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

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Empire Day

"It is not in power or wealth alone, nor in dominion over other peoples, that the true greatness of an Empire consists. Those things are but the instruments; they are not the end or the idea. The end is freedom, justice and peace in equal measure for all, secure against attack from without and within. It is only by adding to the spiritual dignity and material happiness of human life in all its myriad homes that an Empire can claim to be of service to its own peoples and to the world."

These words, spoken by His Majesty King George VI in an Empire-wide broadcast from Winnipeg a year ago today, fittingly sum up the ideals for which the British Commonwealth of Nations is today at war. They go to the root of the difference between the Allied Democracies and the monstrous reversion to the cult of blood and iron which is represented by Nazi Germany. It was inevitable that these two opposing conceptions of Empire aims and ideals should clash. Today we are in the midst of the conflict, which was already beginning to cast its shadow when Their Majesties visited Canada last year. We look back with pride and pleasure to that memorable event, which created unbounded enthusiasm and gave new significance to our relations with the Mother Country and the rest of the Empire.

On this occasion, our celebration of Empire Day calls for something more than expressions of loyalty and devotion. Deeds are required. We cannot attain the end of "freedom, justice and peace in equal measure for all," or indeed in any measure, by speech-making and wishful thinking. The day can best be observed by preparing ourselves for sterner effort and greater sacrifices in the cause of the Empire. Leadership in this direction is the crying need of the hour. Until we have put our full weight in the scale and are employing all our resources in the titanic struggle now in progress, our protestations of Empire fervour and enthusiasm are but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

Goes To McGill

Announcement is made that a distinguished German scholar, Dr. Richard Kroner, driven from the Reich because of his anti-Nazism, has been appointed visiting Professor of Logic and Metaphysics at McGill University.

Dr. Kroner's record is a remarkable one. He was Professor of Philosophy in the German University of Kiel from 1929 to 1934, when his teachings, boldly critical of the Government, resulted in a violent breaking up of his classes by members of the Nazi party and his resignation of his post. He then carried on his studies as a research professor apart from the University for about 4 years, was subsequently invited to England, where he delivered lectures in 1939 at Manchester College and Oxford University. He was active in the founding of two great international enterprises, one a periodical on the philosophy of culture—the journal Logos, the other the Hegel Society at The Hague. Having recently left England for lecture work under the auspices of several United States universities, he first registered for national service, and expects to return next year to do his part in the Allied service.

Dr. Kroner's case establishes no new record. Nazis has been driving the best of Germany's scholars and teachers into exile for over 6 years, and hundreds of these ousted professors,—men of superb intellectual qualities,—are serving in the great schools of England, France, Switzerland, the United States and Canada. Independent thinkers, men with a broad background and the courage of their convictions, are not wanted in Nazi Germany.

Wake Up, Ottawa!

Under the above heading the Globe and Mail (Independent) says editorially: "If the Prime Minister of Canada could escape from the sycophants who surround him at Ottawa, put on false whiskers, and get out among the common people, he would learn what they really think about the war effort of his Government."

James Sinclair, the young Liberal member from Vancouver, in his dramatic speech in the House of Commons on Friday afternoon, did not overstate the case. In a peroration that shocked the Cabinet, the young Rhodes scholar exclaimed: "This is no time for complacency. It is time for united effort, ceaseless endeavor, and, above all, action—fearless action. This is the time to subordinate all other efforts in order to smash down the political bickerings and departmental red tape which in the past have impeded democratic action. This is the time to mobilize with ruthless speed every resource of this vast country. We have the power to do these things, and the people who sent us here expect us to use that power. It is apparent that man-power and the material of warfare are the crying needs of our allies, and it is our manifest duty to aid them in this way as speedily as possible, no matter what the cost."

"The refreshing and courageous speech of James Sinclair accurately reflects the trend of opinion throughout Canada during the past few weeks. The young Vancouver member has not only been loyal to the people who sent him to Parliament, but he has made an honest and worthwhile contribution to the Liberal Party. Moreover, his forthright speech constitutes a

challenge to all other Liberals to be candid and let the Government know what their constituents think about the Canadian war effort. It requires courage 'to speak out in meeting,' but if other Government supporters are fearless enough to tell the House of Commons what their constituents are saying and thinking, they will be rendering a service not only to their party but to the nation.

"The gathering storm of criticism in the press of Canada undoubtedly indicates that the country is seething with dissatisfaction concerning the lack of energy and leadership in our war administration. The Globe and Mail has been bedeviled by appeals from veterans of the Great War, and those who would serve in the present struggle, urging that something be done to wake up Parliament Hill. Women no less than men are imploring that action be taken without another moment's delay to gear the entire nation for war. There is no inclination on the part of the press or the public to harass hard-working Cabinet Ministers, but the feeling is general that if the present Ministry will not tackle the job energetically it should make way for one that will. If there is one man who is impeding our war effort, he must go."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Empire Day. Queen Victoria born this day, 1819: Her court was pure; her life serene; God gave her peace; her land reposed; A thousand claims to reverence closed In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen; And Statesmen at her council met Who knew the season when to take Occasion by the hand, and make The bounds of freedom wider yet.

Did you change your time piece, or are you a stand-patter?

It is announced ex-King Alfonso's daughter, Maria Christina of Spain, is to marry an Italian liquor magnate. Making the most of her restricted opportunities.

The 1940 maple sugar and maple syrup crop in the United States is estimated to be close to the past ten years (1930-39) average, or about 22,500,000 pounds in terms of sugar.

The Guardian, like the farmer, is not much affected by day light saving; its door is never closed from Saturday till Saturday; its staff keep going all the time; and it must catch the mails.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Labor leader and Lord Privy Seal, will act as deputy for Prime Minister Churchill in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister will be in the House when possible.

Something seems to have gone wrong with the negotiations for the starting of the Navy Yard at Charlottetown; hope no one has been throwing a monkey wrench into the elaborate machinery built up to land the project.

Oh, those politicians! The Wood Island Car Ferry was scheduled to start the first of this month; then it was decided to have the inauguration today, Empire Day. Still allowance must be made for the fact that we are at War, with a Government in office that has neither the initiative, will, nor power to have things done in time or before time.

President Roosevelt, is seriously considering the appointment of several prominent Republicans to secretaryships in a coalition Cabinet. The Times said there is a "strong possibility" that the President, "faced with widespread national concern over the developments of the European war", in the immediate future would name Col. Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, as Secretary of the Navy. Colonel Knox was Republican vice-presidential nominee in 1936. The paper also raised the possibility that Mr. Alf M. Landon of Kansas, 1936 Republican presidential nominee, would be offered the post of Secretary of War.

Forty-seven candidates lost their \$100 deposits in the Alberta election March 21, Mr. Robert Anderson, chief electoral officer announced recently. There were 165 candidates. In 1935, 132 of 240 candidates lost deposits. Twenty-six of the 36 Co-operative Commonwealth Federation candidates failed to obtain sufficient votes to retain their deposits. Others losing deposits were seven Independents, candidates of the coalition of Liberals, Conservatives and others opposed to Social Credit; four Social Creditors; four Independent Progressives; two Independent Farmers; and one each in the Independent Social Credit, Labor, Independent Labor and Communist columns.

The Netherlands was Canada's tenth best customer in 1939, according to a report written under date of April 1 and just received by the Department of Trade and Commerce from Mr. W. G. Stark, Assistant Canadian Commercial Attaché at Rotterdam. During 1939 there was a considerable decline in Canadian trade with Holland, not only in direct shipments, particularly exports of cereals from Canada, but also, due to the war, in the former transit and transhipment traffic. Canadian statistics reveal that the value of Canada's exports to the Netherlands decreased from \$10,267,000 in 1938 to \$7,357,000 in 1939. With imports from Holland valued at \$3,796,000, the total value of Netherlands-Canadian commerce exchanges during 1939 amounted to \$11,153,000. Despite the unfavorable trading conditions, said Mr. Stark, Holland was an important outlet for Canadian merchandise. Cereals, especially wheat, took first place, followed by metals, minerals, rubber goods, forestry products and foodstuffs. The most important feature of Netherlands commerce which had been most adversely affected by the war was the transit trade. Rotterdam was a transit harbour of considerable importance to Canada. During 1939 nearly 200,000 tons of Canadian goods were transferred there and re-forwarded, while almost 100,000 tons of foreign materials were despatched therefrom to the Dominion.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The tomato, technically, is classed as a berry by botanists, and as such, it would also be classed as a fruit. The U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, however, classifies it as a vegetable, and it is popularly and commercially known as such. This subject is clear up the matter of pronunciation. — Frederickton Gleaser.

A Chicago family—father, mother, and a daughter of high school age—moved to New York for business reasons and settled down in Brooklyn, where the girl entered public school. After her second day of attendance she came home in tears; her teacher, baffled by the way she rolled out her "r's" had recommended that she be placed in a special class for the correction of foreign accents. — New Yorker.

A page from a book was blowing down a street in Hannibal, Missouri. A boy stopped it with his hand. He looked at it for a moment, then he read it, and what he read so inflamed his boyish chivalry that as soon as he got money enough, he bought the book. When he became a man he became also Mark Twain; and 30 years afterward he wrote his life of Joan of Arc. — Christian Science Monitor.

An invitation to dinner had been sent to the newly settled physician. In reply, the hostess returned an admirably legible letter. "If I were you," suggested her husband, "I should take it to the druggist. Druggists can always read doctors' letters, however badly they are written. They are always looking at the slip of note paper, went into his dispensary and returned a few minutes later with a bottle, which he gave to the doctor. He said, 'There you are, madam,' he said, 'That will be 75 cents.' — Wall Street Journal.

Adolf Hitler has vowed that he will not take his uniform off until the war is won. We could have warned him about this sort of boasting. There was a Queen of Spain who was married to a similar vow regarding her chemise. When she finally removed it a sort of coffee shade became fashionable, indignantly called Isabella after her. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

The isolationists are endlessly repeating that Europe must be left to take care of its own affairs, that this country must stay out of war and concentrate its energies on solving its own problems. Yet they rarely face the question of how they are to solve their own problems. Isolationism is ruling all Europe arched dominating all the world; indeed they seldom explain how they are going to solve their own problems with colossal armament expenditures imposed upon this country, with the whole future of international trade and finance in the air, with our economy best of us dependent upon the course of world events. — New York Herald Tribune.

Sir: During the past few days I have heard people carping about England's withdrawal from certain Norwegian bases. One might imagine that the best way to solve the problem is to let the matter go. It occurred to me, therefore, that, for the benefit of the faint-hearted, you might print the following lines. They will recall to the mind of those who have had occasion to quote them. I regret that I do not know the name of the author. "So small a shield to hold so great a blade— England in this darkest hour of its history."

Those that have known these best are least afraid! — Toronto, in Montreal Gazette.

Last summer when the King and Queen visited Halifax there was a good deal of excitement. In the midst of it all J. R. Richmond, commissioner, noticed an old squaw sitting on a stump and evidencing great emotion. Squaws are not given to expressing their emotions and Mr. Richmond enquired from the woman what was the matter. He learned she was about to have a stroke. Mr. Richmond had been instrumental in presenting the Queen a basket woven by this old lady. She sat on the stump, rocking back and forth, and muttering to herself something like this: "Nika halo quash leht bit," which means that she was very happy, but she had given the basket to the Queen, that it would go across the Rocky Mountains, over the Big Water to the lodge of the King.

Many people probably imagine that looking after the barrage balloons is a very dull job indeed. Far from it. Each unit is manned by a crew of 10, and by the way, the balloons are not made of rubber; naval terms are used in all words of command. A rope is not "untied", a cable is bent; and a balloon has a port and a starboard. In this crew there are five R.A.F. regulars, volunteers and auxiliaries working together, and men who, before the war, were bus and taxi drivers, fabric workers or seafarers. All find they are particularly suitable to one or other of the jobs to be done. In fact it is the men who are the most interesting part of the crew. Between 35 and 45 years of age for whom the R.A.F. balloon barrage has room. The work is made particularly interesting by the system used in training the trainees. Each man starts in a job to which his trade or his particular accomplishments best suit him. From time to time he receives training in some different work, passes a test, and so improves his grade and, of course, his rate of pay. When he's fully trained he's given the rank of leading-aircraftsman, and he's able indeed he's expected to be interchangeable with any other member of the crew. Since these balloons are up in all weather there are times when repairs have to be made. Unless they're very serious, they're done on the spot. A guide-rope is run up a derrick, and while the balloons on the ground are being downed, as they call it, and the fabric will have to be reinforced. Cables may part and have to be spliced, but if it's really bad, by damaged it's packed up as big as a good-sized laundry basket — and is taken to a balloon centre, and there absolutely anything can be done. New panels are seen in

PUBLIC FORUM

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DAYLIGHT SAVING

Sir:—It seems we are to be catapulted into Daylight Saving Time by our rulers in all things, the City Council, on the strength of a partial pebete. I have heard this matter discussed frequently of late and am confident the majority of our people DO NOT WANT Daylight Saving. Under a mistaken idea that the local dictators have foisted this inconvenient nuisance upon our people when said City Councillors' minds should be fully occupied in investigating why relief has been cut off from families where there are several young babies, or in planning a way for us to aid thousands of hungry homeless ones in other parts of the country. In the opinion of some of our old-fashioned folk, it is not our old-fashioned ideas which cause us to stick to the old way, but because Daylight Saving has been tried in the balance and found wanting. A good many younger folks do not remember the moon being given by this reform in days gone by. I remember my weary landlady having to serve dinner at two different hours in the week. It is good to see that some of our merchants have rebelled at this disruption of trade. As it is impossible to scrap the movement universal it should be scrapped, "nipped in the bud" as it were. Only to those working in gardens can I see any benefit from Daylight Saving. This advantage is counterbalanced by innumerable inconveniences to our people. I am, Sir, etc.

ANOTHER OBJECTOR

EDUCATION

Sir:—Replying to a recent letter regarding the qualifications of teachers, I would like to briefly state a few facts. Far be it from me to discourage youth or its aspirations in any way, but anyone who reads the working in gardens can I see any benefit from Daylight Saving. This advantage is counterbalanced by innumerable inconveniences to our people. I am, Sir, etc.

Some of the writer's remarks re-experienced teachers and antiquated methods certainly got under my skin. In answer to his remarks re the teaching of reading, let me say that this is one of the subjects which are not being taught now-a-days whatever the approved methods may be. In our local school of 30 pupils not one child (yes one, one who has a special gift) can read a single word of a short piece aloud correctly or with expression, and the way pupils sing—the poetry in their Readers is not much like the way they sing. It is a pity to find them to put a meaning into their rendering of each lesson.

Teachers of the past had more chance to do justice to the essential subjects as they had not so much red tape to adhere to or so many subjects to teach. It is indeed to be hoped that, when the school year is altered, there will be enough intelligent instructors, like Prof. Lloyd Shaw, to prevent the reformers cutting out the best of the old. The list of studies in country schools, next to the Three R's nothing I learned was as much help to me in my subsequent work as Latin and French. I can still read one to understand English, and both it and French enable one to understand quotations etc. New methods, in their good points, but so had the old. I am, Sir, etc.

OLD TIMER.

THIS PROHIBITION FIASCO

Sir:—It is undisputed that the unwise use and misuse of alcohol has brought grief and woe to man from ancient times to ours. The "Bible" scenes indicating over-indulgence at the feast where Christ changed water into wine, the newly made wine is said to have been served after the guests were well into the evening. The means to some skeptics that they were too drunk to know the difference. But that as it may, the human race has evolved to present day.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

MONTREAL, Que., May 23.—The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending May 21st, 1940 were \$4,581,215 as compared with \$3,913,288 for the corresponding period of 1939 an increase of \$667,926 or 17.1 per cent.

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status WITH alcohol. The span of life is longer, succeeding generations are gaining in stature. In all the world standards of living have risen. In the front rank of progress—in arts, sciences, commerce, invention, and government—the men who are doing great things are not total abstainers. Hitler being a possible exception. The German people, for generations a race of beer drinkers, are today our most formidable foes.

The hope of attaining sobriety by prohibition is on a par with maintaining peace by disarmament, the most costly fallacy Britain ever embraced. In a democracy a majority may wield power with no regard for the wishes, feelings, beliefs, or convictions of the minority—may crush it beneath the heel of vicious intolerance. Then the tide may turn, the process be repeated with victims reversed.

Why in the name of sense did we pursue this zig-zag course so long after the Golden Rule was discovered?—of meat eating my brother to offend, I will eat no meat." That is one extreme. Today I must of us take the opposite extreme and say, "It's no good of our most business what I eat." Between the two views lies a straight and shining path of give and take. In these days legislative bodies, under the prodding of over-zealous constituency are poking an arro, gant nose into the practice of medicine and dictating to a body of men who in their own right are representative of the most brilliant achievement of these and former times. Think of your doctor being driven to the expedient of prescribing whiskey for five members of a family so he may get enough alcohol to save one case of pneumonia!

One party to the alcohol argument tells us there is no reason for the existence of this deadly poison that has left a scarlet trail of misery and death down through the centuries. Bad!—only fit for preservation! This is age old folly and ignorance—false as it is stupid. Is it not high time we get away from unsupported statements prompted by hysteria, and remembering the 9th Commandment seek an equitable course of procedure, free from the challenge of "Shalt Thou Not" and giving consideration to the honest convictions of all parties?

Hard and fast rules always breed rebellion, frequently causing conduct that would not have been thought of but for the interdiction. Democracy to government, is called upon to give each a vigorous part all it wants. The result is a see-saw, like a team of badly handled horses.

Is not this a good time for saints and sinners of Prince Edward Island to pool their interests and find a middle course, giving each a part of the desired goal? Cut out overstatement and understatement and all this plain and fancy lying on both sides. Prohibitory laws do not accomplish their purpose, never did, and never will in any free country where people dare to think. Mr. Wet says: "It is just common sense for you to say I shall not drink as for me to say you shall drink." That is an honest opinion of a free moral agent and as such is worthy of consideration. We do not have far to search to find thousands of examples of retail liquor stores which are models of cleanliness—the most circumspect conduct is accepted law—no loafing, no loud talk, no vulgarity, nothing unworthy, a refined house. Such places are patronized by men and women of worth, refinement, and culture—are matured and operated in the full light of day and in strict conformity to law and the dictates of good citizenship.

When children endanger their own and other lives by playing in the street we do not abolish traffic but correct the child. When a bandit robs a bank we do not lock up the bank—we lock up the robber. Men kill each other with knives. We do not abolish knives—we abolish the killer. Let us put the responsibility of wrong where it belongs—on the wrong-doer. It has been said by a great jurist: "Crime is personal." So all who are lesser wrongs. Drunken driving should be recognized as a serious offence and rewarded with a ticket to jail instead of a merely-mouthed lecture and nominal fine. In the same category should be placed all public intoxication and the results, as exemplified elsewhere, make for moderation and real temperance. No matter which side you are on, give the other fellow a break.

I am, Sir, etc. M. FLANNIGAN.

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P. E. I. Requirements

(Sydney Post-Record) Prince Edward Island needs to spend an additional \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year on education and public welfare,—principally the latter,—in order to achieve real equality with the other provinces in those important branches of provincial service. This is the opinion of the Royal Commission on Dominion - Provincial Relations, which recommends an annual "national adjustment grant" of \$750,000 for the Island Province, to enable it to step up those services and, at the same time, to balance its budget.

Manifestly the smaller a province is in population, the greater must be its per capita financial needs, if it is to keep in step with those in which the burdens of taxation are made lighter by a wider spread. Prince Edward Island's record in education, as well as in public welfare, is creditable and meritorious, out of all proportion to the relatively low standards which strictened revenues dictate in both cases. It is necessary to raise all Canadian standards, in education at least, to something approaching parity if equality of opportunity is to be an accepted postulate of Canadian citizenship. Without such equality, it may be added, the significant purpose of Confederation is lost.

German Youth

(Moncton Transcript) When Ribbentrop left the Vatican in high dudgeon, he thereupon decided, so it is now said, that Rosenberg would give German youth the spiritual and political instruction suitable for them. It is probably equally true that the reason for Ribbentrop's poor reception at the Vatican lies in the fact that Germans are already practising in Poland and elsewhere the Rosenberg Pagan philosophy.

That philosophy is given in his book "The Myth of the Twentieth Century" with its theme that the so-called Christian doctrine of universal love is a horrible perversion and that Germany at its conversion to Christianity adopted these false values. St. Paul "baptized and orientalized" true Christianity, because he aimed at world revolution he exalted the humble, with its theme that the principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, a critic of his philosophy.

Who manifests Himself in the racial soul in the New Testament and inspirations of this soul, the National Socialist Party is the sole interpreter. There is no transcendent God whose equal law of righteousness is binding upon all peoples.

Until the fifth Gospel is written, Rosenberg edits the worst he can find with the original four. When the devil edits the scriptures for his own purposes, it would seem, the result is a religion of "Blood, Soul and Race" with Hitler as its prophet. The youth who are to govern the world in the next generation are now to be taught that "the idea of brotherly love is a blow at the soul of Nordic Empire."

Let's Put Them To Work

(Halifax Chronicle) Every Canadian should be interested in the remarks of George E. Quisenberry, editor of The American Automobile. Many people have wondered why automobile plants have not been utilized more extensively in the output of aircraft which the Allies so badly need. Manufacture of aircraft, obviously, is different from that of auto-

mobiles, but the mass production methods which the automotive industry has developed to such efficiency are the crying need of aircraft supply.

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Mr. Quisenberry says that U. S. automobile plants could turn out aircraft in great quantity if engineering and specifications. These decisions have been reached by Allied experts. Such well known types as Hurricanes, Spitfires and Mustangs are needed. Why then could not Canada's automobile plants in the Windsor, Ont., area be turned to speedy output of such planes?

The workers in these plants are familiar with speedy assembly on mass production basis. And if the output is usually increased, a rich store of additional skilled labor is available just across the river in Detroit.

Specialists in aircraft construction are needed for the key jobs, of course, but if England's minister of aircraft production issues an urgent call for garage mechanics to staff the aircraft factories, surely these trained workers of automobile assembly lines could be of valuable service to Canada's war effort.

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