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

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Three Provincial Elections

Three provinces now have announced general elections for next month—Manitoba on Oct. 15, Nova Scotia on Oct. 23, British Columbia on the 25th.

Two of the governments concerned are coalitions. In British Columbia, in a legislature of 48 members, Mr. John Hart until dissolution headed a group of 29, consisting of 18 Liberals and 11 Progressive Conservatives.

In Manitoba, as in B. C., a coalition came about because the 1941 elections failed to give any party a majority in the Legislature.

The election in Nova Scotia is following the return to the premiership of Mr. Angus Macdonald. There the political situation is less complicated.

New Chemical Weed-Killer

If all the things claimed for a new chemical weed-killer prove to be true, the farmers of this part of the country stand to benefit a great deal. The new stuff that kills weeds is known as 2-4-D, but those who prefer to call it by its right name can walk up to the counter, when it becomes available, and ask for some dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.

Britain's Contribution

Here are some interesting facts about the United Kingdom's contribution to victory in the Far East. Firstly: in research and development leading to the production of the atomic bomb, British science played a leading and indispensable part.

the Royal Navy. Eighty; to support this huge effort, in addition to her commitments in Europe, Britain, in spite of casualties, had brought up her armed forces to a total (including the Women's Auxiliary Services) of five million, and the total was still rising at the very end of the war.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Scotland's historic records were removed to places of safety during the war. They have now been restored to Register House in Edinburgh.

Though Canada possesses only 1-18th of the world's population and occupies 1-14th of the world's area, she produces 1-10th of the world's output of nickel, neoprene, asbestos, platinum and radium.

New stories of Japanese atrocities have been reported from Australia, including the murder of at least one American or New Zealand airman by pouring boiling water over him, killing Chinese laborers by forcing gallons of water down their throats and chopping off Indian prisoners' toes with shovels.

A British Iron and Steel Research Association has been set up, and is to spend £400,000 (\$1,722,000) a year for the next 5 years at least on research and technical developments in the industry.

Before the war the average consumption of meat by Canadians was 119 pounds a year. Last year it was 149; under rationing it will be between 130 and 135, Ottawa officials claim.

James II, King of Great Britain and Ireland, second son of Charles I died this date in exile 1705; after putting down the insurrections of the Dukes of Monmouth and Argyll in 1685, he persecuted the covenanters in Scotland; issued the Declaration of Independence; escaped to France on the landing of William of Orange; was defeated at the Boyne in 1690, returned to France, where he died; his daughter Mary was married to William of Orange; while another daughter, Anne, succeeded to the English throne in 1702—dull, obstinate, but homely and good-natured, she was deeply religious, and entirely English at heart.

New courses, aimed at producing better teachers, fitted to assume a position of leadership in their communities, will be offered in Saskatchewan Normal Schools this year. The new courses are "Human Growth and Development," "Rural Sociology," and "Library Techniques."

Prime Minister Attlee, said in the British House of Commons on 23rd August: "Arrangements are being made for the Japanese surrender in Hong Kong to be accepted by a British Force Commander. Plans for re-establishing British administration in the Colony are fully prepared."

Sometimes story tellers are not overly careful as to facts. In a recent issue of a magazine a story was told about Horace Greeley, the famous editor who is reputed to have got off many good things, says The Port William Times-Journal.

Notes By The Way Another Reason For Chignecto Canal

Keep away from alcohol, advises The Galt Reporter. It may give you a red nose, a white liver, a yellow streak, a pink brown taste and a blue outlook.

It warmed my heart to overhear this charming exchange in the Post Office as a young woman paused in the act of pushing a telegram form under the grille: "Can you send kisses again yet, Miss?" "Yes, four a penny." "I'll have two pence worth, and down went eight crosses in a stubby pencil—Mrs. E. R. P. Williams in London Times.

No fewer than 141 of Holland's famous windmills have been blown up or damaged by the retreating Germans, says Netherlands News Letter. The first months of the war made up for the lack of electricity, windmills and more of the undamaged electric current to more parts of the country.

C. J. Cornell, night clerk in a St. Augustine (Fla.) hotel, reports that he guesses is an occurrence of quite a local significance. A lady who for three years has been a fore-woman on the assembly line in a production plant registered in his hotel, with her husband, she seized pen and wrote on the registration card a note to the effect: "My husband, Cleveland, Ohio."

The first photographs of Hiroshima, taken at ground level by Army camera men, show that early reports of the atomic bombing were in no wise exaggerated. Here surely is chaos and the full impact of that terrible and whirlwind means. Here, too, is just about the ultimate in man-made devastation. The pictures have a clear warning to be given. Another war might easily mean the end of civilization, for it is the end of the world as we know it.

Looking back 45 years, it is amazing to find that there scarcely has been one year when the world was in complete peace. Viewed in this light, the present situation is not so surprising. The world has been the last of wars? His statement that human nature must be changed if there is to be an end to the war is a profound appraisal of the situation.

My niece, Athena, who has a habit of thinking things out, complains that she is not getting along any too well in civics. "What's wrong?" I asked that independent, coverly girl. "That's my history and my civics professor," she answered. "He's taken a dislike to me. He began when he declared no general statement, was not completely true. And I spoke up and asked, 'How about that one?'"

The practice of "having has" dwindled to a shadow of its former self in many universities. At Queen's University, for instance, freshmen two decades back faced a brutal initiation. They were forced to undergo a series of ordeals and to run a gauntlet of physical pain and indignity which could—both harm and result in actual bodily harm.

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And now the Ontario government announces that the consumer still exists and is not quite extinct and with extraordinary courage, declares that it will befriend this poor lost creature.

The consumer is dead and buried long ago. His grave is overgrown with a rank growth of taxes and hidden in a thicket of tariffs. Through the surrounding jungles of wild bureaucrats, and at night the howls of the protectionists and the shrill squeak of the socialist bird school against the empty hills. There is no headstone on this lonely grave, only an empty bottle which once contained the whisky worth fifty cents but priced at \$450.

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