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Remembrance Day

A few short weeks ago, Europe stood again on the very brink of war, and the shock of that realization is still fresh in mind as we prepare to commemorate once more the Armistice signed at eleven o'clock on the morning of the eleventh day of November, 1918. Something at least has been gained from the harrowing experience of those four years of carnage which claimed over 8,000,000 dead, 16,000,000 wounded, and 6,000,000 missing, which laid waste half Europe, which involved the nations of France, Belgium, the British Empire, Italy, Russia, the United States, Serbia, and Roumania on the one hand and of Germany and Austria on the other, and sowed hatreds and ambitions which, twenty years after, are still being reaped.

Something surely has been gained, in the conviction, shared by all peoples if not by all rulers, that another such conflict would be disastrous to victor and vanquished alike, and must at almost any cost be averted. It may be that another war is inevitable, that we shall yet have to fight to maintain the existence of democracy. But there is an old saying that one should not rush to greet the Devil. "War," said Lord Baldwin in commenting on the Munich peace pact, "is never inevitable, and if there were a 95 per cent chance of war at some future date I would hold on to the other 5 per cent until I died." There spoke the voice of wisdom.

Some idea of the appalling cost, in material resources alone, of another world conflict may be gained from the expense entailed in even preparing for such an emergency during the recent crisis. British authorities estimate losses in trade and revenue at \$20,000,000. Cost of military and naval mobilization was not less than \$70,000,000. About 42,000,000 gas masks had to be distributed at a cost roughly of \$25,000,000. At least \$15,000,000 was spent in preparation to evacuate school children from congested areas. The total ran to well over \$300,000,000. In addition hundreds of shops closed in a business slump the like of which has not been seen since 1914. Next year this loss in business will be reflected in the budget figures and government income. Countless personal losses add to the toll of the war that was not a war. The figures given are for Great Britain alone. The total for all Europe can only be surmised.

But all this expense, compared with what might have been, is as nothing. We have good reason, therefore, to couple this year's observance of Remembrance Day with gratitude and thanksgiving for the almost miraculous escape from the sure catastrophe which another war would have entailed.

Nor while paying tribute to the memory of our heroic dead should we forget those who, by reason of war services, are still incapacitated or handicapped in earning a livelihood for themselves and families.

As on other occasions, the day will be observed by brief memorial services under Legion auspices at the war monuments throughout the Province. It is important that the two minutes silence—the central function of the ceremony—be strictly observed, and that no traffic or other noises be permitted to disturb the solemnity of this ritual.

Why Call "It British"?

Importance, seemingly, is attached by the local Liberal organ to academic discussions which took place, during the recent war scare, at the British Commonwealth Relations Conference at Sydney, Australia. Our contemporary quotes a professor of the University of Toronto as stating that the delegates in attendance "feel that the Ottawa Agreements are a bar to further expansion of trade in most of the units of the British Empire."

Such a statement from such a source was to be expected. A series of articles on this same Conference has been running in the Winnipeg Free Press, contributed by Professor Corbett of McGill University, who was also a delegate; and according to this authority, the deliberations of this august body, following elaborate preliminary documentation, "failed to reveal—(1) any unity in the Commonwealth other than a vague sense of fellowship and a common belief in democratic government, both of which would exist irrespective of political association; (2) any substantial benefit to Canada from the association; (3) any special facilities offered by the association for furthering the rule of law."

Nor was this all. According to Prof. Corbett, the Canadian delegates attending this so-called "British" conference were of opinion that while "positive advantages in the way of security will be enough to continue the existing relation indefinitely between certain members of the Commonwealth, these advantages do not exist for Canada. Nor is membership in the Commonwealth our only possible way of substantial participation in world politics. For Canada there is, geographically speaking, a more natural alternative, namely, association with the United States in the Pan-American Union."

Talk of this kind, at a time when Great Britain stood on the verge of war and when expressions of Empire unity and loyalty were never more needed, is as mischievous as it is false and misleading. It is not the voice of Canada, or of any other British Dominion, voice, then?

Those Liberal Promises

One of the pledges in the official Liberal election platform, 1935, was to "abolish" the exchange and dumping duties imposed by the Bennett Government, which were described as "unwarranted extra taxes," having the effect "of strangling trade, exploiting the consumers and robbing the railways of business." Mr. MacKenzie King subsequently boasted in Parliament that he had implemented this pledge.

Now we find our local contemporary claiming, quite heatedly, that not only was the dumping duty on New Zealand butter not abolished, but that "there is no intention of the Government taking any such course."

It admits that the dump was "removed" by order-in-council on shipments up to 35,000 boxes, but "the Government could not repeal the dumping clauses of the treaty except by an amendment passed by Parliament and no such amendment was passed or even proposed."

So the King Government took no steps to "liberate external trade" in that direction. Probably it was just as well.

The gist of our contemporary's argument is that the situation of our dairymen would be much worse today had the Liberal platform been implemented.

But, the action taken with regard to shipments up to 35,000 boxes was also in violation of the Liberal platform. For in another section the pledge was given "to end the making and altering of tariffs by executive action."

Editorial Notes

"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" as Stanley said on this date 1871, when he found the great lost missionary explorer in Darkest Africa.

Prime Minister King had to return home without signing the Canadian-U.S.A. Tariff Treaty, and so there is to be no Fall Session of Parliament.

There would be less indifference to the Tourist possibilities of the Maritimes were the railway facilities commensurate with the great tourist and health-giving advantages we have to offer. Had we a tunnel between here and the mainland this province would to a great extent, be independent from Moncton eastward, as passenger traffic could be taken care of by bus or auto, leaving the railway to look after freight and local passengers.

A ten-hen pen of white leghorns entered by a veteran British Columbia poultryman has set a new world record for egg-laying. The pen of C. Droom of Cloverdale, laid 2,862 eggs over the official fifty-week period and obtained 3,333.6 points based on size. The previous officially accepted world mark was held by J. A. Hanson of Corvallis, Ore., whose white leghorn pen laid 3,082 eggs and collected 3,297.8 points at the New York State official egg-laying contest a year ago.

The creamery butter make of 116 million pounds in the June-August period of 1938 exceeded all previous records and represented an increase of 9.7 per cent over the summer production of a year ago. The domestic disappearance also advanced 2.2 per cent and the total disappearance showed a gain of 2.4 per cent over the June-August period of the preceding year. Regardless of the favourable disappearance situation, there remained in store and in transit on September 1, approximately 62 million pounds of the Canadian-made product, showing an increase of 12 million pounds over the stocks reported at that date a year ago.

The following tribute appears in the current issue of The Canadian Doctor: "No less than Robert Tait McKenzie Sir Andrew Macphail demonstrated that profound devotion to medical science and signal service through it to humanity was not incompatible with the attainment of eminence in the arts. More people probably knew him as a literary man than a doctor, and while his influence in medicine was great the force of his culture was possibly greater, extending well beyond the sphere of his professional career. Not only an outstanding medical man but a great artist, and a strong cultural influence in Canadian life, was lost with the passing of Sir Andrew Macphail."

The much abused Devil's Island in French Guiana is not to be abandoned as a French penal settlement after all. Two ship loads of "habitual Criminals" will leave France within a year for that tropical "paradise". For three years there have been no shipments to the colony, and meanwhile legislation abolished Guiana as a place of deportation. However, it was found that French prisons were as yet insufficient to absorb the ever-new crop of long-term convicts, so in order to clear space it has been decided to deport approximately 1,000 "habitual criminals", meaning ten-time losers on felony counts, to the colony. The prison ship La Martiniere, which between convict trips is an ordinary tramp freighter, has put in at Saint Nazaire for the installation of the iron cages in which the prisoners are kept during the three-week voyage. Two trips to Guiana are scheduled, the first Nov. 20 and the second in the middle of 1939.

It takes good old-time Methodists to devise new and unique ways of augmenting church funds. In Walton, New York, the Rev. Grant Robinson, of the First Methodist Church, inaugurated "with great success", we are told a plan of passing the collection plate "in reverse". The members of the congregation took one dollar each from the plate instead of putting something on it. About 100 were at church. The Rev. Mr. Robinson, who has been pastor for eleven years, explained it this way: "Each person will invest the dollar in any way he believes may be profitable and will, after six weeks, return the dollar and the profit to the church." Women plan to embroider or make candy and popcorn and sell the products at a profit. The men will use the money in their business or on their farms. "All were pleased with the idea," the pastor reported. Now the deacons are waiting anxiously for the return of the \$100 they passed out, plus, they hope, 100 per cent profit.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The story of the killing in Edmonton of a rat, believed to have come here from the Pacific coast, is a reminder of how fortunate Alberta has been to be virtually free of such pests. This is difficult to understand in view of the fact that they have had in British Columbia for a long while and in Manitoba, as well as in parts of Saskatchewan, during recent years. One would think, with all the interprovincial traffic, they would spread inevitably to Alberta. But only occasionally is one discovered in the province.—Edmonton Journal.

Not content with having the famous Dionne quintuplets for near neighbors, North Bay now boasts a white sparrow in its midst. Tens of thousands of people have been travelling hundreds of miles to North Bay and past North Bay and its tens of thousands of children, just to get a glimpse of five little children all in a row, because they were born that way. As for sparrows, who haven't been seen there for years, hasn't them, perhaps? But how many have seen a white sparrow? That's different. A white sparrow is a very rare bird, and children by special delivery at the one time. Well, North Bay has its white sparrow.—Timmins Advance.

Two peoples living as close to each other as the Canadians and the Americans and having so many contacts, almost unconsciously absorb each other's customs, habits and even tastes and culture. This is not altogether a bad thing when worthy things are borrowed, but it is not good when it comes to unworthy and sordid things the reverse is the case. We can profit much more, we believe, from the more distinctive Canadian characteristics than from endeavoring to become a pale imitation of our neighbors. The only Canada will hold much more of interest to tourists if she follows this course than if she tries to turn herself into a second United States of America.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Statistics on the production and sale of trailers inspire the glamorous picture of a hundred thousands of care-free, nomadic fashion up and down the land, summering in Michigan, wintering in Florida, and enjoying the pleasures of taking in all the sights between. The fact of the matter is that by far the greater portion of trailer-ers are not care-free, but are comparatively poor for decidedly care-ridden, emergency dwelling. On a visit to any one of a dozen trailer communities in and near Detroit one may see more trailers being lived in than he will see being toured in if he journeys half a mile from the trailer to the trailer, one regarded as a part of the tourist problem, has become a part of the housing problem, and such it will have to be seriously studied and its solution found.—Detroit News.

Have to give credit to my able and energetic colleague, Bruce Hutchison, for the invention of a new and pleasing form of words in the discussion of political possibilities. Writing of the opening of the Liberal convention at Kelowna, and dealing with the stirring question of health insurance, he writes: "He who wears a coat and an agreement with the medical profession in the visible future." It is one of the greatest trials of a colorful journalist that the language of journalism is so very limited, and that he is forced against his will to use so many clichés and aged forms of expression. He can't help it. The word in and make it stick he is on the road not only to fame, but what is far more important, to a greater self-satisfaction and professional pride. The "near future" is sadly overworked, "shortly" is banal and vague, "presently" is a little academic, "in the near future" smacks of the sixth grade, but the "visible future" is a triumph. It indicates a power in politics that transcends all other earthly powers. It brings the future into the realm of definite things, it tears the veil of circumstance that has for so long hampered and stultified the full and free discussion of things that are to be and it sounds good.—J. Butterfield, in Vancouver Province.

For years the young son of a friend of mine has pursued as his hobby the collecting of lead soldiers. This hobby, it appears, is widespread, and it is one of the services of a special industry to support it. There are firms which make it a business of manufacturing lead soldiers, and they are paid to represent the armies of every country. Every time the hga company of the army desires a change in its line-up, the industry announces it through the distribution channels. I have, however, only the pleasure of seeing a new shipment of lead soldiers from Germany. One boy went in to inspect and buy. In addition to German soldiers, he saw a few French, Italian and several other nationalities represented, but the German soldiers were cast so that they all appeared alike. The French, Italian and several other nationalities represented, but the German soldiers were cast so that they all appeared alike. The French, Italian and several other nationalities represented, but the German soldiers were cast so that they all appeared alike.

Not everybody in Scotland eats porridge, drinks whisky and wears the kilt. Porridge may be eaten, whisky may be drunk, and the kilt may be seen and worn, but there are other things. Winter is not unduly cold in Scotland. In point of fact, over the greater part of Scotland winter temperatures are higher than they are in London. Except on high ground, snow and frost are rarities of brief duration. Palm trees flourish in the open air. The mean winter temperature in the Orkney Islands is about the same as that of Falmouth, in the south of England. Scotland is not all mountains. The Highlands are only a part of the country. The Lowlands, too, are beautiful, and they excel in historical and romantic associations. The Scots are not mean. They refrain from foolish extravagance, but their

That Body of Hours

By James D. Barton, M.D.

SIMPLE PHYSICAL TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC RHEUMATISM — ARTHRITIS

Despite our knowledge of preventing rheumatism—arthritis—by removing infection from teeth, tonsils, sinuses, gall bladder, together with proper rest, diet, and exercise, there are many cases which become chronic before infection has been removed. The infection in joints has caused changes that often cannot be repaired or corrected and the patient is afflicted with stiffness, pain, and some degree of deformity.

In speaking of these cases of chronic arthritis, Dr. Robert T. Phillips, Boston, in the New England Journal of Medicine, tells of the help that can be given by physical medicine or treatment—rest, exercise, massage, and electricity.

Dr. Phillips points out that rest is needed by chronic arthritis because of the long drain on their nervous and physical energy, and that the patient's rest after meals. Two positions are taken. For the first thirty minutes the patient lies on his back, stretched well out, a pillow under lower back and the knees but not under the head. For the second thirty minutes he turns face down, supported by a pillow placed crosswise under his abdomen.

In regard to exercise, arthritides must not allow joints to remain in a bent position. No matter what the degree of arthritis, the patient can carry out some exercise—lying, standing, sitting, walking—to move his joints and strengthen his muscles.

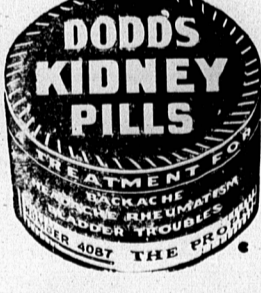
In regard to heat Dr. Phillips suggests the use of hot water applications by means of some woolen material covered with a towel or blanket to hold in the heat. The message is done by the use of long, smooth strokes in a direction toward the heart as it is the return circulation of the blood that needs help. If pain is present, massage should be gentle. Heat should be applied before or during the massage. Many physicians advise application of heat, then massage, and then more heat following the massage.

In regard to electricity it is unfortunate that physicians do not give more attention to acquiring the knowledge of the proper method of using electricity in the treatment of chronic arthritis as it gives excellent results in skillful hands. When proper treatment by electricity is not available, the use of the other physical forms of treatment—rest, heat, exercise, and massage—faithfully carried out will give satisfactory results.

TAX EXEMPT

HALIFAX (CP)—Nearly 50 per cent of the \$80,000 worth of property in Halifax City was exempt City Solicitor Carl Beune told a service club luncheon. Of the property exempt, \$21,000 belonged to the federal government.

charities are magnificently endowed and generally maintained. The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where doctors from over all the world are glad to study, is kept up by voluntary contributions. The Scots have a sense of humor. It is not the same as the English sense of humor, but it is keen and lively. Not all Scots are dour. Some are gaily as gay as any in Europe.—Coming events in Britain.



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PUBLIC FORUM
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FAVORITISM
 Sir.—Several times in your columns you have voiced the complaints of workmen throughout the province, at the partisanship shown by those in charge of the road work. But a most atrocious and shameful misuse of authority in dispersing work for the unemployed, is to be seen at Georgetown, where an Ex-railway Employee, who for years past and still is in receipt of a good fat pension is given work on the road, while men, tax payers at that, who have been earning money all summer being allowed to grab the work out of the hands of the needy; also several in favoured families getting work while others are told work can only be given to one in a family. I only wonder how much longer the men thus treated will tolerate such discrimination.
 I am, Sir, etc.,
 FAIR PLAY

The Poet's Corner
 FOR THE FAILEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
 Britain mourns for her dead across the sea.
 Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
 Fallen in the cause of the free.
 Solemn the drums thrill: Death Sings august and royal,
 Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
 There is music in the midst of desolation
 And a glory that shines upon our tears.
 They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
 They were staunch to the end,
 Against odds uncounted,
 They fell with their faces to the foe.
 They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.
 They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
 They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
 They have no part in our labour of the daytime;
 They sleep beyond England's foam,
 But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
 Fe'et as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
 To the innermost heart of their own land they are known,
 As the stars are known to the night;
 As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
 Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
 As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
 To the end, to the end, they remain.
 —Laurence Binyon.

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The Primal Obligation
 (Montreal Star)
 The fact of the matter is that the British and the French have long exercised a dominating influence all round the world to which they had no claim, save the claim of the sword. That this influence was very good for the world, morally, politically and even medically, has little to do with the case. No people want to be governed by any other people, even for their own good. So soon as the western Powers lost the strength to impose their judgment on the Continents of Europe and Asia, they escaped from their responsibility.
 The duty that lies upon the democracies today is not the moral and commercial leadership of the world, but the primal obligation of effective self-defence. In Europe, they are driven back to the Maginot line and the North Sea. In Asia, they are retreating to Singapore, with an outpost at Hong-Kong and a tactiic hostage in Japanese hands in French Indo-China. They still hold the life-line of the Mediterranean, and our agreement with Italy ought to relieve pressure at this vital point for quite some time.
 Premier Chamberlain, with admirable courage and cool vision, is reconstructing our attitude toward all these aggressive forces with an eye single to the preservation of the British Empire. He is indulging in no knight-errantry. He is resolute no imprudent raiders from inaccessible trans-Alpine castles. He is quietly visiting his home garrisons, seeing that their armaments are in order, and is then parleying with possible foes in the gate to gain at least a little time.

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Conservative Meeting
 AT ODDFELLOWS HALL, MONTAGUE
 A meeting of the Conservative electors of Montague North, Montague South, Whim Road and Victoria Cross Polls for the purpose of organization etc., will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Montague, on Wednesday, November 16th at 8 P. M. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. A. A. McDonald and others.
 BY ORDER OF CONVENOR.

YOUTHFUL GENT'S WINS HIGH HONOR
 RAYMOND, Alta. Nov. 8 — (C.P.) One of the youngest students on the continent ever awarded the honor D. W. Woolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Woolley of Raymond and former scholar in the University of Alberta chemistry department, has been made doctor of science by the University of Wisconsin.
 Dr. Woolley was only 23 when he received the degree—highest awarded in North America. Since his graduation from University of Alberta in 1935 with first class honors in Chemistry, he has been studying at University of Wisconsin on scholarships his academic and research ability won for him.

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