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

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Why The Discrepancy?

During the discussion on the Estimates in the Legislature last week, the Government was urged by Hon. Dr. McMillan to press the Dominion Government for a larger contribution to the Sanatorium extension. He reminded the House that since the outbreak of war the Sanatorium has been accommodating tubercular soldiers at the Province's expense. This is purely a Dominion liability. There is, of course, no reason why our service men should not receive the very best treatment that it is within the power of the nation to afford, but there is equally no reason why this little Province, alone of all the Provinces in Canada, should bear the expense. Millions have been expended all over Canada by the Dominion Government for the treatment of invalid service men. The \$75,000 which the Dominion proposes to make towards the \$2,000,000 extension to our Sanatorium should at least be doubled. It is to be hoped that Premier Jones, who is now in Ottawa will take this matter up vigorously.

The Hansard report of the House of Commons debates for March 16 should give Premier Jones an effective argument on this subject. It contains the following questions and answers on hospital accommodation for British Columbia tuberculosis patients:

"Mr. McInnis: "1. Has the Government received any request from the Government of the province of British Columbia for providing more hospital accommodation for tuberculosis patients?"

"2. If so, what action has the Government taken in the matter?"

"Answer tabled by Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Health and Pensions: "1. Yes.

"2. The Government has authorized the purchase of additional land adjoining the Shaughnessy hospital property (and the necessary legal steps to complete the transaction are in progress) upon which to construct accommodation for 150 beds for cases of tuberculosis and other chest diseases, it being considered that these beds are required in addition to the 150 beds costing the Federal Government \$495,767 which were provided at Tranquille Sanatorium, Kamloops, at which institution are now being treated 34 departmental patients at federal expense."

British Columbia is one of the wealthiest provinces in the Dominion. An enormous amount of money has been poured into it in ship-building and other contracts since the outbreak of war. The King Government has no hesitancy in assuming its full responsibility for the care of tubercular service men in British Columbia, yet it grudgingly refuses to treat this Province on the same basis.

Why is this, and who is responsible? Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's constituency in Parliament happens to be Vancouver Centre, B.C. But surely his responsibility extends to all the provinces; and it is the duty of our representatives at Ottawa—and particularly our cabinet representative Hon. Col. Ralston—to see that he makes a fairer distribution of the taxpayers' money insofar as hospital expenditure is concerned.

Fair Vote For The Forces

Members of the House of Commons Election Committee have supported the principle of direct ballot voting for members of the Canadian forces. The original idea of Cabinet Ministers that this was not feasible was unsound, and never should have been advanced. It will be no more difficult to provide facilities for the Canadian forces to vote in the approaching general election than it was for the fighting men of Australia and New Zealand, who are scattered all over the world.

Having conceded the right of the men in the front line to have a voice in the selection of the Dominion's postwar Administration, says the Globe and Mail, it now becomes the duty of the Election Committee and Parliament to see that those who are serving overseas are furnished with unbiased information about party platforms and policies. The men and women who serve will base their verdict primarily upon the record of the Government. They are likely to be influenced by performances rather than promises.

Cheaper Rubber

There is every prospect of cheaper rubber after the war and of far greater production and use of it. There may be a merry competition between synthetic and raw rubber.

The United States has a subsidized, synthetic rubber industry that has cost \$750,000,000, and whose production is nearing 800,000 tons a year. This was a war project, of course. Canada has a synthetic rubber industry at Sarnia, on which the Government has spent some \$45,000,000.

There are those in both countries who believe that the synthetic can compete in price with natural rubber, but here are others who greatly doubt it. Mr. J. L. Collyer, head of a large U.S. rubber company, declares that the synthetic is a permanent industry, and he foresees world consumption of rubber increasing after the war from the record of 1,300,000 tons in 1941 to 2,000,000 tons within a decade—10 to the advantage of the people of all countries. This supply would include both synthetic and natural rubber.

Mr. Collyer says that the increased consumption is possible if rubber prices are kept low and steady. He is against tariff protection, and he says that improved methods will lower the cost and improve the quality of synthetic rubber. "The synthetics will take care of themselves in competition with natural rubber," he states.

declares. A very contrary opinion is held by Mr. K. E. Knorr, an economist of the Food Research Institute of Stanford University. The cost of producing natural rubber can be reduced in a number of ways, he states.

"It is by no means impossible," he says "that Heavea rubber may be produced profitably at about 4 cents per pound in the not too remote future. This is very different from the 22 cents per pound of rubber in 1941. Even a natural-rubber price of, say, 8 or 10 cents a pound indicates a notable price differential if we assume a Buna S price of 18 cents."

The disputants may argue this question as they will. The public will be glad to know that there is a good prospect of cheaper rubber and cheaper rubber goods of all kinds.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The tidal power possibilities of the Bay of Fundy matter has been referred to a Senate Committee, equivalent to being sent to limbo.

Is that so? A contemporary reports that a growing demand for ice cream in Prince Edward Island raised the production last year to 80,671 gallons, or 16.2 per cent above the 1942 total of 69,402 gallons.

Quite unintentional, of course. Brig. Alexander Ross, Dominion director of civilian defence, had a forceful demonstration of the Halifax auxiliary fire unit's ability to throw water. Several high-pressure hoses were sending streams of water into the harbor in a display for the R.A.P. chief when one of them got loose from its operators and poured its column of water into Brig. Ross' party.

Lady Violet Bonham-Carter has accepted the invitation of the Liberal Party's executive to succeed the late Lord Meston as president of the party organization. Thus the daughter of Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, Britain's prime minister from 1908 to 1916, becomes leader of the party who led her down for Rt. Hon. Lloyd George. Her father's familiar phrase when asked questions in the House was "wait and see."

Sir Muirhead Bone, LL.D., A.R.S.A., British etcher and painter, born in Glasgow this date 1876; came to the front as master of drypoint; during the Great War I was sent by the War Office to make drawings on the Western Front and with the Fleet as official artist; has held several exhibitions in London, especially of drawings and oil paintings of scenes in Spain in which he has specialized.

The King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, King Haakon of Norway, and Gen. Montgomery visited Wembley Stadium to see the football match between England and Scotland. The crowd numbered 80,000 and receipts of \$90,000 go to war charities, constitute a record sum for any sporting event during the war. The presence of members of the cabinet and leading officers of the Navy, Army, R.A.F. and U.S.A. forces made the Royal box party the most distinguished assembly ever to attend a football match. Gen. Montgomery spoke to the players before the match.

Mr. Peter D. McArthur of Howick, Que., recently named president of the National Progressive Conservative Association, has resigned as president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada. Mr. McArthur was appointed first president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada when the organization was formed in 1941 following the separation of the producers' section from the National Dairy Council. He has been active in organization work among dairy farmers for many years, and is a member of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

The science of forest management is not merely a matter of "conservation" or hoarding of forest wealth. The object must be whole-hearted measures to increase the use of the forests wisely, not half-hearted attempts to restrict their use. Haphazard efforts are bound to lead to disappointment and a failure of revenue, says the March Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada. A system based on sound principles, however, will result in a regular accretion of revenue-producing material and a secured capital of healthy timber. A survey of Dominion forest resources and a provincial report on extent of forests and plans to maintain them, are given in the Letter.

A community is judged largely by the support it gives to worthwhile movements. One of these is the Community Concert Association, which does its utmost to bring first class musical talent to our province three or four times a year. Without such an organization we would be isolated from participation in such esthetic entertainments and left largely to the devices of radio, which, good and great though it be, lacks personality in presentation. Half the benefit of an entertainment is to see the performers and to study their attitudes. The Association is enlisting members for the coming season, and it is to be hoped there will be a generous response on the part of our leading citizens.

Viscount Bennett is not waiting for death to distribute his immense wealth, accumulated by industry and opportunities of which he was in a happy position to take advantage. Dalhousie University, Halifax, of which Lord Bennett is a graduate in law, heads the list with \$750,000. Then follows: Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., \$200,000. Alberta University, Edmonton, \$100,000. In addition, smaller amounts were given to various law associations and schools in Canada. The gift to Dalhousie is to form part of the endowment fund of the university. The gift to Mount Allison also forms part of the endowment fund, the income to be used for a professorship and scholarships in memory of his father, mother, sisters and brothers who attended Mount Allison institutions, and also Captain and Mrs. Ronald Bennett who are members of the Board of Regents. Lord Bennett has in addition established with the Montreal Trust Company a trust fund of \$360,000 in Dominion of Canada bonds bearing interest at three per cent. This income goes to various New Brunswick and Nova Scotia institutions.

Notes By The Way

An old distillery now is turning out whisky, which probably won't make any difference to the bootleggers.—Chatham News.

The mover of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne has 14 children and the second name of them. Another sign that family allowances are coming?—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Soft-hearted folk in the U. S. exercised over the bombing of German cities must have short memories. Perhaps the mention of such names as Warsaw, Belgrade, Rotterdam, Coventry and London will stir some dim recollections.—Branford Expositor.

From the Park City (Utah) Record weekly, classified as "old" in my car while parked. Owner can have same by describing property and paying for this ad. If owner can explain satisfactorily to my wife how purse got into car, will pay her \$100.—Editor and Publisher.

We are mildly stirred up by Wallace's sudden burst into print with word that "anxious business shall not be the casualty of this war." On the other hand, says a neighbor who was recently liquidated, as long as small business has a chance it might as well have top honours.—Kansas City Star.

The 2,485 inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary in Pennsylvania, who, out of their earnings averaging 15 cents a day, have put \$86,750 into bonds of the Fourth War Loan, give proof that the inmates can come from unexpected places. But then, freedom, to them, must seem especially worth paying for.—New York Sun.

Dunkirk was unique, and probably the most famous of all long-marching may wage wars. Its miracle quality lay in the amazing fact that the normally rough Channel waters, in the great number taken off the beaches—nearly 200,000 men, 10,000 vehicles, and above all in the quiet heroic part played by thousands of little boats gathered from scores of big and small ports along the coasts of southern England.—Economist.

The electronics equipment industry, Newsweek comments, will be freed of dependence on foreign sources for certain mineral requirements. The current tests of California block tale proves successful. They're being conducted for the W. P. B. to determine whether the tale meets war specifications for insulating spacers. If it does, the domestic supply will be sufficient to meet all important needs. Small amounts of provided quality are being produced in Montana.

Experience tells the west of Scotland that the weather is concerned there are no reasonable hopes. It is not merely the weather, but the fact that there is such variety and rapid change from one sort of unpleasantness to another. So much so, indeed, that the only people in Glasgow to be envied are the emigrants, and those who live mole-like, it is true, but never need to regret that their shoes leak or their umbrellas are broken in their umbrella.—Glasgow Herald.

The problems of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, as revealed in the report covering operations between April 1, 1943, and the end of the year, are all about the man afflicted with visions of pink elephants. Close to 100,000 cases were taken in the "window." As soon as the redoubtable Donald Gordon and his myrmidons plus one leak another price ceiling is constantly varying and new pressures suddenly pop up in unanticipated places, the man who has a problem is licked a new one, or a whole new group, arise to take its place.—John K. Elliott, in the London Free Press.

Mr. Thomas Beecham, of the plink name and not unknown to San Franciscans, recently gave a lecture in Town Hall, New York, on the "Dance of Music." Undoubtedly Sir Thomas has much inside information on this subject. According to Leonard Bernstein, in the Justice Course, "Sir Thomas Beecham told Carleton Smith, re the conductor's balloon appearance, various of his own concert halls: 'You know I am not going to tour your country, my country is here. Couldn't stand it. I found them all populated with widows who get rid of their husbands and keep them in overheated houses. As near as I could tell, none have any music whatsoever, but listen with some superannuated nerve concealed in the big top of their heads.'"

Partly by the accident of their birth and partly because of the easy wonder they excite in their fellow men, twins are unusual people, says Life. The accident itself is not uncommon. In the United States, it happens once in eighty-seven births, giving the nation a twin population of almost 1,000,000 individuals. Twinning is thus just rare enough to give it off-spring a special place in the annals of community life and to surround them with an extensive lore in which fact, illusion, superstition and tradition are all mixed up. Biologically, there are two different types of twins, distinguished by the number of a single egg or of two eggs. One-egg twins are identical twins. They are invariably of the same sex and are essentially physical duplicates of each other. Strictly speaking, they are the only true twins. Two-egg or fraternal twins are no more closely related than are singletons brothers and sisters and they share only the coincidence of their birthdays. They may,

Lenten Meditations

from The London Times

DIVINE COMFORT

Probably there has been no time when so large a proportion of the human race needed comfort as today. The Bible claims for consolation: "Should now be easy to learn if the claim can be justified. Of human comfort the limitations are all too evident, and not least to those who offer it; all they can say seems lamentably commonplace, all they can do is pitifully small. What, then, of the comfort from a higher source? When Euphrates the least harsh of Job's ineffective comforters, finds that the arguments used by himself and his companions are having little effect, he turns to Job with the question: "Are the consolations of God small with thee? To countenance people they have proved far from small. When St. Paul, to name one Christian, prays for his Colossian friends that "the God of all comfort" may be with them, the phrase he uses is repeatedly being verified by his own experience.

Even to know that God exists, that there is a spiritual order as well as a visible universe, makes a difference beyond calculation. It implies that a scheme of life which has gone astray is not the only scheme, that catastrophe and sorrow are not the last word, that for a purpose, applying mind, underlies creation. Fuller comfort follows this being all with the fuller realization of God not only as the first and final cause but as love. The Christian turns to our Lord for his conception of deity, for "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." To read the Gospels, to observe Christ's compassion for the sorrowful, his sympathy with individual joys and sorrows, his power of transforming human weakness into strength and to realize that in him were the fullness of God and his relationship with human beings, is indeed to gain a comfort of a kind which this world can neither give nor take away.

One further source of divine comfort must be named, which is the knowledge that true life, the continuance of personality, cannot be ended by physical death. It is such to realize that the worst of human sorrows must be transient; it is to receive that "consolation of God" which declares that beyond them waits perfect happiness and which has tried to do his will. When, through that colloquy with God which is called prayer, these truths have become a part of our life, they give comfort in every sorrow and prove once more that God is a very present help in trouble.

The Farm Labor Problem

(Halifax Chronicle)

That the farm labor situation was serious last year every agricultural economist in Nova Scotia knows. Farmers were urged to seek production in every line, and the fact of an unprecedented shortage of help was little short of phenomenal. The shortage has developed thus far is due to their efforts, and their efforts have been front line workers on the production front in every sense of the term. Prospects for the coming year are already occasioning grave uneasiness. In a province-wide survey made by this newspaper during the past few days, opinions expressed by local agriculturalists suggest that the farming industry in Nova Scotia is face to face with the most critical period in its history. Farmers recognize the essential need for farm produce of every kind and are willing to undertake almost any sacrifice to meet it. But they cannot do the impossible. And unless some drastic steps are taken in the immediate future to remedy the situation the consequences may be far-reaching.

As the president of the Colchester County Farmers' Association has pointed out, it is impossible for the farmer-employer to compete with wages paid in other lines of industry. The farmers' situation is not just aren't to be had. There are two possible courses of action open to the federal authorities upon whose shoulders responsibility for the allocation of labor falls. The first is to make use of prisoners of war. This scheme, especially in the case of Italian prisoners, has worked exceptionally well in Britain. There is no apparent reason why it could not be applied with success here. The second is that the sixty thousand members of Canadian conscription army, most of whom are now doing what amounts to little more than

however, resemble each other closely and are often mistaken for identical twins.

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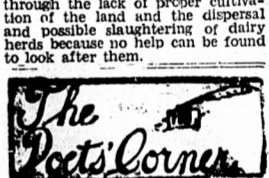
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