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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Election Whoppers

The election dodger distributed by the C. F. in Manitoba carried two extraordinary statements. Here, for example, is the opening sentence of the second paragraph: "In our neighboring province of Saskatchewan the C. F. Government has accomplished more for the people in one short year than has any other provincial government in twenty years."

From history, the manifesto proceeds to economics with this whopper: "The only obstacle in our way is the conspiracy of monopoly profit seekers whose bank rolls grow fat on scarcity and unemployment."

One can understand how monopolies can increase their profits through scarcity. But how does a "monopoly profit seeker" make his bankroll grow fat on unemployment? According to this theory, the lower the national income and the greater the unemployment the higher the level of corporate profits. Yet in 1929, when there was no mass unemployment, corporate profits were record-breaking. But when the crash came and unemployment developed there was a procession of corporations into bankruptcy and an epidemic of suicide by disappointed profit seekers.

Sound At Heart

The other day an observer in England remarked, "The British came out of the war tired, cross and impoverished." He was referring to the people of the British Isles.

If he were doing his observing here, suggests an exchange, he might use a current wise crack and say, "The Canadians came out of the war tired, cross, period."

Such an observation might be justified. Located far from the scenes of battle, Canadian homes, factories, public services, remained intact throughout the war. Thus this country was able to satisfy the demands of a war-hungry machine. And in so doing, Canadian citizens earned money on a scale never equalled here before. Right now, in addition to holding several billion dollars worth of Victory Bonds, Canadian citizens have a total in savings banks accounts which is the highest in the history of Canada.

A critic might label us "cross and tired." But if he really knew us, he would not describe us as ungrateful or selfish.

Confirmation of our true national spirit will be forthcoming in the Ninth Victory Loan campaign. To provide for the civil re-education of our men who fought and to provide at least a little of the goods which impoverished people across the Atlantic must have to survive, our people will buy bonds as enthusiastically in the Ninth campaign as they did in the previous eight Victory Loan campaigns.

A Living Memorial

What is described as the "first living memorial" to the dead of this war was dedicated at Cowansville, Quebec, a few days ago. This is a civic playground in memory of those who fought that children may play. It was a joint presentation by Bruck Silk Mills Ltd. and the town of Cowansville.

The idea of a living memorial, says the Financial Post, has much to commend it. It is an enormous improvement on the hundreds of third-rate monuments that appeared after the First Great War.

Great stone memorials are rare indeed in this and any other country. Far better than shabby imitations is the community park at Cowansville, marked by a simple stone.

Hungry Europe

War has left Europe so badly in need of food that it is generally agreed by first-hand observers that unless Canada and the United States can augment its food supplies, famine, disease and disorder will sweep that continent before the winter is over.

The grave food shortage exists in every country on the continent, with the possible exceptions of Russia and Sweden.

In France, the meat ration is one-tenth of a pound a week—equal to one thin slice of ham—if it can be found. In French cities the meat shortage is worse than at any time during the last five years. In 1939 the average per capita consumption was 96 pounds per person; in 1944-45 it was 17 pounds, according to the Combined Food Board. Meat is \$10 per pound on the black market.

Throughout France, 15,000,000 Frenchmen lack food for ordinary health. France lost 2,000,000 head of cattle under Nazi occupation and it has been estimated that it will take four years to build the herds back to normal. Cheese production was 34,000 tons in 1944, compared with 200,000 tons in 1938; eggs totalled 726 million, compared with 6200 million in 1938; fish amounted to 26,000 tons compared with 350,000 tons in 1938.

In the Netherlands, normally a rich agricultural nation, the people are now suffering from the patriotic efforts to hold back production during Nazi occupation. Hogs are only 15 per cent of those before the war and there

are about two-thirds of the normal dairy cattle.

Greece is in danger of serious famine. Transportation facilities have been ruined, and agricultural production is down to 25 per cent of that before the war. Greece has lost 65 per cent of its sheep, 50 per cent of its horses, and 90 per cent of its hogs and poultry.

In Denmark, formerly Canada's chief competitor in Britain, the hog supply is down to 60 per cent of the pre-war total. Danish farmers, too, are seriously in need of feed for livestock.

Similar are the reports of inadequate food supplies for the coming winter that come from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy and the Balkan nations.

Germany presents a problem. While it cannot expect food assistance from the United Nations, it cannot be left to become a centre of starvation, disease and famine for the remainder of Europe.

Altogether, the next eight months will tell whether food from North America can avert famine, epidemics and disorders.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If Parliament is to continue till Christmas, the arrangements for the Federal-Provincial Conference next month will have to be changed.

Two-and-a-half million inches of sponsored advertising in daily newspapers supported the past eight war loans.

There is a great shortage of potato pickers. Everyone who can take a day or so off from their usual jobs should hasten to the help of the farmers at this critical time.

In connection with the return and employment of our boys and girls in civil life, let us bear in mind the world which our young people are about to enter will be an exacting and challenging one, that will tax all our resources, both of technical skill and social wisdom, to initiate them, and send them off on the right foot.

Prime Minister Churchill and Prime Minister King are both "under the weather" in London. The latter's condition will not be eased any in anticipation of the siege of Canadian brides who are seeking to interview him on the delay in their departure to join their bridegrooms in Canada. For a bachelor the threat must be a little terrifying.

The Hon. Alfred Sterling, Australian High Commissioner to Canada, advised a Montreal audience the other day that it will soon be possible to fly from Canada to Australia in 36 hours. That is about the time it takes to reach here from Toronto by rail at present, allowing for stop-over at Montreal.

The young men of Montreal are not allowing grass to grow under their feet in lining up for the development of the city's commercial resources. An all time high in activities and membership of the Young Men's Section of the Board of Trade was marked by board members at the annual registration of committee members and other workers in the various branches; some 450 members heard an outline of activities for the coming year and a description of the work done by the organization since its formation 15 years ago.

George Whitefield, English divine of strict Calvinistic sympathies, born this date 1714; one of the early leaders of Methodism in England, Scotland and America; his followers built for him "The Tabernacle" in Moorfields, London, which was filled to overflowing every time he occupied the pulpit; he owed his unexampled popularity as a preacher to his great dramatic talent, his eloquence, his powerful and sympathetic voice, but above all to his self-evident sincerity and humble way of life.

A distinct loss will be felt in financial and social circles by the passing hence of our esteemed citizen, Mr. James H. McQuaid. He took no prominent part in public affairs, but was keenly interested in the progress and development of the city and province. When manager of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce he proved a sound and encouraging adviser to its patrons who could always rely on his assistance, and in this respect he succeeded in helping not a few "lame dogs over (financial) fences." Though not active in politics he was a strong Conservative, and, from time to time, rendered valuable service to his party. He will be greatly missed, and his memory held dear.

Dollar sales realized by wholesale grocers in August were 4 per cent greater than the volume of business transacted in August, 1944 and 3 per cent greater than the July, 1945 level, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These figures are based on returns from 72 of the larger wholesale grocery establishments operating in Canada. Substantial gains of 12 and 14 per cent in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia respectively, were offset by a minor increase of 3 per cent in Quebec, a decline of one per cent in the Prairie Provinces, while Ontario reported dollar sales unchanged from August of last year. Aggregate sales for the year to date stand 8 per cent above the corresponding period of 1944. Fruit and vegetable sales increased 16 per cent over August, 1944 but declined 3 per cent from the July volume of trading. Ontario came first in point of view of increased trading, recording a gain of 21 per cent. Sales transacted in the western provinces were up 13 per cent while the Maritime Provinces reported a minor gain of 2 per cent. Cumulative figures for the January-August period are 13 per cent higher than for the same eight months of 1944.

Notes By The Way

A chap living out toward the mountains was coming home Saturday when a terrific rainstorm blew up. Seeing a hollow log, he crawled inside for protection against the moisture. When the log got really wet, the wood started to shrink, and the chap was sure he would never get out. Then he began to think of the things he hadn't done that he should have done, and he was sure he was eternally lost. Finally, he thought of this newspaper, and how he had not paid his subscription for the past year, and he felt so small that he was able to crawl out of the shrinking log and get home to his family. — Hartney (Man.) Star.

Unquestionably, the world contains too many people who use the telephone to afflict their fellow-mortals; notably those who ring up when we are tuned in on our favorite program, or when we are absorbed in the reading of a fiction thriller. Along with these are too many people, unknown to us, who upon hearing our polite "hello" invariably demand "What is this?" Bitter experience often provokes us into trying to reduce the great number of these people by replying "Hello, what is the matter with you? Why number have I got?" There are too many such people in the world. Entirely too many. — New York Times.

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration—national in scope—has been organized to collect and preserve healthy corneal tissue from human eyes for transplanting to blind persons who have lost their sight because of corneal defects. The Eye-Bank makes available corneal tissue to hospitals and surgeons who are qualified to perform the operation. The bank's fund-raising campaign can restore sight to between 10,000 to 15,000 blind men, women and children in the United States. It is effective, however, in only one type of blindness—that caused solely by opacity of the cornea, whereas the retina, the eye and optic nerve are normal. — Industrial Medicine.

After the apples have been picked and the Baldwin, Northern Spys, Kings, Russets and Rhode Island Greenings are stored in piles under the shed, a man can take his time about sorting them over. The boards of the apple crates are smooth and shiny from many years' use. About a foot high, four feet wide and slanting toward one end, with sideboards eight or ten feet high, the sorting table holds four or five bushels of fruit. A man stands at the lower end and pulls the apples toward him. The farmer's assistant on four classifications. At the low end of the scale are the wormy and misshapen fruits that go to the pigs. The small but good apples go into burlap bags to be taken to the cider mill. Mother prefers Edwin cider for making apple butter but admits the Russet flavor is almost as good. Personally the countryman has long believed that no apple equals the Northern Spy for cider. The subject he does not feel the subject important enough to make an issue of it.—New York Times.

According to Metropolitan Life Insurance statisticians, the Argentine quinquets who celebrated their second birthday on July 15, have a chance of living longer than the famous Dionnes, who were born nearly a decade earlier. The five Diligent Babies are reported to have been delivered at terms whereas the Canadian girls had to overcome the serious hazard of prematurity. Another biological advantage of the Argentine quinquets is that only two of the set are "identical," while those developed from a single ovum, while this was the case for all five of the Dionne quintuplets. The Argentine plural birth, children developed from separate ova have a slightly better chance to be born alive and to survive early in life. On at least one point the Dionne babies had an advantage—namely, that all were girls, whereas the Argentine quinquets were two girls and two boys. The chances of survival are everywhere greater for girls than for boys.

A return to normalcy in the form of selfish, thoughtless, incongruous, and unbecoming calumny. The democracies have a matchless opportunity to improve their own countries and the lot of their fellow citizens. The Christianize belatedly the realm of international affairs and develop world standards of morals, ethics and neighborliness. The totalitarian nations that were vanquished in the war sought to understand the viewpoint of life and world by force of arms. They failed in no small part because of fortuitous circumstances that the victors regard as providential. The victors can prove themselves worthy of their triumph only by the application of the golden rule to the affairs of life here and abroad. Let us have a return to normalcy with its peace and security but not normalcy that means an onerous form of selfishness but rather an enlightened altruism, with everybody seeking to understand the viewpoint of others and promote the general good in a broad spirit of co-operation.—Toronto Star.

A Washington News reporter who has been visiting our gold mining areas writes about "fool's gold" attempts to lure investors to United States investors. Says he: "The investor should know what the score is. If you have some extra money you can't afford to lose, take a flier if you like, realizing that you may win or lose. Long-shots sometimes win. But don't bet on a horse that isn't running." Is this as wise as it seems? We don't think so. Because if the investor or speculator started thinking of gold mines that aren't running in terms of horses that aren't running, no gold mine would ever start running. It costs money to see a gold mine running; there has got to be prospecting, seeking, extensive drilling, the putting down of shafts. If nobody was ever willing to put money in this preliminary work, if nobody was ever willing to risk a dollar in a gold mine until the gold mine was producing gold, then there never would be a gold mine. Actually, the people who have made most money out of gold mines are the people who were willing to take a chance on them before they started running.—Ottawa Journal.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian earnestly endorses the opinion of correspondents.

MR. CLARKE'S LETTER

Mr.—Of late we have been reading belaboredly of what Frank B. Clarke has been doing for our soldier boys and everyone in general. If we all who helped any of our boys would want to tell it through the press, all papers would have to run a special issue. If the story had to be told why not leave it to the other fellow? — FARMER.

SUNDAY MOVIES

Sir.—In this morning's issue of your paper, you refer to a meeting held by me last night in the Charlottetown P. E. I. in the following terms: "If we have Sunday movies from now on, we can thank Rev. John Coburn, of Toronto for inaugurating them."

I am quite sure that the writer of that note had not thought the matter through. For a long time churches have been using "fill-in" pictures on Sunday to illustrate Sunday School lessons, sermons, etc. The advent of the millimeter sound film and projector have made possible the use of moving pictures for similar purposes. Churches and schools are now using these sound films and will doubtless do so in increasing numbers. To suggest that such use of educational and religious films on Sunday by a non-profit organization with the gratuitous service of an operator would justify operation of commercial movies on Sunday with paid staff and private profit, is just a little absurd.

Moreover, such use as I made of two fine educational films with a strong moral message last night is entirely within the law. The operation of an ordinary movie house on Sunday would be a direct violation of the law.

I am, Sir, etc. JOHN COBURN, Charlottetown, P. E. I., October 15, 1945.

(If the law allows Mr. Coburn a little leeway of course he thinks it's all right for him; but not for the other fellow. It is the thin end of the wedge. Mr. Coburn presumably is paid for his services whether he pays his operator or not.—Ed. G.)

The Poet's Corner

THE POND

You foolish swan, with empty dignity To flow all day upon the placid pool. And scorn the fat simplicity of Of geese and ducks and even that of men. Content within the futile emittance of head and neck, you emit With fantasy which leads you to believe That price of piety and domain is yours as nature's gift and yours alone. What cheer have you but a pleasing grace Which decorates a dark and silent mere. Contrasting with your ruffled plumage while And hiding slime which to you is most adored. And so by overbearing attitude You rule the pond and all its varied life. And bear a venom to your striking beak By consciousness of proud magnificence. Thus do dictators rise above the herd To govern men's behavior here on earth. But they use weight of words and martial sounds To stir their followers' breasts to mighty deeds. Of murder, rapine, conquest of the weak And bloodshed of the few who disagree. Let man stand by the pond and view the stance Of geese and ducks and lesser feathered life. To study their indifference to the swan. And note their round unblinking eyes' contempt. And let mankind take lessons from the fact. That overbearing pride is not enough To stir the surface of the pool of life. If tyrant's homage be indifference.

—Lt. Comdr. M. Robday, R. N. V. R. in The New York Times.

FALLS AND SATINS IN DRESS-UP CLOTHES

NEW YORK — Falls and satin are frequent media for dress-up clothes, and the new chameuse, weave rayons make charming soft dresses and suits. The pebbly crepe, the spun rayons that Claret-popper handprints in odd colors and patterns are all worthy of note. Trimmings are more important than in summer. Braids and bands, fringes and tassels, contrasting ties and scarfs, are used for glitter, as are nailheads, sequins and beads. The clothes which are interesting enough in themselves to need no

DRIVE OUT ACHES



Annual Meeting OF THE Progressive Conservative Association for Queens County
The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the B. I. S. Hall, Grafton Street, Charlottetown, on Friday, the 26th day of October, 1945, at the hour of Eight O'clock P. M. All poll chairmen in Queen's County are urgently requested to call meetings of their respective polls and have five delegates appointed to attend the meeting. ALL VOTERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. Previous to the above general meeting of the Association a meeting of all accredited delegates will be held on the same evening at the same place at 7:15 P.M. to elect an executive for each district for the next year. A. O. F. GILL, President. J. A. MacDONALD, K.C., Secretary.

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