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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Now The Accepted Time

The time to get matters adjusted at home is when we are more or less united to carry on our abroad. It is no good waiting "till the boys come home" for then the vested interests will be themselves united to oppose the interests and wishes of the proletariat, of the small man, of the small province.

In a memorable Lord Rectorial address to the students of Aberdeen University recently, Sir Stafford Cripps said in part: "Doubts are creeping in and signs are not wanting that privilege and selfish interests are busily preparing to cast the future in the mould of the past."

"Who are these mysterious people referred to as 'they,' who are apparently looked upon as the veriest broken reed of a hope for the future? 'They' is not the language of democracy or even of the class struggle. 'They' is the language of dictatorship and defeatism of the common people.

"We must put aside all such subservience with our democracy and speak instead of what 'we' want and we will do or insist upon being done. But in order that 'we' may be effective to make 'them' do as we wish we must understand not only the problems of the future but also the lessons of the past."

"Many of those who cast the spell in former times were absolutely sincere in their hopes and desires, but at the critical moment when they sought to implement those desires in action the opposing forces were too strong. The progressive forces failed to strike while the iron was hot. During the time of war when the feeling of co-operation is still strong is the moment to concert common action for the period after the war. To wait until hostilities have ceased, till the binding force of the common danger is no longer present, is to miss the chance of common agreement."

These are wise words, especially applicable to this Province at the present juncture in its history. Do not let us have to utter later the tragic words "Too late."

Late Easter

Some citizens are looking at their calendars and wondering what is keeping easter so late this year. Easter Sunday falls on April 25, the latest possible. The rule for determining the festival is that it is the Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox, March 21.

The explanation, says an exchange, lies in the fact that the full moon referred to in the rule for determining Easter is not the true or astronomical full moon, but one computed after an ecclesiastical formula—the fourteenth day of the lunar month. This year the fourteenth day of the lunar month after March 21 falls on April 18 and as a result Easter Sunday is April 25.

Straight Talk

This from Saint John Telegraph-Journal, will be read with interest by our progressive citizens: News from Ottawa tells that H.M.C.S. Brunswick will remain here with her facilities much increased. That is good; however, several matters remain to be talked over with the Navy's highest authority and that were best done face to face.

services. Mr. D. King Hazen, K.C., our local member, had just asked him to visit New Brunswick, inspect existing facilities and find out at first hand what is needed. The minister jested, but to us it is no joking matter. However, we have to some extent unburdened our minds of what disturbs us, and Mr. Hazen's invitation is now repeated by our civic authorities. Not only would it be safe for Mr. Macdonald, but there will be Welcome on the mat—provided he comes bearing an olive branch. We can promise him plenty of explanatory plain speaking and will steer clear of party politics.

Mr. Macdonald is not really a landsman. He knows that it was but ironic advice to such that said:

Stick close to your desks and never go to sea, And you all may be Rulers of the Queen's Navee.

Let Mr. Macdonald rid himself of that Pinarefore mentality. The ruler of the Canadian Navy may also remember a jingle:

"Mother, may I go out to swim?" "Yes, my darling daughter. Hang your clothes on a hickory limb— But don't go near the water."

What we in New Brunswick say to Mr. Macdonald is: "Break away from that desk and come down to the water's edge for a frank talk. It really will be safe."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir Isaac Newton, natural philosopher, died this date 1727; tradition has it that the sight of a falling apple in his garden first influenced him towards research concerning the attraction of the earth which culminated in his discovery in 1665 of gravity; in 1666 he turned to optical research, and resolved white light into its constituent colours; in 1668 he invented the reflecting telescope, and in 1672 and 1675 lecturing before the Royal Society read papers on prismatic experiments and the phenomena due to interference of light rays known as Newton's Rings; was professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, Member of Parliament for the University, Warden of the Mint, knighted in 1703, and President of the Royal Society till his death; buried in Westminster Abbey.

Labor Minister Mitchell changed his tune, evidently after consulting his department, when he told the House of Commons the government will use any efficient existing agencies to trace the addresses of those who fail to respond to calls from the National Selective Service Administration. He referred to an answer he gave last week when Mr. John Diefenbaker (Prog. Con., Lake Centre) asked if the report in a weekly news letter that Associated Credit Bureaus would be used for this purpose in Quebec, was correct. Mr. Mitchell's reply then was that no such arrangement had been made. Now he amplified that reply by saying the National Selective Service Administration was studying the possibility of using such agencies and would use such agencies as were efficient and whose use would result in government economies.

Contemplate for a moment the dire distress of Federal M.P.'s as the result of war taxation. Mr. Robert Fair (N.D. Battle River) told the House the restaurant servings had been cut down since the war. "In addition I believe some of the restaurants are saving a little in connection with dish washing," he continued. "Some of them are so rushed they cannot keep their dishes properly washed. I was in a restaurant in this city not long ago when I saw five cups being given to five customers, without the cups having been washed. One of the customers drew the attention of the waitress to the marks on the side of the cups where the other person had drunk coffee. The waitress took a paper napkin, held it under a hot water tap, went around and wiped off the cup and placed it before the customer. That customer only had about five minutes in which to get back to work so he had to go ahead and drink from a cup that had not been washed. That is not good enough." Dreadful, dreadful, what will the boys at the front think of the hardships our M.P.'s are up against in the rear at Ottawa?

It should be remembered that conditions today are fundamentally different from those of prohibition days (writes Rev. Dr. Irwin, Secretary of the Temperance Federation), and that the bootlegger cannot become a major menace unless some more responsible parties play directly into his hands. At the present time distillery products are entirely taken over by the Government and breweries are limited by the Excise office in their supplies, so that they may not produce more than 90 per cent of the amount of a year ago. There is a legalized market for this 90 per cent. In fact there is a supposed shortage in the authorized trade. Raisins and sugar are off the market. The illicit still is at best a minor and uncertain source of supply. Unless some of the shortage is due to the diversion by the brewer and his agents of some of his output to the bootlegger with a view to besmirching the Ottawa regulation, where is the bootlegger to get his supplies for large scale operations?

Its significance. Referring to the reopening of the National Liberal headquarters at Ottawa, Montreal Gazette, opines it means an early election, and submits the following reasons pro and con. Pro: Liberals are ill prepared in some regions, especially Quebec, but they are probably better prepared than the other parties for a general election. The Government always enjoys an inside track, as well as the advantage of firing the starting gun itself. Their record, however spotty, looks better now than it will look after Canadian troops get into action. Conservatives, on the other hand, are not as well organized now as they will be six months or a year hence. The same applies to the C.C.F. in slighter degree. Gallup Polls show the Liberals still holding the largest percentage vote, but losing steadily, while both Progressive Conservatives and C.C.F. are climbing. Speed, therefore, would seem advisable. Con: The Government needs an issue. Voters are long-suffering, but they are unlikely to swallow a second snap election as tamely as they did in 1940.

Notes By The Way

Keep out of trouble. It is discouraging to learn how few friends you really have. —Sherbrooke Record.

New Yorkers are happy to entertain the men of the Ruchelle. We love that great French battleship and will try our best not to set it afire. —New Yorker.

Spinners should be the last to endorse a tax on bachelors. The bachelors probably saved a lot of women a lot of unhappiness by not marrying them. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Beast by trouble, a circus owner says he probably won't go out next year. Anyhow it may not be easy in 1943 to sell the idea that the "greatest show on earth" is offered in a tent. —Omaha World-Herald.

A negro preacher began his sermon by saying: "Brethren and sisters, here you purpose to pray for rain. I'd like to ask you just one question—where is 'ye' umbrellas?" —From Let's Adventure in Personality, by Harper Garcia Smith.

The day after the announcement of the new budget and the taxes and everything, The Ottawa Journal published a picture of Hon. Mr. Flisley, the gentleman wearing a happy smile. Probably he was the only man in Canada wearing a smile that day. —Timmins Advance.

There is something impish about the suggestion of a British member of Parliament that the R. A. F. drop a huge bomb into the crater of volcanic Mount Vesuvius "just to see what would happen." It might blow Italy to pieces; or perhaps the bomb would be only "set" in such a landing-place. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

To suggest that attendance at church become part of punishment meted out for law-breaking is an utter negation of true values. The right to attend church—the church of one's choice—has been sought for and has become one of the Four Freedoms. Throughout the ages the worship of God in His temple has been a source of comfort to countless millions, and although history records many attempts to force worship or a form of worship upon individuals and groups, few such attempts have proved lasting successful. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

Both the Ministry of War Transport and the Post Office are considering the activities of some evasive gentlemen who have been called "the Pirates of Penance," and "the Pirates of Penance," have been making profits by eluding, rather than breaking, the orders about the transport of flowers. Since the prohibition on the transport of flowers by train passengers has been thought it worth paying the high return fare from London to Penance in order to bring luggage, they have turned to Spring flowers which are now selling wholesale at five times their normal price. Passengers are permitted 100 pounds of personal luggage, and the Ministry of War Transport is considering how best to ensure that it is not daffodil-filled without wasting the time of railway staff and the time of travellers. Instructions to inspect all railway luggage might be too drastic. A decision is expected soon. —Manchester Guardian.

Leading hotels and restaurants in Belfast surprised their clientele this week with a new type of luncheon very considerable percentage of potato. It has been dubbed a "potato roll," or "Woolton roll," and I found it very palatable. It is not shaped like the round lunch roll, but is a long finger, about the size of a hot dog. It has a crisp outer crust like the ordinary roll, but inside, however, it is rather soft, like very new bread, and I would describe it as "chevy." The combination of the flavor of potato with the softness of flour I found agreeable, and, especially with soup, I think the Woolton roll will be acclaimed a success. —Belfast News-Letter.

L. S. Amery, secretary of state for India, in welcoming the Maharaja of Bikaner to the Maharaja, who was the guest of the Queen's Leagues luncheon in London, said the ruling princes of India were responsible rulers of territories, some of which were equal in population and extent to major European nations, reports The London Times. Whatever modification or transformation of the constitution of India might take the ruling princes and their able advisers were bound to play a very large part. The Maharaja, who is one of the Indian advisers of the cabinet, said before the war there were only about 150,000 Indian troops and just over 50,000 British troops. They were now recruiting for the Indian Army 72,000 men a month, and would soon pass the 2,000,000 mark. Indians might have differences among themselves, but they had complete loyalty to the British Crown.

To the rising chorus of protest against the Wartime Prices and Trade Board's decision to allow restaurant proprietors to charge 10 cents for a five-cent cup of coffee or tea the delegates to the Trades and Labor Association of Ottawa have added their voice. They called upon the board to give immediate reconsideration to the matter. This increase in the price of a cup of coffee is 100 percent. True, it is only a nickel, but nickels mount up. One enterprising investigator in Toronto has rendered some of his findings to The Globe and Mail of that city. He points out that a luncheon or cafe selling 500 cups of coffee a day at a large establishment in big cities—will net an additional \$25 in profit a day, \$9,125 in a year. A customer buying three cups of coffee a day in such places will pay \$54.75 a year more for his beverage. This means a lot to persons who depend on public eating places for their meals throughout the year. It will mean a lot to the lower-paid civil servants, especially the women workers. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board justified its action by saying that increasing costs warranted it and that consumer prices would be decreased. Do costs justify the increase? The prices board should now, but did not the restaurant receive the benefit of the recent tariff cuts on tea and coffee which they buy in bulk, and do they not spend less on sugar than before? Other restaurant costs have gone up, notably in meat. If this has to be met by the customers, should not the increase be placed where it belongs? —Ottawa Citizen.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of current events of national interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not assume responsibility for the opinions expressed.

NEEDY T. B. CASES

Sir—Recently I wrote you regarding the inadequacy of the government's financial assistance to needy T.B. cases outside the sanatorium.

Since then there has been an impression broadcast, that those needy cases "need not worry because their needs will be taken care of by the government's extramural fund."

Now because these two claims are contradictory, please publish the following facts so that the public may decide which is correct.

Last year the government budgeted for a distribution of \$100,000 for the purpose of Let's Live. I was informed that because of the number needing assistance, that amount would warrant only a maximum of \$200.00 per month to a sick man with a family. It should be noted that this amount was the maximum and not the average.

Therefore I leave this question for the public to consider: Can a sick man and his helpless family, who have no savings or other income, provide shelter, fuel, proper food, clothing and all the other essentials necessary to regain and maintain health, and be reasonably free from worry on \$200.00 or less per month?

I am, Sir, etc. HUMANITARIAN.

CHARLOTTETOWN WINTER SIDEWAYS

Sir—Below are the figures referred to in my last letter. If any one doubts snow and rain falls during the past thirty-two years, I shall be glad to show all the official tabulations from which the averages have been obtained.

The Charlottetown winter is approximately the same in duration, viz. from early November to the end of April. On the other hand, owing to comparatively mild temperatures, frequent rain storms, the small amount of snow that falls in November and April are rarely more than a few hours, and need not, therefore, be considered from a snow clearing standpoint. In other words we have only four snow clearing months in the year, viz. December, January, February and March. In the following tabulations however, we have included the figures for November and April to prove the above points.

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If we divide the depth in inches of snow and rain, as per the first of the above tables, by the number of days in each month that snow and rain falls, we obtain the average number of inches of each snow and rain storm, a matter of importance, for we shall then know how much snow, on the average, has to be removed after each storm. The only object in figuring the rain fall in this table, is to know to what extent the rain will melt the snow.

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Deductions that logically may be drawn from the above figures, will follow in another letter. I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING.

Japan And Russia

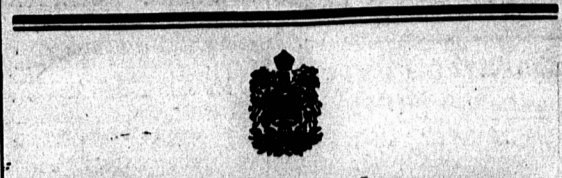
There are some odd things in this war. Thus Washington discloses officially that Japan permits Russian ships with lend-lease cargoes to be used against her Axis partner (Germany) to sail unimpeded across the Pacific and past Japan en route to Russia. The ships go from San Francisco to a port on the coast of Siberia. This may or may not indicate some secret understanding between Japan and Russia; it certainly doesn't tell of too close co-operation between Japan and Germany.

Last year we heard of Japan preparing to attack Russia through Siberia. We hear nothing of the kind now. Japan must have a big army available, and the use of that army against Russia would be quite a windfall for Germany. Clearly, there's something wrong somewhere.

Whatever that something is, there is more than one side to it. If Japan refuses to attack Russia now, and lets supplies for Russia get by her back door, will Russia let us Vladivostok to drop bombs on Tokyo?

Interesting, If True

(Ottawa Journal) At Purley, in Surrey, England, on Saturday, according to a C. P. news cable, Vice Admiral Arthur Lionel Snagge made a speech in which he said: "I can reveal that the problem of the U-boat on the Atlantic has been solved already. I cannot say more than that at present, I leave it to you to draw your own conclusions."



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