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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Whither Are We Drifting?

One of the many Liberal pages about which Premier Campbell has apparently forgotten has to do with the very present which he now declares to be imminent.

One way of curtailing them would be by the exercise of that "budgetary control" which he and his colleagues so warmly promised to exercise when appearing for years last year.

The electors of Second Queens have a right to be concerned over this alarming financial situation. The Government's already top-heavy majority in the Legislature is not conducive to economy.

U. S. Elections

The formal end of the United States election campaign came last night and early this morning, with election-eve addresses broadcast by President Roosevelt from Hyde Park, N. Y., and by the Republican candidate Wendell L. Willkie from New York.

The election is regarded as the most momentous the country has faced in a generation. The main issues, in order of importance are thus listed by a Canadian Press writer: War; Defense; Aid to Britain; Employment; Business recovery; Social reforms.

Both candidates have proclaimed that they will not lead the country into war, and both have endorsed giving all possible material aid to Great Britain.

Mr. Roosevelt, because of the war situation, limited his personal campaign to appearances at centres within an overnight journey from Washington.

While choosing their President, Americans will also select a Vice President. Henry A. Wallace, Democratic Vice-presidential nominee, and Senator Charles L. McNary, for the Republicans, have carried the burden of the campaigning on farm issues.

all but three House of Representatives and thirty-three Governors also will be chosen. Maine, holding its State election in September, already has picked its Governor, a Senator and three Representatives.

P. E. I. In The Lead

Prince Edward Island was the banner province in Canada in sales of new ordinary life insurance for September of this year, over the corresponding month last year.

In Ontario the decrease in insurance sales was 24 per cent. in Nova Scotia 20 per cent. and in New Brunswick 16 per cent.

The largest drop was in Alberta. In the western provinces the small wheat deliveries allowed because of the storage congestion are said to be affecting insurance sales.

A year ago, before the war clauses went into effect on new policies, there was a tremendous rush for new insurance. Accordingly sales for the month were higher than for any September in recent years.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Guy Fawkes' Day.

Parliament resumes today pursuant to adjournment.

Russia defeated by the British and French at Inkerman, this date, 1854.

The British have kept the right of criticism unimpaired. Their Prime Minister believes in telling his people the worst, so that they will fight all the harder.

Retail prices in the larger provinces, including rents and services, have gone up 5.6 per cent since the start of the present war, according to official statistics.

As a commentary on the daily and nightly raids over both Britain and Germany, the question has been frequently asked in the London papers, and re-echoed in America: "We can stand it, but can the Germans?"

The distinguished Librarian of the United States Congress, one of the foremost living poets, namely Mr. Archibald MacLeish has come out boldly confessing that his pacifist sentiments and writings after the last Great War were so much nippy-cock and partly responsible for the misleading of the rising generation as regards not only self-defence, but defence of our heritage of freedom, civilization and religion.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

At the moment there is rightly concentrated on one purpose, that of winning the war.

Today the Canadian army is a much more democratic organization than it used to be. It still has its discipline—and a very necessary one.

This is not the first time somebody has had an idea of a united Europe held together by obedience to an unchallengeable central authority.

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ONE OF THE PEOPLE

Press Vs. Radio

"(Atticus) in the Financial Post." The relative values of the press and radio as sources of news dissemination in Britain are being demonstrated to me in the ancient city of York.

Some of the provinces unfortunately have Government House. The hints of a similar proceeding has been heard in other provinces.

A reporter of The Journal, Ottawa, has been reproved by a subscriber of that newspaper because he wrote in "the water which the city supplies does not drop like the gentle dew from Heaven."

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

SAFETY FIRST

Sir:—In a recent issue of the Guardian I noticed a letter giving a timely and much needed warning to the "Never slow down on any occasion drivers."

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The Poet's Corner

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

"This was their finest hour," shall men still say When present warfare has become the past.

Party Government Ends (Winnipeg Free Press) The article that appears below represents what well-informed political circles believe actuated Mr. Bracken and his colleagues in moving towards a coalition government.

Party government has ended in Manitoba. From now on the province will be governed by an administration formed of all parties in the Legislature and yet it is neither a coalition nor a union government, though for lack of a better word it has been called both.

It is something new in British constitutional history as far as a legislative body is concerned. It is an attempt to govern by the "Round Table" method. It is government by discussion.

For some time past the government headed by Premier John Bracken has not been a party-making group. It did indeed direct policy, but no longer, in fact, accepted the responsibility for policies adopted on the floor of the House.

Instead, the policy was decided by the Legislature as a whole, and more and more the opinion of the House on controversial matters before submitting them to the rigors and uncertainties of debate.

The idea behind this was that it represented a theory of government by co-operation, with every member of the House accepting responsibility for legislation and at the same time able to act as critic or opposition when the occasion demands.

The growth of this theory, which has now borne fruit in the "non-partisan administration," can be traced fairly easily. More and more, the government has listened to the advice of its standing select committees which include representatives of all parties.

At the recent meeting of the agricultural committee, Premier Bracken expressed his belief in "government by co-operation," though he did not quite put it that way. But he said, and said definitely, that for the future the government intended to seek the advice of all groups on matters of major policy.

As proof of honest intent, it is pointed out that if the government went to the people today or tomorrow, it would probably be returned by a clear majority over all groups with a five-year term trusted safely under its belt.

There is the further evidence that if the present move was purely political, another and easier course could have been followed. Why not have an election and then, after the results were none too favorable, propound the coalition theory.

Instead, Mr. Bracken has chosen to make his move now, call in all groups and contest an election on a co-operative basis whenever an election is necessary.

As far as can be seen from this distance, the new theory that is worked out as follows: A crisis arises or a need becomes apparent. The select committee, into whose jurisdiction it falls, then goes into session. It hears the pros and cons and toys around with the solution. Then when a fairly concrete suggestion has been advanced and accepted, the matter is brought before the House, where further debate will take place.

It will either be supported or dismissed, more often the former since it is the result of deliberations by all groups in committee. If accepted it will be passed on the responsibility of the House if it fails to go through, no one suffers, since the government as such was not responsible for it.

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