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

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All Should Vote

The election campaign is drawing to a close, and if the condemnation heard generally be any criterion, the prospects of the Jones Government are slim indeed.

A Real Farmers' Government

In electing a Progressive Conservative government to power in Ontario the people of that Province not only voted out a discredited Liberal administration.

The new government of Ontario, implementing one of its pre-election promises, gathered nearly 400 farmers in Toronto last week and invited a committee of 21 chosen by the conference with more authority than possibly has ever been given to any farm group in Canada.

"The Government had no part in the choosing of the committee. It invited some 31 farm organizations to send delegates to a two day meeting and when a nominating body reported selection of the permanent committee it was given unanimous approval by the meeting and accepted by Col. Kennedy.

"Premier Drew told the meeting he considered the committee the most important body ever chosen in Ontario, said the haste in calling the meeting so soon after the new Government came into power was dictated by the 'crises on the food front, the serious danger of our falling down as a people on our obligations to feed others, and to evident necessity of organizing production for next year."

Futile Meetings

It is announced that the Liberal members of both Houses of Parliament will assemble in conference at Ottawa on September 24, and that three days later the National Liberal Federation, which has been in a state of suspended animation for some years, will also meet at the capital.

"It would be in the national interest," says the Sydney Post Record, (Independent) "if something could be done, even at this late stage, to mitigate the force of a tidal wave of hostile public sentiment which so clearly presages not merely a crushing electoral defeat for the King Ministry, but an unprecedented debacle for Liberalism in Federal politics.

"But it is more than doubtful that these hurriedly summoned Liberal conclaves at Ottawa can do much, or indeed anything, that might help to arrest an anti-government trend which so manifestly became Dominion-wide in its scope. The chances are that these conferences will not even discuss the real causes of the King government's hopeless plight, but that they will merely confine their attention to such irrelevant and futile questions as the framing of new policies, the rebuilding of the party's broken organization, the stepping up of ministerial propaganda, and other matters which have no more bearing on the case than the state of the weather or the size of this season's farm crops.

"If the Liberal leaders at Ottawa do not know what has made this government the most unpopular that has ever held office, they can obtain the necessary information by asking any normally intelligent man on the street. It is Mr. King's insensate determination to run a partisan War Administration, and to direct Canada's war effort by adherence to policies framed on compromise between isolationism and patriotism, while retaining the unfair, corrupting, stupid scheme of party

patronage in every major appointment to public office and even in the awarding of contracts relating directly to the national war programme. Because it is now too late for Mr. King to correct these evils, anything these Ottawa party delegates may attempt in the way of political fence-mending is bound to prove futile, and may only serve to reinforce the anti-Liberal wave, which is sweeping across the country with more than enough momentum of its own."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Duke of Wellington, victor at Waterloo, died this date 1852; in addition to being a great distinguished soldier, he was also an eminent statesman and Prime Minister, holding a high place for his moderation, his strong sense of duty, and his perfect integrity, qualities, alas, sadly lacking in politicians of these modern days.

The last day before the ballots.

Is it the case that soldiers on duty here are being refused to visit their home polls in order to vote?

As indicative of how the political wind blows Federally is the emphasis upon Canada's part in the war as a member of the British Commonwealth and as a member of the United Nations family and the role it is bound to play in post-war stabilization by the King administration in its efforts to distract public attention from what seems to be a steady deterioration in the government's political position.

Scores of groups and agencies in Canada are busy planning for the post-war world in the midst of a considerable degree of uncertainty as to what that world is likely to be.

Some genius of a bureaucrat in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has been studying the 'Psychology of pullets, and has advised the C. P. that abrupt entry to the hen house in a morning tends to reduce egg production.

Flying Officer A. T. Parkes, recruiting promotion officer for No. 15 recruiting centre, R.C.A.F., announces that young lads, hitherto considered too young may now become members of the air crew branch of the R. C. A. F., authority for the enlistment of 17-year-olds having been received.

Commercial production of sand and gravel in Canada during 1941, the latest year for which figures are available, totalled 31,604,806 short tons valued at \$10,375,723 as compared with 31,375,415 short tons worth \$11,759,245 in the previous year.

A Gait man is said to have cured himself of Hay Fever by donating blood to the Red Cross. Is it possible that the practice of "bleeding" will return as a cure for disease? Chatham News.

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has been named Hitler's representative at the funeral of King Boris of Bulgaria. Perhaps Hitler felt that this was merely because the enemy could not miss any military leader for a long time, and he knows that Rommel has the knack of getting back quickly. Rommel proved it in Africa. -Buffalo Courier-Express.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE

"The Canadian Veteran" published in Montreal in the interest of those who served in the last war and all present members of Army, Navy and Air Force has the following editorial in its issue of August 31st.

Following the lead of the late Nixon Government of Ontario the Liberal Government of Prince Edward Island—which has called an election for September 15th—has taken pains to see that those who are wearing navy blue, khaki and Air Force blue in defence of the democratic principles for which universal suffrage stands have been thoroughly disfranchised.

"It can at least be said of P. E. I. that the hypocritical camouflage which surrounded the Ontario voting is absent. There is no pretence of anything comparable to the proxy system which, in effect, offered the vote to the man and woman on service while at the same time actually withholding it.

"That in any event, is commendable, the final result is the same. The Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island has not made any provision whatsoever, deceptive or otherwise, for taking the vote of its people on service. It has totally ignored them and their right to a say in the government of the country for which they are fighting. As a result some ten to twelve thousand of those who have a pre-eminent right to vote are disfranchised.

"It would have been thought that the Ontario lessons should have been sufficient warnings to all those who owe a particular duty to the men and women on service. Apparently, the case of P. E. I. that is not so. It remains to the veterans and their associations in that and any other province, as voters, to teach the government, which will not play the game with those who are preserving the very fundamentals of our system a stern lesson.

"Ontario veterans did it—their comrades in Prince Edward Island might well follow their lead."

Notes By The Way

Ernie Poole, who is the out-doors expert of the Canadian National Railways, recently made a suggestion as to the proper manner in which to cook a pike.

It used to be said that an optimist was one who went to the grocery with a market basket and a dollar. Now an optimist is one who goes to the store with a market basket. -Statford Beacon-Herald.

Scots the wide world o'er will inevitably do something about Pipe Major William Speedy, of the Scots Guards. They may present him with the freedom of Scotland, and all that such a privilege entails, or they may for ever and a day ostracize him. He has taught Senussi Arabs how to pipe. He has helped them form a pipe band. He has inculcated in their curly heads the theory of drums and chanters. He has succeeded to the extent that the skirl of the pipes has become a new job to uncounted thousands of Arabs, and already the streets of Islam thrum to the pibroch and echo of the "Road to the Isles." From Cairo comes this earth-shaking pronouncement: The new pipe band of the Senussi Arabs of the Cyrenaican defence force, made their first appearance in Barca. Astonished but delighted Arabs on the streets cheered "lustily." The dispatch, a contemporary notes, fails to say whether this was merely because their fellow Moslems had been able to blow music out of the pipes or whether it was tribute to the pipes themselves. -Moncton Times.

Even before sneak raiders, picked them as special targets the coast towns nearest the enemy were getting an undue share of the burden of this war. Extra squadrons of Spitfires have been sent to deal with the raiders, but little has been done to alleviate the war hardships.

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In his Gaitman speech on June 30 last Mr. Churchill said that "I cannot go further today than say this—very probably there will be heavy fighting in the Mediterranean and elsewhere before the leaves of Autumn fall." The leaves of Autumn have not yet fallen and Mr. Churchill's word has more than been redeemed in Sicily, first, and now upon the mainland of Old Calabria. But still the enemy does not know what further blows await him before the leaves are driven by winds of Autumn and

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