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

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THE ROYAL VISIT

One lesson to be learned by those communities that have yet to be honored by the presence of Their Majesties, says the Financial Post, is that citizens should be allowed to come as near to the King and Queen as possible, consistent with safety.

Every effort, the Post suggests, should be made by local committees to inject color into the Royal procession. So far the best results have been achieved when the Royal couple have been attended by cavalry escorts.

PAYING THEIR RENT

Not the least interesting of the ceremonies in which King George will take part on his journey across Canada was that in which the "Gentlemen Adventurers of England," commonly known as the Hudson's Bay Company, "paid their rent."

This is a ceremony, a paying of rent, which goes back into the centuries. It had its origin in the fact that James, Duke of York, had been given £300 stock in the Company, of which he was the second Governor.

Sir Edward, the records tell, knelt before His Majesty and presented him with a purse of gold, whereupon "the deputy governor and all the rest had the honor to kiss His Majesty's hand."

The ceremony of paying rent to King George, which took place in Winnipeg by Fort Garry Gate, was a curious ritual. A fanfare of trumpets proclaimed the arrival of the King, whereupon a "High Steward" and a "High Bailiff" successively called: "Patrick Ashley Cooper."

THE ELECTION RETURNS

It is evident from the provincial election returns that notwithstanding the snap verdict obtained by means of doles and patronage promises, plus road conditions which made Conservative organization in rural districts impossible in the short time available, the vote, as between the two parties, was pretty evenly divided.

The most striking turnover was in Charlottetown, where in 1935 the majority for the Liberal candidates, Messrs. Trainor and Prowse was 266 and 744 respectively. These were converted into Conservative majorities of 418 for Dr. MacMillan and 911 for Mr. Stewart, the latter polling the largest majority vote of any candidate in the contest.

In Fourth Queens the majorities of the Liberal candidates, Messrs. Jones and MacKinnon, were reduced from 281 and 408 in 1935, to 35 and 295.

In First Kings Mr. Acorn's increased majority (from 15 in 1935 to 76 in 1939) is accounted for by the fact that he ran this time on the franchise instead of property vote, thus capitalizing on the propaganda sent out through the Fishermen's Loan Board. Even so, he fell 212 votes short of the Liberal majority on the franchise ballot four years ago.

In Second Kings Mr. Cox, who boasted that he would increase his majority this year dropped from 606 in 1935 to 322.

Mr. H. F. MacPhee's victory over Mr. Hessian in Third Kings represents a turnover from a Liberal majority of 107 in 1935, to a Conservative majority of 73. In the same district Mr. Mustard, Liberal, had his 1935 majority cut this year by 215 votes.

Similarly in Fourth and Fifth Kings, the Liberal majorities in each case were materially reduced. This also applied to Prince County with the exception of the Second District. In First

Prince, the Premier's own majority was cut from 848 in 1935 to 631, and that of his colleague Mr. Gallant from 1103 to 709. In Fourth Prince, where the combined Liberal majorities were 1,196 in 1935, Messrs. Wright and Baker squeezed through this time with a bare 110 majority between them.

Editorial Notes

Oak Apple Day.

The King and Queen are to have the greatest reception in New York ever known in history. Afterwards they may be glad to enjoy the comparative quiet of the Maritimes.

Dr. Dafoe has been the target of more lawyers by way of suits than there are Quints in the Dionne family. He should worry when the estate pays the bills.

The death of Dr. Charles H. Mayo is sad news to the thousands of people who have reason to be grateful for his surgical skill. He and his elder brother founded and won world wide fame for "Mayo Brothers Clinic."

It was Mr. Meighen who fathered the Canadian Government Railway when things were looking bad for private ownership. Now he again to save the financial situation urges unification under private ownership, which of course means C. P. R. Control.

Hope the arrest of the Pro-Nazi German American band leader by New York Detectives on a charge of forgery and grand larceny will not bring German submarines to his defence. It must not be forgotten there are over 800 Nazi and Fascist organizations operating in the United States.

To seal the new pact with U. S. S. R. it is reported Marshal Klementi Voroshiloff, Russian War Commissar, has been invited to attend Great Britain's next army manoeuvres. The invitation for the head of the red army was among a number reported sent to European army chiefs—presumably those of Britain's Allies such as Poland, Rumania, Greece and Turkey.

One of Britain's historical political forces, the Independent Labor Party which gave Viscount Snowden and Ramsay MacDonald their starts in public life, faces virtual extinction. A power in the land since 1893 when it was formed by two Scottish miners, Keir Hardie and Robert Smiley, the I.L.P. seems to be breaking up. Already one quarter of its parliamentary force, G. Buchanan, has deserted to the official Labor Party and two others, C. Stephen and Andrew McGovern, are flirting with the idea. That would leave only James Maxton, one of the most picturesque and best liked members of the House of Commons, as sole representative of the party.

Earthworms have been found to play a villain's role in the transmission of swine influenza, a troublesome and money-losing disease of pigs. Their conviction as disease carriers is based on experiments conducted at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research by Dr. Richard E. Shope. Dr. Shope presents a summary of his results in Science. The cycle of swine influenza is a more complicated affair than the mosquito-man combination in such diseases as malaria and yellow fever. It involves the pig, the earthworm, a parasitic lungworm that lives part of the time in the pig and the rest of its life in the earthworm, a filterable virus (the ultimate cause of the disease) that the lungworm always carries, and a bacterium known as hemophylus influenzae suis that provokes the virus to produce the disease symptoms.

Effect of the phases of the moon on seed that seeds sown just prior to the full moon fare germination and plant growth is the subject of discussion in England. It is asserted by some the wane. A reader of The London Observer contributes this from a condensed epiphemris for the years 1850 to 1916 by Herbert T. Waite, a civil engineer: "While holding the position of District Engineer on an important railway in Brazil, administered by an English company, the present writer made his first acquaintance with astrological thought through the company's contract with the suppliers of wood sleepers for the railway. The engineers, having proved by experience that their native inspectors were right in their statement that lunar conditions, affecting the rise and fall of the sap in the trees, were largely responsible for the splitting, warping, and short life of sleepers, the contracts included lunar stipulations, based on astrological law, resulting in great saving to the company, in addition to enhancing the security of the permanent way."

The gold medal given annually by the American Medical Association for a scientific exhibit of individual investigation, judged "on the basis of originality and excellence of presentation," has been presented at St. Louis to Doctors George W. Thorn, R. Palmer Howard, Kendall Emerson Jr., and Warfield M. Firor of Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Baltimore, for their exhibit illustrating studies on the administration of the synthetic substance known as des-oxy-cortico-sterone, used in Addison's disease as an effective substitute for the hormone from the cortex of the adrenal gland. Dr. Thorn and his associates have devised a method whereby the synthetic cortical hormone of the adrenals, one of the gland substances essential to life, can be implanted in the form of a concentrated pellet which supplies the body's needs for a period of nine months. The pellet is implanted in the shoulder, and is used by the body at a very slow rate of absorption, acting in this respect as a "hormone bank" that supplies to the body its daily needs of the vital hormone, and thus doing away with the necessity for daily injections.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It seems that Mr. Ripley wants to know if fish sleep. The question he propounds is slightly awkward in his catalogue of marvels and wondrous things, as fish don't belong there. Nevertheless, it is not uninteresting. Nobody really knows whether fish take a nap now and then but it is generally supposed that they do. The natural law which ordains that animate nature must occasionally take a rest, applies to fish as well as to land animals.

Everybody knows that speed causes many automobile accidents, but it is impossible to say exactly how many. Everybody knows that there is such a thing as excessive speed and that, varied with conditions, it still remains difficult to determine what a safe speed limit is, a limit that will be suited to the temperaments and surroundings of thousands of drivers. Speed is not the only factor in accidents; it is sometimes not a factor at all. But for all its irritating vagueness, the factor of speed remains more tangible and more readily apprehensible than some of the other factors in highway accidents.

The War Department announces a successful 2000-horsepower radial air-cooled aircraft engine, barely five feet long, was recently predicted that the limit for the type had been reached with an output about one-half as great. The new engine is of 500 horsepower, weighs only 1,500 lbs., and is the most powerful radial yet produced. That was in the early tests of the transonic flying boat, a new type of airplane, class. Now additional manufacturers of air-cooled engines are known to be about ready with 2000-horsepower types.

Ambassador Lindsay's hint on how to behave in King George's presence is perhaps a bit too general to help. He suggests a "simple, respectful manner." Just what the British Ambassador had in mind will become clear after the picture of King George in civilian dress smoking a cigarette after a big official luncheon. To be simple and respectful in the presence of a monarch is not that one need do is to remember that the King is the young and attractive stranger with the after-luncheon cigarette.

Canada's National War Memorial commemorating the services of her sons during the Great War, is being erected at White Lodge in Ottawa, Canada's capital. The memorial consists of a group of twenty-two bronze figures representing all arms of the service, who were killed as the result of the forward between the two granite columns. These columns are surmounted by an architrave bearing the heroic bronze figures of Peace and Freedom. The memorial is nearly seventy feet in height and faces the busy streets of Ottawa to the south, with the broad Ottawa River and the rugged hills of the Laurentians in the blue distance behind it.

While many easterners take a broad and sympathetic view of the difficulties of the western wheat industry, it is not surprising that some of them are baffled by the economic situation of the industry and what the national government should do about it. Large annual assistance cannot be given permanently from the Dominion treasury. The aid which forward between the two granite columns. These columns are surmounted by an architrave bearing the heroic bronze figures of Peace and Freedom. The memorial is nearly seventy feet in height and faces the busy streets of Ottawa to the south, with the broad Ottawa River and the rugged hills of the Laurentians in the blue distance behind it.

Japan is not a fascist state. It is true that the Government has never taken deep root there. Ideologically, however, Japan is far from having taken over Nazi doctrine. Furthermore, her economic ties remain with the democracies. While Germany and Italy take less than 2 percent of her exports, England and France take nearly 7 percent, and the United States practically one-quarter of all her sales abroad. Our own purchases of raw silk alone account for more than 10 percent of her exports.

Mussolini's statement—twice repeated already in his Piedmont tour—that "I declare there is nothing in the European situation to justify my declaration of policy which, if duplicated by Germany and believed by the rest of the world, would guarantee peace. It is reported from Berlin that the German Minister of Foreign Affairs has stated that the speech dealt largely with Italian problems, was intended for home consumption and in no way concerned Germany."

During the last eighteen months more than eight thousand young men and women have been placed in employment under the Youth Training Bill for which this measure is to be substituted. A statement showing by province the numbers of young men and women who have been placed in that period: Prince Edward Island 332, New Brunswick 249, Quebec 504.

King George The Sixth

Chapter Twenty-Five.

"The same heart beats in every human breast." —Matthew Arnold. When the Duke and Duchess of York, the present King and Queen, started on their honeymoon trip they made their first visit at the beautiful home of Mrs. Ronald Grenville at Pooleton Lacey. However, several days later, they decided to travel to Glamis Castle, where the Queen had spent her childhood days amidst the surroundings of her ancestral home. They remained there for some time, and towards the end of May they arrived at Frogmore. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that the beloved Queen Mary had been preparing the White Lodge at Richmond Park in order that her son and her daughter-in-law may occupy this residence as their permanent home. Sentiment, undoubtedly, must have played a prominent role in the fact that Queen Mary personally attended to the duties of arranging the old residence because it was there that she had spent her own childhood days in the White Lodge, the home of her mother, the Duchess of Teck for twenty-eight years.

The White Lodge is a beautiful home only short distance from the heart of London, and it has large and spacious rooms set in Georgian structure, which is surrounded by lawns and gardens, with a hill pond and a number of good tennis courts, making it a perfect summer residence. It has tradition and legend in every corner. It was there that Sir Walter Scott, pictured an unforgettable scene between Jeanie Deans and Queen Caroline in "The Heart of Midlothian." It was there that Horatio Nelson mapped out on a table the strategy that he would use in the Battle of Trafalgar. It was there that Queen Mary herself spent her happy childhood days, and many years later she gave birth there to her eldest son, the present Duke of Windsor, while visiting at White Lodge where she had come for the blessed event.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at White Lodge in June, but it was not idleness that followed because there were constant demands for their services, with everything indicating that their duties and responsibilities as members of the Royal Family were accelerating rapidly in pace. In fact, the Duke had to take a rest in August, and for this purpose, they travelled up to Glamis Castle and then followed this with a short vacation at Balmoral. They returned to the White Lodge in the following month and on October 18th, they started on their first trip on the continent, heading for the Riviera where the Duke was scheduled to receive the infant son of King Alexander and Queen Marie.

The appeals for the services of this Royal Couple were continually increasing throughout the world, but at the start they could only satisfy the requests at home, which were very numerous in number and extent, including requests to lay foundation stones, to visit hospitals and other institutions, to patronize fairs, exhibitions, and a great many other functions. It reached the stage where the comparatively short distance between Richmond Park and London became too far for the Royal Couple in their efforts to carry out their duties, and therefore, at the beginning of 1924, they took up their residence at Chesterfield House in London.

In the early years of his life, the Duke had not appeared very often in public owing to the demands on his time by educational duties, training in the Royal Navy, absence on active duty in the World War, and the handicap of poor health which often kept him out of the limelight, but now he was seen more and more, and again he replaced his father and eldest brother in certain functions, with particular enthusiasm being shown in his public duties when accompanied by his charming and happy wife, whose confidence and interest has always helped the King to no small extent.

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REDISTRIBUTION

Sir:—The official figures of the recent election reminds one of the necessity of a redistribution of representation, based on population. The total franchise vote appears to be 46,189, divided as follows:—Prince County, 16,149; Queen's, 20,404; and King's, 9,636. Each of these Counties is now represented by ten men, whereas if the above figures are correct, they should according to population be represented as follows:—Prince, eleven; Queen's, thirteen; and King's, six representatives. Again, Charlottetown and Royalty with a Franchise vote of 7,837, has but two representatives, when according to population it should have five representatives.

When I went to school I was taught that the system by which the Provincos were represented in the House of Commons, Ontario, was re-arranged after each census, so that each Province would have such a number of representatives as would bear the same proportion to the number of its population, as the number sixty five bears to the number of the population of Quebec. (P. E. I. is now excepted from that rule.)

If the above system is sound, it might be a foundation, upon which a new system of representation could be based in the local legislature. This matter of representation according to population might well be taken up by our younger men, along with the matter of bribery and corruption practices, which apparently are so prevalent, and which matter was so courageously dealt with by Mr. Vernon D. Currie in your issue of Saturday.

The matter of political patronage is another matter, which must be cleaned up before a wholesome state of affairs can be hoped for in this Province. If all government tenders were thrown open to the public, it would tend to bring to light those who are working in the service of their country or of themselves.

I am Sir, etc., READER.

Mirror Of The Nation

By "Commoner" OTTAWA, May 26.—At voting time in the House of Commons it is a traditional custom for members to fill in the period between the ringing of the division bells and the commencement of the roll by indulging in song. At the end of a session, in the last days of the session, one song is especially of interest to members: that is, the familiar refrain "Pack up your troubles . . . and smile." In parliament these days there is much packing up of troubles in certain quarters but there is little smiling.

The Poet's Corner

HYMN FOR ROYAL VISIT O Lord, we render thanks to Thee For links that hold us strong and free. For sentinels who vigils keep Upon the shore or on the deep; But in these testing days we own The love that gathers round the Throne.

O to our King and Queen, dear Lord, Thy richest blessings now afford; May they be Christ'm'd from above, And shrined within their people's love; So may the Empire that they sway Help usher in a happier day.

We pray Thee keep them in Thy care, As over our broad land they fare; May sunny skies above them bend, Nature with her best gifts attend, That so their sojourn here may be Long treasured in the memory.

Lord, grant that our Canadian Youth Be loyal to the Throne and truth; To life's high purpose consecrate, For this alone makes people great; Their heritage nor blot nor mar, But keep it shining like a star.

Alexander Louis Fraser in the Montreal Star.

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contemplating the prospects of the coming election. Ordinarily the work of the House of Commons is so organized that members do not have to be absent from the House in order to attend committees. Legislation and other matters to be referred to committees are presented early enough in the session so that they can receive attention in the regular way. To committees meet in the morning and the members are able to be in the House in the afternoon and evening. These days the extraordinary spectacle is presented of both members of the House of Commons and the Ministers of the Crown being absent from the House.

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