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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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The Ontario Vote

The fact that the Ontario Legislature has condemned the dilatoriness of the King Government's prosecution of Canada's war efforts...

In any case, our contemporary deserves a severe reprimand from Finance Minister Ralston for attempting to capitalize for partisan purposes the enthusiastic reception given Canada's first war loan...

Selling Out Our Fisheries

Another staunch Liberal paper, the Eastern Chronicle, opens up on the Fisheries question. It says: "During the week we have been treated to a duel between Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, and Hon. Senator William Duff, upon the Fisheries question."

"It's all so much bunk. Senator Duff has forgotten more about the needs of the fisheries of Nova Scotia than Minister Michaud will ever know."

"Senator Duff has made a demand that Minister Michaud should resign. The demand should have been made upon the Government that it should dispense with Mr. Michaud's services."

"The Government's interference can best be described as a sort of 'quixotic doodle' communique. If our friends at Ottawa would listen to 'Admiral' Duff the problem would more nearly be solved than by the engagement of every advertising man in New York."

Waltham Abbey

Medieval history is recalled by the reference in yesterday's despatches to the explosion at the Royal gunpowder factory at Waltham Abbey, Essex. This ancient English town, formerly known as Waltham Holy Cross, was the site of a magnificent Norman abbey church, built early in the 12th century...

Election Prospects

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is called the Government's energies for a period of two or three months will be deflected from war to politics, from the greater to the lesser cause; that if the Government is beaten there will be a period of more or less confusion while a new cabinet makes itself familiar with its duties...

Perhaps few people would suggest that the House elected in 1935 should remain in being indefinitely, say three or four years more, if the war should last that long.

EDITORIAL NOTES

John Ruskin died this date, 1900. "You may either win your peace or buy it: Win it by resistance to evil; buy it, by compromise with evil."

Strong action is being taken in Quebec to enforce the observance of the Fish and Game Law, to such an extent that a mother of 12 children and her 16 year old son have been sent to prison for illegal fishing through the ice.

Indications point to a crisis in Federal Government circles soon. Ian Mackenzie and his hosts in the West are dying to get back at the Prime Minister. The Winnipeg Free Press and Manitoba want Mackenzie out of the Cabinet.

Nothing is too good for the Canadian soldier at home or abroad, Premier Adolard Godbout of Quebec insists in announcing that there would undoubtedly be requests for the introduction of legislation aimed at affording protection of the families and dependents of Canada's militiamen.

With military activity only smouldering on the Western Front, after four months of formal warfare, financial appraisal of the Reich's 1940 economic outlook is rendered difficult by a multitude of unknown factors and imponderables.

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Hitler's "fighting war" having failed to materialize, British pet lovers who after the declaration of war hastened to have animals and birds destroyed are buying freely again. In the first place, it was not long after the feline kingdom had been decimated that rats and mice took possession of empty houses and a veritable plague of rodents set in.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The Rt. Hon. Leslie Burgin, British Minister of Supply, spoke successively in England, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian while addressing a cosmopolitan audience in old London.

There is beauty in the humble cabbage for those who take the trouble to look for it, although many people seem to treat the cabbage as something of a joke.

A New York reporter telephoned

Margaret Mitchell to check on a rumor that she was writing a sequel to "Gone With the Wind." She confessed that she was writing a letter which might be published - and as for mere stories, certainly not.

We must face the fact that what the French people desire to obtain from this war is physical security. I entirely agree with them. Their aim is to obtain such physical guarantees as shall render any fourth invasion impossible.

Approximately 1,000 trains are operating daily in the United States at an average mile-a-minute speed. To meet the great surge for faster transportation the iron horse quivered in 1938.

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There will come to me across the Atlantic the men drilling barekneed in barracks, loud queues before the Naval Reserve boats in the Thames; troops marching, accoutrements, lorries full of men, tanks, guns, men—always fine, splendid men.

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of us who were here in 1917 and 1918 know how we felt then. There was no thought of commercial loss or investment of our resources to the bonds of our country. We were bound together in a common cause. Money was all we had to give and we gave it freely."

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N. Z. DAIRY DEAL WELLINGTON —(CP)—About 22,750,000 lbs will be collected by the New Zealand government for the war butter and cheese it has agreed to sell to the British government.

SCORNS GASOLINE CANBERRA.—(CP)—The Australian government has announced the starting of a commercial motor-truck with producer gas, entirely eliminating the use of petrol.

No Difference "Don't you miss the folks next door since they moved away?" "No, you see, they never borrowed anything, so I hardly know them."

ANNUAL MEETING Queen's County National Conservative Association STRAND THEATRE, Charlottetown, P. E. I. TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1940. At the same time and place a Convention will be held to nominate a Candidate, caused by the resignation of Mr. John H. Myers. Each Poll is entitled to five delegates. Those from the FIRST and SECOND DISTRICTS will meet in the Main Auditorium promptly at 12.30. Those from the THIRD and FOURTH DISTRICTS will gather in the Board of Trade Rooms at the same time, in order to facilitate the selection of members on the County Executive. Regular meeting will begin at 1 o'clock sharp. P. J. ROSSITER, Acting Secretary. P. W. TURNER, President.

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