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Poppies For Remembrance

Age does not wither nor custom stale the appropriateness of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

Remembrance day falls on Wednesday of this week. It is a statutory public holiday, and will be observed, as usual, by anniversary services throughout Canada and the Empire.

Again this year through the co-operation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian Legion National Remembrance Day broadcast will take place on Wednesday evening from 10 to 11 o'clock local time.

This evening from 9.30 to 10 o'clock, the Charlottetown Male Chorus is co-operating by putting on a local radio broadcast in the interests of the Legion poppy sale campaign.

The Railway Deficit

The Financial Post (independent Liberal) charges Hon. C. D. Howe, Transport Minister, with misleading the public in his recent statement on the railway situation.

"Last year the railway cost Canada \$47.5 millions, this being the government's contribution of cash required to meet all obligations of the railway for that year.

"Unfortunately the books of the railway are kept in such a way that other charges are added which brought the bookkeeping loss up to \$115 millions, but I would like to make it clear that the actual cash loss was \$47.5 millions and that the larger amount is a bookkeeping fallacy."

"True," says the Post, "the immediate cash burden to the taxpayer was only \$47.5 millions, but the actual loss was much larger and was shown by the audited statement of the company to be \$115 millions. This is no distorted figure or bookkeeping fallacy. It represents the loss to the Canadian taxpayer. If anything it is an understatement of the deficit, for there are many advances and expenditures which have never been charged in the books of the C. N. R."

"Mr. Howe's figures of \$47.5 millions overlooks the item of \$35.9 millions for interest on government advances and also \$29 millions for depreciation. Both of these are items which quite properly should be charged in the deficit. The \$35.9 millions interest item represents interest payments on government bonds which were sold in order to make advances to the railway."

"Mr. Howe has also indicated that some adjustment in the capital structure of the C. N. R. will be made at the next session of Parliament in order to reduce its capital liabilities to an amount which will more nearly approximate its earning power."

"As in the past, no doubt, the government will argue that this would be the course that would be pursued by a private company. True enough but the objective is somewhat different. When a private company reorganizes, fixed charges are reduced to a point where they can be met out of earnings even in poor years. No such result can be accomplished by writing down the capitalization of the C. N. R."

"The amount of C. N. R. bonds in the hands of the public has increased to such an extent in the last 10 years that the railway can only hope to meet fixed charges on these bonds in exceptionally good years. Only repudiation of its obligation will relieve the Federal Government of its responsibility to finance the deficits and capital requirements of the C. N. R. Revamping the capital structure will not cut the cost to the Canadian taxpayer one iota."

"In the case of a private company there is a powerful incentive for economical operation. With the C. N. R. there is not the same incentive since the loss is borne by the taxpayer. If the memory of past losses is removed, there will be less assurance of economical operation in the future."

"Recapitalization will also conceal the real cost of our railway experiment to the taxpayer. The elimination of certain items from the balance sheet of the railway has done this to a certain extent in the past. Without a realization of the real cost and deficit of the C. N. R. the day when the Canadian taxpayer will demand a solution of the problem will only be postponed."

Editorial Notes

Women's suffrage motion in Quebec legislature has been defeated on a standing vote.

Would not be surprised were Premier King to insist upon King Edward being crowned again at Ottawa next Fall.

Especially west of Summerside, and in the approach to Summerside, people will be pleased at the advent of frost to undo the work of the Campbell Government on the roads.

The Bank of Canada has exercised its option on the Mortimer property between Sparks and Wellington Streets, Ottawa, and will start work forthwith on a new building estimated to cost nearly a million dollars. That's where our money goes.

The Hon. Mr. Lancton, former Deputy Attorney-General of Quebec has failed to respond to the summons to appear before the Public Accounts Committee to explain a little \$300,000 of public funds which he had deposited at interest. He is stated to be in the Southern States recuperating from the effects of the election.

At Richmond Hill, Ont., an over officious constable on Hallowe'en led to a near riot and the actual storming of the jail by indignant fathers and mothers. The irate parents broke open the eight-year-old jail Saturday night to release six children between nine and twelve years of age who had been arrested by the town constable, Roscoe Casement. The parents contended their children had been locked in the cells with four tramps. The constable said he meant to keep the children only a short time, but the parents have demanded a special session of the Town Council to have him dismissed.

Legal interest in the province of Quebec is to drop, with other interest rates, and to that end Hon. Jos. Bilodeau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce, has laid before the Legislative Assembly the following one-clause bill:—"Notwithstanding any general law or special act to the contrary enacted by the Legislature of this province, the legal interest in the civil and judicial matters within the jurisdiction of the said Legislature shall be three per cent. per annum, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary." One result, for example, will be that when a judge sitting in the Superior Court rules that the plaintiff in a case shall get a certain amount, plus costs, and interest, the amount of the interest will be 3 per cent.

They are already settling down in the States. A Republican writes to a New York paper: "Let the partisans remember that the President carries a tremendous burden and that he will need the wisdom and the help of all the people. For in this hemisphere alone do men still enjoy peace with freedom and the prospect of an improvement in their fortunes. We live in an oasis of order and hope amidst a world of disorder and despair. For that reason we are a privileged nation and that privilege is a solemn responsibility, one so great, so fraught with consequence to ourselves and by our example to all mankind, that we shall be forever disgraced if in trivial partisanship and frivolous personal animosities, we become divided, confused, distracted, and demoralized."

With reference to the jailing of Hallowe'en pranksters at Richmond Hill, Ont., the Ontario Minister of Welfare, Mr. Croll, has reprimanded the Council after investigation by his deputy, Mr. M. A. Sorsoleil. He said: "Irreparable harm to those children may have been done through one special constable's unwisdom and ignorance. Sorsoleil found some of them still suffering from the terror resulting from imprisonment in a jail with hoboes. Others were inflated with the idea that they had become heroes through their foolish escapade, and subsequent imprisonment and release. In either case, the effect is unfortunate and may well be disastrous." The Minister advised other municipalities that "they need not experience any self-righteous sentiments and say, 'It couldn't happen here.' Let them, rather, impress upon the police and other authorities that such cases will be tolerated by neither municipal or provincial Governments."

Widespread interest has been created by Japan's plan to spread a network of airlines to the far-flung Pacific Islands, which were formerly German colonies, and now Japanese controlled by League of Nations' mandate. Double interest is manifested because Japan's announcement follows closely on the inauguration of flights between San Francisco and Manila, in the Philippine Islands, by Pan American Airways. The plan, announced in Japan's annual report to the League of Nations, was studied closely also because of the enormous area the islands cover. The mandated territory, comprising the Marianne, Caroline and Marshall groups, include 1,400 islands, islets and reefs. They stretch out about 1,300 miles from north to south, and about 2,700 miles from east to west. Experts declare such a system would necessitate extensive construction of airroads and bases. The Japanese asserted the undertaking was "to promote efficiency of administration and assist industrial and social activities of the inhabitants." The report described existing communications with the islands, by subsidized steamship service, as "unsatisfactory." The Marianne islands, nearest of the mandates, are 1,600 miles from Japan.

Notes by the Way

Mussolini and Hitler are now eating out of the one pot. As a result of conferences between their diplomatic corps it is announced that Germany will play a part, along with Italy, in the economic development of Ethiopia. The bed-fellows that party politics make are as nothing compared to the sleeping partners that are dealt out in the game of international intrigue. But no league, however big, is large enough to hold a couple of players with the aspirations of Mussolini and his fellow dictator, Hitler. When the two big shots fall out the crash will be heard around the world.—Halifax Daily Star.

Every country is faced with the problem of the speeder and various remedies have been prescribed in many lands. An interesting experiment is being tried out in Germany. There when a man is convicted of dangerous or reckless driving, he will have his car throttled down and sealed at a very low speed. The penalties will last from a month to six weeks and there will be weekly inspections to make sure that seals governing the throttle have not been tampered with. Looks like an excellent idea.—Niagara Falls Review.

Once Tom Corwin stood observing a youthful speaker who was trying to get a hand from his listeners by joking with them. After the young fellow finished, the Buckley statesman went up to him and said: "Don't do it, my boy. You should remember the crowd always looks up to the ring master and down on the clown. It resents that which amuses. The clown is the more clever fellow of the two, but he is despised. If you would succeed in life you must be solemn, solemn as an ass. All the great movements have been built over solemn asses.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The fact remains that liberalism and tolerance and the theory of giving the other nation an even break, either in trading or diplomacy, remains the only path in which humanity can escape the abyss of war. More and more it becomes evident to those with even a scintilla of perception that the liberal way is, in the last analysis, the only way.—London Advertiser.

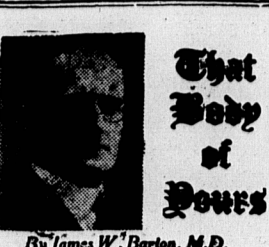
Owners of buildings in Italy must certainly realize that they live in a totalitarian state with Mussolini the Total. He has just ordered them to provide five per cent of the value of their holdings as a loan to the government for 25 years, because they are the only class whose wealth in property is not depreciated by the inflation caused by the lower priced lira. In Italy and Germany, too, the people exist for the state.—St. Catherine's Standard.

All reservations on the "No. 552," sister ship to the Queen Mary, for the maiden voyage may be engaged before her keel is laid in December. Scores of her "blue print" bedrooms and bathrooms are already booked. Plans in the Cunard White Star offices in London show many reservations on the non-existent liner which will not sail until 1940. Most of the bookings are from people who made frantic last-minute efforts to secure accommodations at any price aboard the Queen Mary. A Cunard White Star official said, "More than 50 reservations have already been made, and we are constantly getting inquiries."

The Spanish revolution shows two things. First, on part of the loyalists, that principles minus military training, can not stand up against shell fire; and secondly that brutal slaughter on part of rebels and government alike, can not eradicate political principles.—Hamilton Spectator.

How much more of a stake in life insurance Canadians have than the people of every other country except the United States is shown by some figures that have just been published. Though the United Kingdom has about four times the Dominion's population, its people carry only about seventy per cent more insurance than ours. The amount in force in the Dominion is nearly twice as much as in Germany, four times what it is in Australia and five times what it is in France.—Edmonton Journal.

Marshall Emilio Bono, who commanded the Italian troops at the commencement of the Ethiopian war, now reveals in a book that Mussolini decided upon the conquest of Ethiopia in 1933 and laid all his plans accordingly with the sang froid of a gangster planning a large scale armed robbery. His only fear, apparently, was trouble with England, in which case he was quite prepared to forget offensive action against Ethiopia. In short it is painfully apparent now that he bluffed the league and bluffed Britain into practically condoning an outrageous crime. Only on Saturday I Duce launched what he called "a message of peace." His speech



By James W. Barton, M.D.

REMOVING FEAR AND PREJUDICE REGARDING CANCER

Notwithstanding the fact that the cause of epilepsy is unknown many epileptics are kept free from the distressing and embarrassing symptoms by cutting down on starch foods and liquids, increasing the fat foods and taking a tablet of phenobarbital daily.

The cause of cancer is not known, yet if discovered and treated early, much suffering is prevented and life is saved. All over the world, while a diligent search is being made to find the cause of cancer, efforts are being made to help the family physician recognize the symptoms of cancer sooner than is now the case, and to have his mind on cancer more; that is to become "cancer conscious". Thus a book on cancer by the staff of Northwood Hospital, England, has been issued, the object of which is the education of the general practitioner of medicine in the recognition of those signs which should give rise to suspicion of cancer, and the methods of investigating thoroughly every case in which such suspicion may have been aroused. "It is admitted on all hands that with modern methods of treatment properly applied many, if not yet all cases of cancer are curable if seen in a sufficient early stage."

However this book, The Early Diagnosis of Malignant Disease, goes further than just trying to brush up the family physician on the recognition of cancer.

It is recognized by the author of this book that in order to bring down the death rate from cancer, the education of the public is equally important. This means the quieting of fears, coming of prejudices, and overcoming of ignorance, which on the whole is a more difficult matter than interesting and helping the general practitioner to recognize cancer sooner. The physician is alert and naturally anxious to recognize cancer and to save lives.

Unfortunately the public does not realize the danger of delay, is afraid of cancer and ashamed to have the "taint" of cancer in the family.

It can be seen how difficult it is for a physician to have a patient "submit himself or herself without question or hesitation to the rigorous, exacting and expensive methods necessary, often on the grounds of suspicion only."

The first work on the part of the physician is to banish fear-to show that cancer is curable if treated early. Half the battle is won when fear is removed.



FROM "RECESSIONAL"

Now along the solemn heights
Fade the Tutumn's altar-lights;
Down the great earth's glimmering
chancel
Glide the days and nights.

Little kindred of the grass,
Like a shadow in a glass
Falls the dark and falls the still-
ness;
We must rise and pass.

Little brothers of the clod,
Soul of fire and seed of sod,
We must fare into the silence
At the knees of God.

Little comrades of the sky,
Wing to wing we wander by,
Going, going, going, going,
Softly as a sigh.

Hark, the moving shapes confer,
Globe of dew and gossamer,
Fading and ephemeral spirits
In the dusk astr.

Moth and blossoms, blade and bee,
Worlds must go as well as we,
In the long procession joining
Mount and star and sea.

Toward the shadowy brink we climb
Where the round years rolls sublime,
Rolls, and drops, and falls forever
In the vast of Time.

—Charles G. D. Roberts.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

"PROHIBITION—SO-CALLED"

Sir:—R. M. is right, I commend her letter to the hogs administrators of the Act who are violating the law in every sale they make. If they want the proof let them ask for it.

I am, Sir, etc.,
W. E. BENTLEY.

Facing Both Ways

(Norman MacLeod in the Mail and Empire)

By no means the least significance to be attached to Prime Minister Mackenzie King's prospective return is the fact that it brings definitely closer the inevitable time when Mr. King and Hon. Ian Mackenzie will have to get together and agree on a story with respect to the ministry's intended defence policy.

For more than a fortnight now the Minister of National Defence has been touring the country and securing considerable applause by announcing the Government's intention to construct air defences on the Pacific coast and by hinting at a generally enlarged defence policy.

At the same time that Mr. Mackenzie has been getting the big hand from imperialistic and defence-conscious Canadians, however, the Prime Minister in London has been issuing strenuous denials that defence constitutes one of the topics which he is discussing with the British authorities. Obviously, that Canada should undertake to contribute to the strengthening of Empire defences—which would be the effect of an enlarged defence policy here—without at least making the British Government cognizant of her plans, is inconceivable.

Federal circles accordingly, find it impossible to reconcile the recent pronouncements of the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence, and they await the return of the Prime Minister to clear up the point. That the Liberal chief-tain will be able to resolve the contradiction is not doubted for a moment. Mr. King's ingenuity has faced infinitely more severe tests, and it is taken for granted that he will restore ministerial consistency on the defence issue—even if he has to silence Mr. Mackenzie to do it.

The more federal political circles ponder the stories of an enlarged naval program for Canada which came from England a few weeks ago, only to receive subsequent denial from the Prime Minister, the more they incline to the belief that these reports were that statesmen know technically as "trial balloons," sent up to test public opinion.

The circumstances would certainly appear to support such a conclusion. In the first place, the reports came to Canada from the special London correspondent of the Sifton press of Western Canada, Mr. Grant Dexter. Only recently commissioned to his present London post, Mr. Dexter is a correspondent who for several years has held the high confidence of the Liberal party in the Parliamentary press gallery here. More than any other newspaper man, he is on terms of close intimacy with the Liberal leader. It is wholly inconceivable, therefore, that he would send so important a despatch as his naval one without first ascertaining that there was adequate basis for it, and, secondly, that its publication would not be embarrassing to the Liberal party.

The despatch was published, intentionally or otherwise, it served the purpose of "a trial balloon," and a couple of days later Mr. King issued his celebrated denial of having held any defence conversations. Meanwhile, Mr. Mackenzie continues to talk.

The whole sequence of events in the somewhat tangled issue affords as classic an example as the Liberal ministry has given in many months of its agility in facing both ways. The Dexter cable, according to leading Liberals, succeeded in arousing a Quebec reaction which was altogether beyond the worst fears of the Government. The cable mentioned the probability of the Dominion adopting a program calling for the

Mr. Tea Pott Says: For a Delicious Cup of Full Flavoured Tea Use BRAHMIN Orange Pekoe Tea

The King George V Memorial

(The Spectator London)
No one can pretend that the total of £250,000 towards a memorial to King George is a satisfactory yield for the eight months since the King's death. Something much nearer a million might have been hoped for, and it is significant that the Memorial Committee is said to be contemplating a less expensive and certainly less impressive treatment of the area opposite the House of Lords where the King's statue is to be placed. Why the response has not been better is a question of some importance. There was never a King whom all classes of his subjects would more desire to honour. But playing fields, important as they are to the nation's life, hardly strike the imagination and the precedent of the Jubilee Trust is not encouraging. What money did it raise? Who is directing it? What is it doing? All these questions could, no doubt, be answered with a little research. But the point is that they need asking. No one should have to ask them, any more than he asks where Trafalgar Square is. King George ought not to be commemorated in a corner.

Mollison's Great Achievement

(Montreal Gazette)
The intrepid and capable James A. Mollison has once more proved his skill as an aviator by making the eastward passage over the Atlantic in record time, 13 hours and 18 minutes from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland to Croynod, England. It was the first time a flight to London from America had been successfully accomplished without a forced landing. Previously Mollison had flown from New York to Newfoundland hopping off point in six hours and 41 minutes, so the full journey was made in 19 hours and 59 minutes. It is typical of Mollison that he set a record time for the actual flight across the sea and that he exceeded the objective. So confident was he that he donned a dinner suit so as to be ready to dine on his arrival in London. He covered the 2100 miles an hour and 12 minutes faster than his advance estimate. Flying alone, he averaged 160 miles an

hour, and so proved his monoplane to be as good as its pilot. Mollison plans to rest a few days and then take off for Cape Town, South Africa, in the hope and belief that he will make still another record for long flight over sea and land. His accomplishments to date justify his conviction that he will again be successful. He deserves all the congratulation that have been coming to him from other aviators, who know that the Atlantic and other such ventures mean to the pilot who undertakes them. Mollison ranks with the greatest aviators of the time.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 8.—Richard O'Brien, once port owner of the old Saint John Globe and for many years a prominent newspaperman here, died at his home last night after a long period of ill health. He would have been 84 years old today.

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