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

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Dispensing With Parliament

Parliament expires on April 17 and Prime Minister King says its life will not be extended. That means that when the session which has been summoned for March 19 gets under way it will have not more than 20 working days to deal with war appropriation matters, plus odds and ends which, almost inevitably, crop up during a session.

What is happening with regard to reinforcements and other war matters, what views the Government holds with respect to the Crimea Conference, whether we are to have a general election soon or late—all these matters remain unknown to us: are kept as the private property of Mr. King.

Bloody But Unbowed

This story comes out of a Norway, occupied but unconquered.

Odd Nansen, son of the explorer, and himself an architect, has been punished by the Nazis. Prior to the war, Odd Nansen gave up his profession and travelled about Europe warning all who would listen of the dangers of Nazism.

Quitting, who had been his father's secretary, went to great lengths to win Odd Nansen to the Nazi cause—in vain. Finally, punitive measures were taken. He was marched through the streets of Oslo with a large placard hung round his neck, bearing the inscription: "I am a lackey of the Jews."

The people of Oslo turned out en masse. As he passed, every hat was doffed in honor to him. Later the statue of his father was decorated with flowers.

Meat Production Record

Live stock and meat production in Canada during 1944 exceeded any previous year. Slaughtering of live stock at inspected establishments included 8,766,000 hogs, a 24 per cent increase over 1943: 1,354,000 cattle, 33 per cent higher than in 1943; 656,000 calves, 10 per cent higher than in 1943 and 959,000 sheep and lambs, or 8 per cent more than in 1943.

The record volume of live stock which farmers sent to market in 1944, writes H. K. Leckie in the Economic Analyst, placed considerable stress on handling facilities. During peak runs, packing plant facilities, already enlarged during wartime, were strained to the utmost to slaughter, process, chill, store, and distribute the numbers of live stock available.

Although the output of meats in 1944 was the largest in history, there was no surplus. Under the terms of export agreements with the United Kingdom, substantial quantities of bacon and beef were shipped overseas, and at the same time domestic consumption per head of population of meat soared to new high levels.

Age Of Plastics

A lecture was given recently before the Royal Canadian Institute on "Bakelite plastics today and tomorrow" by a representative of the Bakelite Corporation, New York, the "tomorrow" being prefabricated by the numerous, ingenious and live-saving uses of plastics which today are devoted to war. For instance a transparent plastic film, which tomorrow may make attractive curtains or window drapes, now makes the so-called "Bunyon bag" which has been credited with saving many lives, especially of merchant seamen badly burned in oil-flaming seas.

Other war-time uses of plastics demonstrated by the speaker:

Non-skid floor coating for gun emplacements on battlefields which have increased the accuracy of naval gunnery 35 per cent.

The plastic desalination kit containing a chemical which turns sea water into a potable drink.

A film bag for rifles which besides protecting them in amphibious landings will, when inflated, form a temporary life-jacket for the soldier and keep it afloat if it drops from the

soldier's hands into the sea. A moulded plastic bomb rack used on Mosquito fighters which is lighter than aluminum or magnesium. "A twist of the designer's pencil and the applications which you saw devoted to wartime production will take on new life, new beauty and new applications to serve you in everyday life," the speaker promised.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Provincial Legislature opens tomorrow.

Dictators are all very much alike. Hitler, broadcasting his defeats uses the phraseology—"Our forces withdrew according to plan." General McNaughton now announces that "our reinforcement programme is fulfilled according to plan," adding, to give emphasis, "in fact the numbers despatched are well ahead of schedule." Hitler will be sorry he did not think of that, for it might have meant winning the war—on paper.

Quebec is persisting in its demand for a free port such as Mr. Hemming advocated for Charlottetown. The Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a motion asking the Federal government to make Quebec City a free port. During debate on the motion, Hon. Bona Dussault, minister of municipal affairs, said that canalization of the St. Lawrence River would "come sooner or later" and that, then, Montreal would lose its prestige as a port and "experience what Quebec is experiencing nowadays."

Russian revolution broke out this date, 1917, when Rodzianko, president of the Duma telegraphed to the Czar urging that immediate measures be taken to safeguard the country; the Czar delayed, and the rising of the garrison in Petrograd followed and the arrest of the revolutionists of the Tsarist ministers; the formation of the Council of Workers' and Soldiers' delegates (Soviets), followed by the selection of the Provisional Executive Committee of the Duma; a new government, with Prince G. Lvov as Premier followed; later in April Lenin arrived from England via Germany, and in Oct. Trotsky was elected President of the Petrograd Soviet, and the Bolshevik revolution ensued.

Saint John Common Council has abandoned the intention of appointing a City Manager, for the present at all events. Councillor Wasson said he "very much doubted the wisdom of the city manager bill," and "agreed with much of the criticism of it." "I have heard a great deal of criticism of the bill, too," Councillor Whitebone said, "and I entirely agree with Councillor Wasson." The vote then was taken, all the councillors being in favor of withdrawing the bill. First official intimation of a plan to have a city manager came when the city's 1945 budget was announced, late in January. The list of approved estimates included an item of \$8,000 for a town manager's expense for part of the present year.

Out West they are racing as usual and with no let up on account of war or otherwise. Winnipeg is going back to having a spring and fall racing meet this year. The spring meet will be held from June 16 to July 2, and the fall meet will extend from August 3 to Sept. 15. It has been announced that the \$5,000 added Canadian Derby will be held at Winnipeg's Pala Park July 2 and the Winnipeg Futurity will come off at the fall meeting. It has also been announced that racing will return as a feature at the Edmonton Exhibition this summer, following a two-year absence. The regular Edmonton meet will open for seven days or more August 14. The prairie racing season will open at Calgary's Victoria Park on May 24. The next meet will continue until June 6, the day of the Alberta Derby.

Prime Minister Churchill's second cousin, the Duke of Marlborough, visited Montreal over the week-end en route from London to New York. Interviewed he volunteered the opinion that the war was near an end. "I give it to the end of July," he said and added that there was a general feeling of optimism about it in England although everyone was very tired. He hastened to remark about his guess regarding the war's end that he was "not in the know." And still landing on England's east coast were the V-2 bombs which, according to his Grace, "make a frightful noise." The important thing to the Duke about his Montreal visit was that he had "two jolly good eggs for breakfast." And like any Englishman living on wartime rations, two such jolly good eggs have some meaning.

Canadians must soon take an inventory of their domestic, their national and their international position, not so much because of the approach of a general election but because an end to the fighting in Europe is within sight. By the time the five and a half years of strife have elapsed it will have cost this country at least \$15,000,000,000 in cash and an irreparable loss of manpower through relatively heavy casualties, also the inevitable dislocations to the Canadian way of life. It is not too much to say that through this struggle the entire civilian population has been working for the Federal treasury. Before Canadians mark their ballots they have an opportunity of deciding how much security they want, how much security is demanded by those who left their homes to fight, how that security can be made to last. And they will probably also decide that as between a social and economic security system flowing from a national demand and a C. C. F. platform that could only be implemented by the very totalitarian methods this war is being waged to extinguish, there can be only one choice.

PUBLIC FORUM

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COURSE IN CIVICS

Sir,—The aim in civics is to train pupils to be good citizens. It includes a study of the relationships between the individual, the family, the neighborhood, the community, the province, the nation and the world at large.

Good citizenship involves ability to act in such a way as to make the greatest possible contribution to society and to receive the greatest personal satisfaction in so doing. A good citizen will endeavor to maintain his health, both physical and mental, at its highest efficiency. He will acquire what he can of the great heritage bequeathed to us and be able to apply that knowledge in meeting the problems of life which we face as individuals and as a community.

The objectives of education will be attained if children are so trained that they become healthy, moral, cultural, self-supporting and co-operative citizens. Grades 1, 11, and 111: in these grades the objectives will be to develop right habits of conduct; honesty, truthfulness, punctuality, obedience, etc. Advantage should be taken of the many incidents of school life that are fitting for the teaching of morals. An accident resulting from carelessness or recklessness can be used to point a moral of a warning applicable of course to every member of the class, and so training the pupils to judge as between right and wrong. Grades IV, V, and VI: Social training can be developed by the following suggested format: (1) The formation of habits tending to cleanliness in body and neatness in dress can be strengthened by the use of the motto: "Proper habits of conduct are as that used in the army for precisely the same purpose—Criticism to be given privately.

(2) Proper habits of greeting: Flag salutation. Have pupils rise immediately and stand to attention on the entrance and departure of the speaker. (3) Promote habits of discipline and thoroughness by having classes assemble and act in an orderly manner. (4) Have pupils rise immediately and stand to attention on the entrance and departure of the speaker. (5) School games under the supervision of the teacher may be used to instill: (a) The value of self-control and sportsmanship. (b) The value of self-control and sportsmanship. (c) The proper attitude on the part of the winners and on the part of the losers. (d) The value of the team spirit. The teacher should select games that emphasize co-operation rather than competition. In the case of team games are played they should be "team" games rather than individual competition. I propose next week to discuss Grade VIII.

I am, Sir, etc. TEACHER.

THESE CO-OPERATIVES

Sir,—At present we are hearing quite a bit about these Co-operatives and many are wondering why they are there, why they have not paid their taxes, why they have stirred up a revolution? In what way do they differ from private enterprise? The Co-ops do pay all the regular taxes but refuse to pay the savings which they return to the people who rightly own them. People who own their own homes and private enterprise it can be compared to a pair of milk cans. The Co-ops are holding the bottles over the pail and all that runs over (the rebate) falls back into the pail, or in other words back into the customers' pocket. On the other hand you are holding the bottle over the tank and what runs over goes down the drain into the pocket of one man. Which enterprise helps the country most because it helps the common man? The rebate may be small but it is a constant drain back into the pocket of the producer.

Then the monetary gain is only a small part of the benefits of the Co-operative. Because it is run and controlled by the people it teaches them the value of money, business details, marketing, thrift and many other things. The knowledge that they are part owners gives them a sense of pride and a backbone that is beyond monetary value.

We hear and read much about the need of education, but they talk mostly of book learning. A man may read all the books there are but he will not be educated. Anyone who works and studies in the Co-operative movement will gain a practical education certainly worth having.

Then the study clubs (adult education in action) help the social side. People are more friendly more willing to help because they get to know each other's problems. Co-operation is true democracy—one man—one vote. The poor man is used just the same as the rich. There are no favorites or favorites to be had in a Co-op. There like private enterprise were there have always been special

Equality Of Sacrifice

(Text of an address delivered by Hon. J. E. Burnett, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Association in Ottawa, March 2, 1945.)

The Progressive Conservative Party from its inception in Winnipeg in December 1942, has not been from the course there laid down on the whole matter of manpower. It has stood for a fair, not an unfair call-up; for one army, not two, and for adequate reinforcements.

As for my own personal position, it is clear for all to see who wish to examine the record. When the Canadian Legion issued its call for total war, I was Premier of Manitoba. Our Legislature passed that resolution calling for the total mobilization of everything to win the war—wealth, manpower, all the resources of the nation. If any group has the right to speak out on the conduct of the war, it is the Canadian Legion, representing as it does the views of the men who fought in the Great War and who are fighting in this. It is the Legion that has been the voice of the nation in the past and it is the Legion that I credit then for my stand. I take none now. For then, as now, everyone interested in winning the war and not in some sort of armistice, should know and know still, that unless victory were won there could be nothing but dark despair ahead. They knew that the whole future was predicted on defeating an enemy which had set out to impose its slave theories upon the world.

You may remember my expressing feeling at the time with regard to that political trick of Mr. King's, the costly and divisive plebiscite of 1942. When I called for the scrapping of it, I have here stated what was felt by the vast majority of Canadians who wanted a decent manpower policy and a decent national policy.

From the time of the formation of the Progressive Conservative Party, its sacrifices equitably, working harmoniously towards the great objective of winning the war, that and that even greater objective of winning the peace. Did I find a nation with class hatreds being lessened? And racial misunderstandings being cleared away? I leave you to answer. Why is it that there is so much bitterness and recrimination in the nation? Why is there so much disunity at a time when we would have the greatest unity? Why is there a feeling of frustration in the hearts of some? Why a feeling of cynicism and latent bitterness in the breasts of many I so recently visited overseas? The reason to me is simple and clear. It is because instead of doing what was fair in the call-up of the fighting forces, instead of a policy with some approach to equality of sacrifice in the winning of the war, instead of keeping that great objective in sight from the beginning and before the beginning, the Government has insisted on playing regional politics in a matter where human lives were at stake—insisted on playing off one part of the country against another, for no more worthy end than partisan political advantage.

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A CO-OPERATIVE MEMBER

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