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

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Draft Address Debate

The debate on the Draft Address, which began in the Legislature on Wednesday of last week, terminated last Tuesday and was participated in by most of the members, including all the newcomers to the House, whose maiden speeches were of a generally high order, and reflected credit upon themselves and their constituencies.

Mr. D. L. Mathieson, able son of a distinguished father, the late Chief Justice Mathieson, spearheaded the attack on the Government for the illegality of its action in taking over the plant without legislative authority.

Of special interest was the address by the new member of the Government, Hon. J. Wilfred Arsenault, who was the second last speaker in the debate and who also was making his maiden effort in the House.

Several members spoke in favor of repealing the property vote, following the suggestion first mooted by the leader of the Opposition in the course of his speech.

A Majority Of Five

Four times this session the King Government has escaped defeat in the House of Commons by not more than 10 votes.

What seems to be coming about, comments the Ottawa Journal, is a growing conviction in the minor opposition groups that they might expect to profit from an early general election—this feeling being demonstrated by their willingness to vote with the Progressive Conservatives against the Government.

If Mr. King can keep his forces intact he can control the situation, but the current divisions show that his margin of safety is small and the chances of an upset considerable.

And there can be no doubt that the prestige of the Government suffers throughout the country from these close divisions.

Tax Burdens

Tax burdens in the major countries are cited in the United States News-World report:

In U. S., before the war, Federal taxes took eight cents out of each dollar of national income. By 1946, they were taking 25 cents out of each dollar of a much larger national income.

In Canada, taxes take 25 cents out of each dollar of national income, or the same as in U. S. Before the war the burden was 11 cents out of a dollar.

In Britain, taxes take 43 cents out of each dollar, or pound equivalent, of national income. Before the war, the amount was 21 cents out of each dollar.

In France, the official figures show that 59 cents out of each dollar, or equivalent, of national income is taken in taxes.

In Italy, the tax burden is less than before the war, when Mussolini was building a war machine. Italians pay 16 cents out of each dollar, or its lire equivalent, for taxes, compared with 20 cents before the war.

income. Per capita taxes doubled after 1939. In 1939, Russians paid 26 cents out of each dollar, or ruble equivalent, in taxes.

Latin-American nations, as a group, bear a burden less heavy than before the war. Australia's taxes rose from 10 cents out of each dollar before the war to 28 cents in 1948.

Pre-war taxes for major nations took 15 cents out of each dollar of national income. U. S. in that period was in the lower group. Now the world median is 20 cents out of each dollar of income.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Evidently the P. E. I. Government does not help to keep the peace warm, and if we join heartily in singing as well as lift up our souls to God in praise and thanksgiving.

The Romance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is to be shown at the Capitol Theatre this week—it will be worth seeing.

The Government is taking a commendable interest in individual relief cases. Such interest, however, should also promote long range plans for the harder times to come.

The arrival of a small group of war wives and children on the Aquitania brings to 64,451 the number of dependents of servicemen immigrating to the Dominion since the beginning of the Second World War.

Ottawa continues to look with favour on the cadet movement. The .22 ammunition allowance has been upped from 150 to 250 rounds per cadet per year with special issues for certain competitions.

The Federal Revenue Department will open a legal battle in Exchequer Court in Ottawa for possession of \$863,331, the bulk of a \$1,000,000 cache seized in a Montreal safety deposit box some weeks ago, on the ground the amount is due the Crown in back taxes.

Paraphrasing code messages before publication is a necessary security measure. Once the original of a coded message gets into the hands of experts they can soon break the code and any other messages they may hold in the same code are immediately intelligible.

George Bernard Shaw has long boasted that he never makes a statement without offending large numbers of people. His latest effort is strictly in accordance with that principle.

The announcement that the Chief Justice has become "blood brother" of the Sarcee Indian Tribe in Alberta, suggests that such attention to distinguished guests might well be adopted here.

William Willlett, "father" of Daylight Saving Time, died this date 1915. He proposed advancing the clock in the summer in 1908, and introduced a Daylight Saving Bill in the British Parliament for that purpose.

Rev. W. G. Berry of Regina, newly appointed assistant secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, says: "The problem of cooperation among the various churches and sects scattered throughout the rural areas, is a large one."

The death en route from Kenya to London of Mr. Robert McGowan Barrington Ward, editor of The Times, was heard with deepest regret in journalistic circles in Canada as well as throughout the world.

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-Notes By The Way-

We see that poor Deanna Durbin's income was cut from \$310,728 in 1946 to a mere \$232,875 in 1947. The cost of living going up all that time, too! — Ottawa Journal.

The rapid increase in the number of motor vehicles on the streets demands that something be done that will be effective in curbing recklessness, and at the same time protect the careful driver against the results of recklessness of pedestrians, and keep them from being mangled in heavy damage suits. — Guelph Mercury.

By coming to church we at least help to keep the peace warm, and if we join heartily in singing as well as lift up our souls to God in praise and thanksgiving.

We like what is said to be the shortest sermon on record. It was preached by Dean Swift. The text was "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and will be paid in full." — Canadian Churchman.

The loss of human lives and the damage to property throughout Ontario this winter, by disastrous fires, has been nothing less than appalling. The pity of it all is that they result very largely from carelessness, and, in most cases, could have been prevented by strict observance of the rules issued for the prevention of fires. — Bramford Expressor.

Marlene Dietrich has been saying some nasty things about Hollywood movies. She claims they are "nice, safe, dull movies," and that Hollywood goes on the false assumption that all movie-goers are morons. Well, if Hollywood does operate on that assumption, a glance at the box office records would seem to indicate Hollywood is about 70 percent right. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

A dignified looking man, carrying a pair of woman's shoes, got on a bus. He had evidently collected them from a repair shop and was taking them home to his wife, but had forgotten to have them wrapped. A man seated opposite him appeared interested.

Scottish and English wives of Newfoundland ex-servicemen have organized a committee and request that they be allowed to vote, regardless of the time they have been living in the colony.

Less than thirty years ago, a medical missionary, Dr. Ralph Mills, sent a package of leprosy seeds from Korea to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Parents who are worried about juvenile delinquency, the increasing irresponsibility and sauciness of children, and the general relaxation of standards among the young, will be inclined to agree with two grave warnings which were quoted in a recent letter to The New York Times.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Sir, — As Prince Edward Island Farmers are being advised to obtain fertilizer by cutting holes through the ice in winter and raising the mussel mud from the oyster beds a word of caution might be timely.

I spent the summer of 1900 on the Island and was told that years before large quantities of mussel mud was obtained in this way and was applied to the farms. Big crops resulted for a few years and then the soil gradually began to fail.

Dr. Robinson advised a much restricted use of mussel mud and the increase of cows and hogs on the farms as the best way to restore the fertility of their farms. His advice was followed with gratifying results.

THE PUBLIC DEBT

Sir,—In reference to statements of "Anonymous" in your issue of March 2, I wish to say that his account is a gross misstatement of the public accounts. The actual revenue as he says is \$4,365,387.82, as shown page 14, but the actual expenditure is not \$4,500,502.41. This amount includes an item of \$322,765.00, page 11, Sinking Fund Expenditure, which is not Ordinary Expenditure, being deducted it leaves the amount \$4,577,152.81.

The balance of his communication is correct except perhaps the last paragraph. The Sinking Fund is rather confusing. It does not sink the gross debt but actually raises it. It is supposed to pay off the debentures when they come due, but actually when debentures come due the government has to depend on the banks for most of the money to pay off the debentures.

John Gilpin had a bottle on each side to keep his balance true, so the public accountant. Increase of Liabilities \$212,249.79 on page 16, bears out my contention.

EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTS

Sir,—Another Parent, no doubt has the interests of education at heart, but it is unfortunate that he chose an acrimonious and disparaging tone in his letter in the Public Forum on Saturday.

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Lenten Meditations

CHRISTIAN INDIVIDUALISM No Christian truth is more important in an age of crisis like the present than a neglected doctrine of the indestructible value of each single life.

This theory of the super-individual was foredoomed to butters the delusion of grouped supermen in a super-nation which submerged mankind in the misery and destruction of two world wars.

There is, of course, no place in Christianity for anything like the superman. To Christ the individual is of infinite worth because he is human, and all souls are of equal value because they share the dignity of sonship in the family of God, who loves them all with a single individual love.

Exposed to their fatal tendencies to competitive self-assertion and the pursuit of power, individuals in revolt from God become centred in self and mutually hostile because they have severed themselves from the springs of love.

Households. He has an M.A. degree, has taught in an American college and has the benefit of retrospect and introspect in educational matters. It will be safe to opine that our Authors will "walk circumspect", whether or not "in the way of the Lord" there is to be seen.

Many French settlers remained and were scattered around Richmond Bay when the first British emigrants reached there in 1763. After the Island had been granted in lots or townships to applicants by the British Government, the French became, by purchase from the proprietor, the owners of some 6,000 acres on the northern portion of Lot 17, of which the residence in these early days of the settlement was the nucleus.

In the early days these people had a log church at Raynor's Creek, Lot 19, near the early Indian line of travel from New Brunswick, but this was afterwards moved to the Pavilion Farm, the residence in these early days of Colonel Compton, from whom the land around Miscouche was bought. After the purchase another log church, the largest at that time of any on the Island, was erected almost on the identical spot where the present station house is situated.

Let us listen avidly to the broadcasts. I am, Sir, etc. J. PENDERGAST ACCOUNTANT.

KILLED BY PLATMATE

GRAND BAY, N. B., March 3.—(CP)—Two-year-old George McDonald, son of Mrs. Vivian McDonald of Fairville, was accidentally shot and killed by a platoon mate as he visited his grandmother here today.

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