good milkers.

risk in accepting U.S. bills at that rate in payment for goods and services. It is good business to do this, and had business to refuse to do this. So obviously bad business that the refusal which have been made must have been based on a misunderstanding. The police should have no trouble in the matter when the facts are known.—(Edmonton Bulletin).

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Challenging Our Universities

(James S. Thomson, President University of Saskatchewan, in "Queen's Quarterly")
We have been warned that we must expect a long conflict, and with the prolongation of the war strange, irrational forces will be let loose in the world. The modern apparatus of propaganda is far-reaching and in this shifting, uneasy age of ours when so much that has endured for long centuries has been already torn up by the roots, we have every reason to anticipate a difficult time for civilization. The world-order that will follow the war will be new and perplexing. It may be a better world, but it can easily be a much worse world.

We are dealing with forces impalpable and incalculable, and it would appear that we were summoned to a new encounter with human destiny. In a university, it is part of our function to bring the wild and intractable elements in human nature and its environment through understanding them, and thus to become their masters, not their slaves. To this process of reconciliation, we bring the experiences of history and the humane ideals of enlightened minds. The human scene is gathered into a wide vision, wherein results are assessed and conclusions reached by methods that lie beyond the heated excitements and prejudices of the moment.

We shall need such calm wisdom and sure guidance and, above all, an enthusiasm for humanity in the years that lie ahead. The war is a new summons to the universities to do constructive thinking about the future, and then to let our voices be heard in the councils of men and nations.

We must not take ourselves too much for granted in the universities. Any healthy mind is provoked into scepticism by the desolations that have overwhelmed our race. It is almost too easy to surrender to a mood of angry contempt for the folly and wickedness of our rulers and leaders. The temptation of the academic teacher who enters into public controversy is often to assume the role of critic without assuming the responsibility of action. The probably a useful creature, but he must not mistake his activities for the flight of an eagle. A graver temptation still will be to retire from the unseemly spectacle and to console ourselves with an opiate and specialized study that may have no sense of its relationship to the dark crisis through which we are passing.

Let there be criticism and scepticism, but, above all, let these attitudes of mind be an intellectual repentance into life. There must be no defeat on the intellectual and moral front.

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