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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink." FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1939

Balcony Should Be Used

One feature of the Royal Visit to Charlottetown which is meeting with anything but popular enthusiasm is the exclusive function in the Confederation Chamber, where the addresses of welcome are to be presented and His Majesty's reply received.

It is, of course, very desirable that Their Majesties should visit the historic room in which the Confederation Fathers met; but there is no reason why the addresses and presentations should be made there. The Provincial Building is provided with a spacious balcony, suited to just such an occasion, and the whole proceedings could then be witnessed by the public.

This, it is suggested, would be much more in keeping with Their Majesties' own wishes, for wherever they have gone they have shown a touching desire to respond to the popular interest and enthusiasm occasioned by their presence. That, after all, is what they are coming here for.

It is not too late to make this change in the programme, as it would not interfere with the time schedule or any other function. If permission is required to be obtained from Ottawa, a telegram or phone call by the Premier should be sufficient.

A somewhat similar situation arose in connection with the plans for the civic reception at Halifax on June 13, which have been changed to accommodate the wishes of the public. The function at Halifax is to be held on the Grand Parade in front of the City Hall instead of in the Council Chamber as proposed.

In our case, the present programme affords no opportunity for the general public to see Their Majesties except while passing along the streets. They cannot see or hear what is going on in the cloistered seclusion of the Confederation Chamber, whereas from the balcony the scene could be witnessed by thousands, including the school children on Great George Street. If loud-speakers were installed they could not only see but hear what was taking place.

Canada's Reaction

There is considerable optimism in both Montreal and Toronto regarding business for this Fall and the coming year. The Royal Visit is more responsible for this than anything else, talking people's minds off the bogey men of Europe. Writing in the Toronto Stock Exchange Monthly, Mr. John E. Hammill says: "We should recognize that the continent of Europe no longer will take the lead in the scheme of things to come. The immediate future lies with the British Empire and the Americas. Let us see that we are not cheated out of our amazingly rich heritage by threats and false appeals of totalitarian ideologies. A dictator's power in his own country is only possible because a majority of his people have agreed to give up their God-given right to think for themselves. Surely Canadians have not reached that stage yet. If we insist on doing our own thinking, the dictators can have no power to impede the business of these western democracies. Let's forget the 'bogey-men' and get back to our own work."

"Look at our Canadian balance sheet. Half a continent of natural wealth, of which the surface is not yet scratched. Eleven million people willing and anxious to help develop our resources. A virile and aggressive people who will prove themselves worthy descendants of those pioneers who gave us our start. As tangible current assets our national inventory wealth is estimated at over twenty-six billions of dollars with only eight billion dollars of national debt as a liability to set against the former figure. That is a working capital ratio of three and one quarter to one. A sound business condition surely."

Welfare Costs

The Canadian Welfare Council, Ottawa, has published a pamphlet, entitled Facing Up to Public Welfare Costs and Services, in which Dr. H. M. Cassidy, former director of social welfare for British Columbia and at present professor of social economics in the University of California, discusses the details of the huge bill which has to be met annually by Canadian taxpayers, stressing the need for prevention and rehabilitation, and Miss Charlotte Whitton, director of the council, makes certain suggestions for controlling expenditures. Dr. Cassidy regrets the impossibility of arriving at a correct estimate of costs, under the present inadequate system of compiling social service statistics; after painstaking research, he does not claim more for his statement than that it is the best "approximation" that can be got under the circumstances.

Taking the year 1937—a relatively prosperous year, he reminds readers—he puts the public welfare bill at \$250,000,000, or one-fourth the total expenditures of the government for all purposes. This sum—staggering as it is—does not include education, labour administration and social insurance. It represents the money spent on public assistance, child welfare, mental hygiene, "corrections" (penal and reformatory institutions and related services.) The type of

persons coming within the category of those for whom this quarter of a billion dollars is annually appropriated includes three underprivileged classes—the destitute, the defective and the delinquent. The number of public dependants in 1937 is put at 1,550,000, or nearly 14 per cent. of the population of the entire Dominion.

By far the greatest number of dependants, over a million, or 9.13 per cent. of the population, come under the classification of unemployment relief recipients; old-age pensioners account for nearly 175,000, or 1.57 per cent.; neglected children come next with 90,000; patients in mental hospitals number 39,000; adults in benevolent institutions, 12,000; patients in tuberculosis hospitals, 6,500; inmates of jails, penitentiaries, reformatories and industrial schools, 10,700. Of the total public welfare bill (1936), estimated at \$260,000,000, 41.5 per cent. was contributed by the Dominion, 37.4 per cent. by the provinces and 21.1 per cent. by the municipalities. This is exclusive of upwards of 48 1-2 million dollars for pensions and medical care of war veterans. Unemployment relief absorbed 68 per cent. of public welfare expenditure. It is suggested that public dependency might be considerably reduced if the effort was concentrated not merely on "keeping people alive," by relief payments, but on preventive measures—public health, mental hygiene, child care and protection, pre-delinquency, vocational guidance and placement and other constructive services. The need for an improved national system of social statistics is repeatedly emphasized.

Editorial Notes

Charles Dickens died this date, 1870.

Six days till Their Most Gracious Majesties come to visit us.

Senator Meighen, declared in the Senate on the closing night—"I can tell the newspapers there will be an election this year." The month is supposed to be August or October.

Of the 11,000 pictures and sculpture sent each year to Burlington House, only some 500 are hung. Famous R. A.'s have had their failures, too.

Farm implements and machinery imports in April totalled \$1,987,593 in comparison with \$2,108,020 in March and \$2,116,284 in the corresponding month last year. A large part came from the United States, the leading item being internal combustion traction engines.

An Islander now settled in Saskatchewan writes: "It wouldn't be well for Mr. Dunning to show himself in Saskatchewan these days after his handling of the economic situation as Minister of Finance. Once he was the uncrowned King of this province, but now they would like to crown him."

Canadian meat was exported to the value of \$2,086,687 in April. The United Kingdom took the bulk at \$1,930,211, of which bacon and hams accounted for \$1,835,196. In March the meat exports totalled \$3,385,071 and in April last year, \$2,752,291. April imports of meat totalled in value \$153,679 in comparison with \$236,045 in March and \$80,522 in April, 1938. The United States accounted for a total of \$68,412, Argentina \$57,522 and Australia \$19,531. In addition to the foregoing, sausage skins were imported to the value of \$42,100, largely from New Zealand and Australia.

Probably the one who will most readily and accurately recall the previous visit of His Majesty here is Mrs. (Col.) Cecil Stewart whose father, His Honor Benjamin Rogers was then Governor and entertained the then Royal Middy at Government House. The Prince, as he then was, was shy and retiring, keeping in the back ground as much as possible, not being above allowing a fellow middy to substitute for him when one or more audacious ladies wished to shake hands with him. Now he lets the Queen share with him the enthusiasm of his loyal subjects.

At the suggestion of Senator Meighen, Government Leader Dandurand has undertaken to re-introduce cuts in Senatorial salaries for playing truant. It appears as the end of the Session approaches the majority of members pack up and depart, leaving often the most important part of the session's work to one or two members to discuss. This matter will be taken into consideration when Parliament meets next year. "I have done the best I could to request those of us on this side of the House to stay, but with meagre success," said Senator Meighen "I suggest to cure this situation that we restore the rule which affects the indemnity of members of this House if they are not here in the last two weeks of the session."

Establishment of Kingsmere Bird Sanctuary in Hull County, Province of Quebec, under the Migratory Birds Convention Act is announced by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. The new sanctuary has an area of approximately 1,800 acres, comprising Kingsmere Lake and some adjoining privately-owned lands, and its establishment was made possible through the cooperation of the Province of Quebec and property owners in the region. This sanctuary area is frequented by upland birds, especially song birds and insectivorous birds, and is similar to a number of other bird sanctuaries of this type that have been established in other places in the Laurentians and elsewhere in Canada. The killing, hunting, capturing, injuring, taking or molesting of migratory game, migratory insectivorous or migratory non-game birds, or the taking, injuring, destruction or molestation of their nests or eggs is prohibited at all times within the Kingsmere Bird Sanctuary.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An interesting address was delivered recently by Headman Hosea Kuliako from South-West Africa. He spoke about the war of 1904-1908, when his people made the harsh treatment they received from the Germans. "They took away our cattle as well as our properties," he said. "We were only laborers, even the men and children," he said. The headman spoke of the constructive policy of the "good Union government," and the realization of his dream for the natives. He spoke in glowing terms of the educational facilities afforded by the British government. The good feeling between the natives and Europeans was evidenced, he said, by the debate at the Native Council. He praised the work done by the Union government for natives, particularly in regard to agriculture. — South African News Letter.

Sick and disappointed the 78-year-old Paderewski may feel that his days of greatness are over. He may no longer be the world's greatest pianist but his enormous gift of money and energy to Poland as well as his outstanding musical talents insure him a place among the world's immortals. — London Free Press.

The spring has brought a welcome change to large numbers of British workers. More unemployed men and women were found doing February, March and April than in any other months. The report issued by the ministry of labor show that, during that period, 395,000 persons returned to work. There is a tendency to associate the improvement in trade and industry to the expansion in the armament industries. The returns do not bear out this analysis of the situation. The April figures show that the armament trades, like engineering, iron and steel, metal goods and aircraft, absorbed only 2,000 extra workers. Improvement in the seasonal trades, such as building, agriculture, public works, hotel services and the distribution of goods, accounted for 80,000. The full effect of the greater expenditure on arms will not doubt be felt later on. Reports from certain industrial centres indicate that the manufacture of clothes, furniture, household effects, luxury goods, and personal effects are receiving large orders in consequence of the wider distribution of purchasing power. In the shipbuilding centres the large number of orders recently placed will stimulate still further demands for commodities, and the demand will be reflected in better trade and still further decreases in unemployment in many districts. One important fact that is being noted in a survey of British trade and labor statistics is the number of persons in work. Out of a population of 48,000,000, the number of persons employed in Great Britain on April 17 was 12,511,000. — By Andrew Blakmore.

Recently there were broadcast to the United States and Great Britain the tones of two trumpets, one of silver and one of tin. The silver trumpet has been silent in Tutank-Amen's tomb for thirty centuries. It was an amazing experience, tinged with awe, to hear them—awesome even in our sophisticated and impious times. The trumpets were blown by a British trumpeter in recognition of the enduring fitness of these new instruments identify them as military instruments employed in the period of the boy pharaoh to inspire the divisions of his army. Thousands of years. And voiceless save for the trumpets that survive them. — Portland Oregonian.

It may be just in the imagination but it seems that Brooks people are taking more pride in the beauty of their home surroundings this spring than ever before. It wasn't long after the last snow and ice disappeared before the lawns and flower beds were being brought to good use in front and back yards. Much credit is due those early citizens of the town who had foresight to plant hundreds of trees in every block. They created the incentive to add to the beauty they have left because it's much easier to keep things in good shape than to make the original start. — Brooks Bulletin.

And now they are talking about "resine elections." We do not know whether this refers to the duration of time for election campaigns or to the size of the candidates' campaign election addresses could well be advocated—short and to the point. — St. Catharines Standard.

The Albanian Minister to the United States seems to have summed up the story of Mussolini's cowardly and unprovoked attack upon Albania. "A prizefighter," he said, "to show his skill, has knocked down a child." — Moncton Transcript.

Canada has a general unsuspected source of wealth in its wolf skins. Alive the wolf is a marauder, destroying sheep and poultry on Algona farms, for example, and doing serious deprivation among our game. But dead, his pelt is a thing of value, whether it be for robes, fur coats or other uses. And at times it provides a substantial export trade. In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1937, for instance, exports of wolf pelts were valued at \$605,018 and in the five years from 1934 to 1938 the total value of such exports was \$1,982,792, not very much short of two million dollars. — Sault Ste Marie Star.

The other evening, I am told, a bat entered the open doorway of a rather large room in which a number of women and a few men were gathered. One woman saw the bat and screamed, whereupon, as if by reflex action, every one of the other women immediately covered her head—some using their little fur neckpieces, some their "bicheros" (scarves) and a few their skirts. One woman's account for it, they explained that it is the habit of bats to entangle themselves in the hair of women. None of them had ever known of a first hand of a woman with a bat caught in her hair, but they all knew women who knew women who had had bats in their hair. They all agreed that nothing could possibly be

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D. CURING INSOMNIA—SLEEPLESSNESS

The story has been told for many years about a member of a household who complained of her inability to sleep. She said she was a very light sleeper, the slightest noise would awaken her, and she would be hours before she could get off to sleep again. It happened one night that there was a large fire directly across the street, so large, indeed, that a "general alarm" was sounded and shouting. Everybody in the house was awakened and watched the proceedings for hours. The woman, however, did not wake up. She had taken no drugs to make her sleep. The point is that most of us get more sleep than we think we do. The minutes that we are awake during the night seem like hours and the hours we sleep seem like minutes.

Research workers tell us that we should get all night and rest if we sleep each night and rest quietly (no plans or problems on our mind) for six months, we will be able to continue to live with four hours sleep and four hours complete rest, we could do our daily work. They state further that the worry of not being able to sleep is more wearing on the body than the lack of sleep itself.

In searching for the cause of insomnia or sleeplessness, there are certain ailments such as a brain tumor and high blood pressure that should be considered. There are also cases of disturbed rest due to poor mattress or springs, too much light, unusual noises, worries or problems, pain, temperature of room too high or too low, the wrong kind of or too much food at evening meal or before retiring.

Most insomnia patients respond well to a hot bath before retiring. If they will go to bed in the darkness immediately after the bath. In mental hospitals where there are both the depressed and the excited types, the hot bath for a few minutes is often used to induce and prolong sleep.

What about drugs? It would be safe to say that there have been too many new drugs to produce sleep and relieve pain placed on the market in the last few years than nearly all other drugs combined. In cases where there has been severe emotional disturbance causing sleeplessness, the use of these new drugs is considered justified. Such simple methods as the hot bath, a hot drink, hot water bag to stomach, light exercise before retiring, should also be tried before the use of the sleeping tablet should be permitted.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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"MEIN KAMPF"

Sir—The verse at the end of this letter was composed in honour of our Canadian King. I am told by some ultra-loyal friends that the word "Prolet" spoils it to their taste, and for all true Canadians, as being too Germanic. But if they will recall their school-days, they will remember that it was a good Latin verb centuries before Germany came into being; and that Latin verb translated "Be it well with you—O King and Queen of ours!"

Are there any Canadians who hate the Germanic peoples so bitterly that they will not so readily take it from that language in which Goethe and Schiller spoke out to the whole world their noble ideals, and in whose syllables the verse of Martin Luther thundered forth the Reformation of the Church of the Living God throughout a dying world? That was four hundred years ago; and yet today it is the tongue of Padre Neumuller and of Archbishop Weitz of Salzburg. They are graciously allowed to make use of it to their local glory in German "Prison Camps for Clergy"; but their correspondence with people outside is heavily censored; and, as in "The Great Illusion," it is "Strengste Verboten" (most positively forbidden) for them to make use of God's free air to broadcast to other races, lest the few remaining free peoples might be encouraged to further resistance to dictators—and forget to kneel again, as did Deladier and Chamberlain, at Munich.

O Canada—French and English—who speak two lovely "Lingua Francas," must the day soon come when your tongue too are tied by tyrant things? God forbid! Then let us all "Soak the speech, I pray you," as he pronounced it to us—our King in French as well as English; let us say it in noble German:—"Ceci notre vouloir—C'est La Liberté!"

"Frans never shall be slaves!" "Omnium rerum libertatem desideramus" (C'ero). "Freiheit uber alles!—Wir wollen frei sein!"

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