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

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Meddling Politicians

Some time ago, in connection with the exposure in these columns of political partisanship, the local Liberal organ resorted to the cowardly trick of "passing the buck" to departmental officials. As we pointed out at the time, this not being a bureaucratic country, it is not the officials, but the bosses of the officials—the Ministers of the Crown—who are responsible, and solely responsible, to the people of this Province.

We note that our contemporary has again sought to hide behind the skirts of a deputy minister, in replying to the charge that there was gross partisanship in connection with the youth training courses given last year. Of the twenty-two young men picked to take the forestry course, every one was chosen from a Liberal family. The same partisan prejudice was shown in picking recruits for Air Force training; and other instances could be cited of which the public is well aware. It is contrary to all principles of democracy to make officials answerable in matters of this kind, where the onus rests entirely upon our elected representatives, here and at Ottawa.

One Clear Issue

It is amusing to read the comment of our old friend the Winnipeg Free Press on the recently adopted platform of the National Conservative Party.

Going over the platform with a magnifying glass, the Winnipeg Liberal paper finds itself, regrettably, in favour of most of the provisions. It cannot, of course, indorse protective tariffs, even for basic industries, and on this point it says: "The difference between the Conservative and Liberal parties now is chiefly over tariff policy. There is scarcely any other clearly defined issue on a subject of importance."

But it was only a few days ago that the Free Press devoted a leading editorial to Finance Minister Dunning's right-about-face on the subject of tariff bargaining. Dr. Dunning's statement was that the force of circumstances had "eliminated" unilateral or one-sided tariff reductions as a practical policy. This the Free Press rightly denounced as a reversion of the principles enunciated by Mr. King in 1933 and as being "out of harmony with the Liberal opinion about tariffs as it has been expounded, at any rate in the West, for many years."

Yet the Free Press reaches the conclusion, after studying the Conservative platform, that there is still a clearly defined issue between the parties on the tariff question, and that this will be the chief issue before the electors.

How are these statements to be reconciled?

The only "clearly defined issue" on the tariff, in the light of our Winnipeg contemporary's own analysis of the Dunning budget speech, is this: Both parties profess now to stand for tariff bargaining by unilateral agreements; but the Conservatives, having stood consistently for this policy, are to be clearly differentiated from the Liberals who adopted it in violation of their election pledges, and as a measure merely of political expediency.

This, of course, is not the only difference between the parties but we agree with the Free Press that it is an important one, and constitutes a "clearly defined issue" which will undoubtedly be emphasized by Conservatives when they take the field.

This Stream-Lined Age

A new world record for non-stop group flying, with four 'planes of the British Royal Air Force covering 4,300 miles between Lincolnshire and Egypt (by way of the Persian Gulf) in 32 hours, barely gets a headline in the newspapers. Nor has much been said of the extraordinary fact that there has just been launched a direct flying-boat service between England and Australia. Such, comments an exchange, is the world we live in. News has ceased to be news.

If, a generation ago, anybody had talked of a direct, organized air traffic between England and Australia he would have been placed under supervision. Today, almost unnoticed, such an organized traffic exists. The time-schedule for the journey is nine days, will shortly be reduced to a week. The services of the flying-boats are available to anyone able to pay the fare.

It is becoming trite to say that the romances of a few years ago are turning into the realities of the present, that the engineer is rapidly overhauling the exotic fancy even of a Jules Verne. Yet such events are a forcible reminder of the transformations that are making the world for every practical purpose, and of the necessity that our habits of mind should keep pace with them. It was a notable change, with far-reaching effects, when steam navigation shortened the ocean voyage, and again when the electric cable gave immediate communication with the remotest lands. Both necessitated a drastic revision and speeding-up of commercial and executive procedure. But the achievement of a seven-day trip between countries like England and Australia, of less than a day's flight between Canada and England, of London being brought in relation to Ottawa, where Halifax used to be, makes a still greater revolution in major problems of trade, imperial and international intercourse—and defence.

The earth, in fact, is shrinking, and all time-reckonings dependent on distance must be altered accordingly. The main consequence is a call for faster thinking and decision, extending to all the main departments of organized life. To recognize and respond to the new conditions is imperative if we mean to maintain Canada's position in the world and all that accrues from it.

Peak Month Of Accidents

The loss of life through accidents in the month of July is truly appalling, says a bulletin issued by a large insurance organization. Over the entire United States no fewer than 381 persons were killed daily, on the average, throughout July, in accidents of one kind or another, according to mortality records covering the years 1934-36. This is approximately 97 deaths each day more than the daily average for the three years as a whole; it is 78 deaths daily more than in August, the second highest month of the year, and 133 daily more than in March, which has the minimum of all months.

What applies to the United States applies also to Canada. Motorists who keep in mind that July and August are the peak fatality months are less likely to be involved in the accidents responsible for this shocking death toll.

Editorial Notes

Paul Kruger died this date, 1904.

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The great Oxford Religious Movement of Keble and Newman began this date, 1833.

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The Garden Fete at St. James Manse is the centre of attraction this afternoon.

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Nobody need complain of the lack of bands now, for we have the Black Watch, the Light Horse, the League of the Cross and the Orange Pipers.

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The 100 per cent fulfilment of the Duncan Commission report is a pledge the Mackenzie King Government would not make if they could. They have had three opportunities already, all failed to come to scratch.

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The Boy Scouts have completed one of the most successful Provincial camping seasons in their history. There will be local Boy Scout camps still for Prince County and Trinity, and several Wolf Cub Camps, but the great event of Scoutdom is the Provincial Camp where boys from all over the Province meet and fraternize in true Scout fashion.

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Here is a Hospital Insurance Plan which has gained wide acceptance in United States. Subscribers to the plan pay three cents per day to the hospital and are entitled to thirty days of semi-private hospital care each year, use of the operating room, use of a maternity delivery room after at least ten months' membership, nursery service for new-born children, X-ray and laboratory examinations, etc., and a discount of 33 1-3 per cent off semi-private hospital charges after thirty days of care. That the service is satisfactory both to subscribers and hospital has been proved by its thorough establishment in New York where subscribers to the three-cents-a-day plan have received a total of 770,000 days of hospital care since the plan started three years ago, according to Frank Van Dyk, executive director of the Associated Hospital Service, 370 Lexington Avenue.

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Hitler's followers in New York may be "naturalized" Americans but they are naturally pro-German all the same. Mr. Fritz Kuhn explained at a State legislative inquiry the doctrine he is spreading as national leader of the German-American Bund, through ninety-four locals in the principal cities of the country, twenty-two summer camps, four newspapers, a business men's league and other affiliated organizations. "All the Jews are enemies of the United States," he said. Particularizing, he declared Jews are the master minds behind such Communist leaders as Earl Browder, Socialist; that the anti-Nazi boycott was dictated to Samuel Untermyer from Moscow; that the Republican and Democratic parties are controlled by the Rothschilds through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Warburgs, and that even the family of J. P. Morgan "has Jewish blood." "Sixty per cent of the American public officials shown in Who's Who are Jews", he continued. "But it wasn't the Jews who built up this country. They came later when there was something to grab." Mr. Kuhn ended with thanks to Senator John J. McNaboe and the Legislature for the opportunity to make everything clear. The Senator protested that Mr. Kuhn should admit there were "at least some good Jews in the United States." "I will tell you how it is, Senator," said Mr. Kuhn amiably. "If a mosquito is on your arm, you don't stop to ask is it a good mosquito or a bad mosquito. You just brush it off."

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In the Old Country it is being realized that a university divorced from religion is a positive danger. Rev. Dr. White, speaking at the recent General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was loudly acclaimed when he declared:—"It is important that the ideals of studentdom should be Christian. The students will supply leadership in the various walks of life. Their ideals will influence and rule the world tomorrow. It is for the Church to see that those ideals are Christian. The Church needs the help of these future leaders of the community in science, medicine, education, law, and sociology. There is a great Home Mission task to be done here. Jowett of Balliol once said that Christianity in England was in danger of dying from the head downwards. We must see to it that the Universities, which are strategical places, are captured and held in the interest of civilization. The Church must win and hold the educated. It must get a grip of the Universities. Many of our young men and women believe that they can give the best service in some other institution than the church. This is entirely due to erroneous views of the Church and of its message. It is surprising how many are out with the Church because they do not understand what the Church stands for and who attribute to it effete doctrines which are neither held nor taught. The Universities in these days of great expansion present an opportunity which should be more fully seized by the Church."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Young birds (and for the matter of that, young mice, rats, rabbits and the rest) have multiplied the population beyond calculation. There are hundreds of thousands more living creatures (not counting insects and such small fry) than there were six weeks ago. The young birds are particularly obvious, especially to the eyes of those who have the advantage of a lawn in front of the windows. As we watch them, we come to see how very serious a thing education is even among the creatures that are not usually supposed to be endowed with reason. A starling flies down to the lawn with one youngster. The mother finds a worm, breaks it in halves and tries hard to make the child pick it up or take it from her beak. The pupil, being lazy, waits for the morsel to be delivered into its open mouth. When this waiting attitude persists, the parent swallows the morsel herself. The temptation is repeated. This time the young bird takes the initiative, and whenever this desirable consummation is reached, the mother at once rewards her child by putting a second morsel into its mouth. This lesson has been watched again and again on a particular lawn; and it is perhaps this need for private tution of individuals that gives the reason why so very often only one young bird is seen with the parent. The wagtail is one of the birds that usually teach the young one at a time. —London Spectator.

Some are born Czechs, some achieve Czechishness, and some have Czechoslovakia thrust upon them. The Sudeten Germans fall into the last of these categories. Masaryk, when he incorporated them in his young republic, knew perfectly well that he was doing violence to his own principle of national self-determination, but pleaded the strategic necessity of an unbroken mountain frontier. I do not say his plea was unreasonable; but it involved a risk which today is patent to everyone, the risk of disruption. Czechoslovakia took that risk with open eyes, and she should be prepared to take the consequences. No deus ex machina, English or otherwise, can justly be expected to interfere, particularly after the unmistakable verdict of the municipal elections in the German-speaking regions. Since I am not a diplomat, I can blurt out the truth which everyone knows, and no one is so indiscreet as to admit that the Sudeten Germans were voting not for Heinlein but for Hitler. What is Czechoslovakia, and Europe, going to do about it? Prague's latest proposals for a Minorities Statute have not been published at the time of writing; but I sincerely hope the Sudeten districts will be offered genuine Home Rule, the only bait which has any chance of tempting them from hankering after a second Anschluss. Another vital point is foreign policy. How can the German citizen of Czechoslovakia give willing consent to an alliance which is avowedly directed against their brethren in the Reich? This Czecho-Soviet Pact puts them in an intolerable position. — Truth London.

Andrew Drummond-Moray, who is to marry Miss Bridget Robertson, is younger son of a representative of an ancient Scottish family that has collected more than an ordinary burden of hypenated surnames. There are excellent and interesting reasons in such cases, of course, but it is not surprising that, in our hurried times, owners of names that run to three or four or more words should be glad to shed a few of them. Quite a number of notable people have done so lately. Captain William Augustus Stirling -Home-Drummond-Moray, of Abercairney, Crieff, father of the prospective bridegroom, is a kinsman of the Marquis of Queensberry. He married the Hon. Gwendolen Edwards, eldest of the late Lord Kensington. One of the most attractive squares in London, Edwards Square, Kensington, is named after the family of Mrs. Drummond-Moray. —Glasgow Bulletin.

The decision to build 2,500 houses in Scotland, principally of British Columbia cedar, should have the effect of spreading the gospel of British Columbia cedar throughout the United Kingdom, and perhaps round the world. It might even spread it in Canada, where this prime British Columbia wood is not as well known or as extensively used as it should be. Cedar is commonly used for shingles, and largely used for siding, but outside that, the housebuilder does not do much with it. If he only realized its possibilities, he would use it more. For panelling and ceiling inside trim, it is an excellent wood. Indeed, in housebuilding it could be used for almost every purpose except flooring and where great strength is required. —Vancouver Province.

More than 250,000 pilgrims saw the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha at Kandy (in Ceylon) during the period of its exhibition. Pilgrims came from all parts of India and Burma, as well as Ceylon. On the last day 56,000 worshippers struggled to enter the hall, the police stood by, and 14,000 pilgrims were turned away. Buddha's tooth is only exhibited once in five years, and the people of Ceylon make of its exhibition a holiday as well as a religious observance.—Indian Empire Press Union.

The work of the professional plant breeder is not designed to aid the farmer alone. "Streamlining" of cars has been followed by the idea of the streamlined potato. Such a variety is one of the chief goals of potato specialists everywhere. This streamlining is the elimination of deep eyes that cause such waste during peeling. Besides being more economical, the newer shallow-eyed varieties may be peeled with greater speed. Like the streamlining of cars, the elimination of deep eyes in potatoes is a gradual process. Our latest varieties are improvements, but still shallower eyes may be expected in later years. —Scientific American.

As President Benes of Czechoslovakia says, time works for peace. Every day of postponement must bring more careful calculations of chances, every day of preparation shows the picture of war in a more terrible light, and every new addition to the horrors of current wars helps to consolidate at least the opinion of the democratic nations against the aggressors. War may still come; if it is avoided, the world will owe thanks to the statesman, who, in the face of bitter attack, secured it time to think.—Toronto Telegram.

The sense of humor is one of our God-given attributes that as a rule remains with us to the last. Power to appreciate a humorous situation to get a laugh out of people and things, is not confined to any one age. If one is endowed with this enviable gift many of life's problems are solved and the child who has a keen sense of humor is likely to develop into an adult with the same invaluable gift. "Laugh it off" is the secret of many a victory among old and young. —Kitchener Record.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

ANGLICAN DOCTRINE

Sir,—I should be obliged if you would insert the following in your valued paper.

In Zion Church last evening I listened with deep and sympathetic interest to a thoughtful and sane address on "Prophecy", a subject too often neglected at the present time. In the stress of a very full treatment of his subject Dr. Alexander Murray made a statement which might well convey a wholly wrong conception to his hearers. He referred to the Church of England having issued a report on Doctrine in which some of the great truths of the faith were rejected, such as the Bodily Resurrection of our Lord, the Virgin Birth and other orthodox tenets of the Faith.

Dr. Murray was quite correct in his statement re the Report of a Commission appointed to consider doctrinal questions, a report that has received the severest criticism of very many of the ablest scholars of the Anglican Church on both sides of the water. The Report has no authority whatsoever, and in no way represents the opinion of the vast majority of members of the Church of England whose adherence to the Thirty-nine Articles of the Religion and to the truths of the Word of God is as firm as is the Presbyterians to the Westminster Confession and to the same Scriptures.

I feel sure Dr. Murray will not mind my making this statement rather than allowing those present to think that the Anglican Church has departed from that faith on behalf of which she has ever been a strong defender.

I am, Sir, etc.
R. H. A. HASLAM.

St. Paul's Rectory,
Charlottetown, July 14.

MORE SUNDAY LAW-BREAKING

Sir,—In yesterday's Guardian I noticed an article by an indignant citizen of Marshfield, regarding the observance of the Lord's Day. Apparently this outrage is being carried on in other parts of the province as well. Persons returning from Covehead Church via Brackley Pt. were also shocked to hear the sounding of hammers breaking the stillness of the Sabbath morn.

One lady in passing called out indignantly: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," to which she received the reply: "We are only obeying instructions."

Now, let me ask, what sort of Government have we ruling over us who would dare to instruct anyone to break the Sabbath in such a manner? Surely the unemployed would be thankful for even six days of work a week, resting from their labours on the seventh, as our Bible commands.

Who is the more guilty, the poor men erecting the sign-boards, openly desecrating the Sabbath, or those who instructed them to do it, and who likely at the same hour were bowed in worship, trying to fool the Lord? Let us hope these disgraceful proceedings will be speedily stopped, and that no hammers will be heard next Sunday in this God-fearing Christian province.

I am, Sir, etc.,
NORTH SHORE RESIDENT.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

Sir,—The Patriot is turning out its usual misstatements as an aftermath of the greatest political convention ever held in Canada. It was in every respect, the largest, the most enthusiastic, and the most united in harmony as well as in project that is on record in political history.

While Canada's foremost journals, over a score of them on the ground at the press platform, broadcasted the truth, the leading Liberal papers, with scarce an exception, complimentary and in no case stooping to disseminate the false or to sow the seeds of discord to gain a very transient satisfaction. It remained for the Patriot to hark back to a revival of the ancient practice of misrepresentation for purposes which are anything but creditable.

For its purpose it cites Mr. Herridge's outburst to establish evidence of a party disunion. Mr. Herridge has spoken in several places, advocating policies which the National Conservative party did not adopt. His resolution did not find a seconder in that vast assembly of over 1500 delegates. It was his individual idea of policy alone, and on this weak straw our weaker maker of propaganda founds its mountain of bubble discord.

Next it states that Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. Arthur Meighen were not on the platform to congratulate the new leader, Hon. Dr. Manion. It was after 5 o'clock when the second ballot was in progress, and a third balloting was expected. Mr. Bennett was on the program to lay a floral wreath at the monument of Sir John A. Macdonald at 6.30 o'clock. With scarcely an hour in which to get supper, and travel three miles to Parliament Hill, it was impossible for him to be in two places at once (except in the imagination of shadow writers) and with other party leaders he choose the program as of first importance and attended the ceremony as scheduled.

It would not tax the intelligence too highly to read and understand the speeches of Mr. Bennett and the big men of the party, and to interpret the situations as those greater Liberal journals such as the Winnipeg Free Press, the Globe and Mail, the Ottawa Citizen and others which shelved partizan prejudices to compliment the convention and its leaders, to congratulate the newly elected leader, and to adhere to truth and fact in relation to the policies, the harmony and sound judgment displayed at the great national gathering.

"Ignorant of what it is most assured," the Patriot conjures up a disaffected Quebec. The inference is a slander upon the best of our French-Canadian people, based upon a fragile foundation. To the resolution affirming unswerving adherence to the British Empire, an amendment was moved, not by the Quebec contingents as the Liberal organ asserts, but by a dissentient number, probably not more than 20 or 20% of the whole. The minority accepted the result with smiling faces and no display of anger.

The Island delegates were seated in the immediate centre of the arena. Unable to hear, I was particularly sensitive to the applause and observance of standing votes. A very small number of Quebec delegates applauded, and when the vote was taken an equally small number voted in its favor. On the original motion the great mass of the audience, including a large majority of Quebec, stood up and enthusiastically cheered the result.

So pronounced was Hon. Arthur Meighen's presentation of the case, and so large and enthusiastic the vote, practically unanimous, that Hon. Mackenzie King took cold feet and attempted to repudiate his utterances in Parliament, and a statement was committed to the press that he was favorable to co-operation with the Imperial Government in the matter discussed, with reservations.

It is those who do not understand the psychology of the French-Canadians who give utterance to inferences insulting and slanderous. There is no class or race in Canada more loyal and devoted to the Crown than those of French descent. Their attitude is not of antagonism, but a form of sensitive desire to retain their rights of independent thought and action. And when the ballots proclaimed Hon Dr. Manion as the electoral leader, every man and woman in that vast audience, of all races and creeds, arose with a resounding enthusiasm to cheer and acclaim the choice of the convention.

I am, Sir, etc.,
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"But I'm from Louisiana, where we put the blackberry to still better use. In the flakiest of crusts it comes to our tables. We put it into pies, in cake-like puddings, in roly pollies and such. Down there we measure in the sugar with a tong-handled dipper—we like the blackberry plenty sweet—what if it does add a pound or two? One lives but once.

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