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

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Then And Now

"Impressive and Able Address Delivered by Brilliant Leader of the Ontario Liberals at Mass Meeting Held in Charlottetown."

It was in this fashion that our evening contemporary featured Premier Hepburn's campaign speech here in 1935 on behalf of Mr. Mackenzie King—the campaign Mr. Hepburn now repudiates, but which he fears he will never be able to live down.

Editorially our contemporary stated that Mr. Hepburn's tour on that occasion would be "helpful in electing the four Liberal candidates." No doubt it was! But Mr. Hepburn confessedly fooled the electors at that time, and is now heartily ashamed of his share in the deception.

To our contemporary Mr. Hepburn was then "the Idol of the Liberal Party in Ontario." His present opinion of him, (like some of the evidence in recent prohibition cases) is probably "unfit for publication."

Good Market For Apple Exports

This has been a poor year for the production of apples in England, due to the combination of an early spring and severe late frosts in April and May after the apple trees have displayed a wealth of blossom. The crop will be appreciably lower than last year, when it was 35 per cent below the average of the previous ten years.

In consequence, the prospects for Canadian apples in the United Kingdom this fall are quite promising. W. B. Gornall, Canadian Fruit Trade Commissioner, writes from London in the Commercial Intelligence Journal. A great deal depends upon the crop in the United States and the quality available for export from that country to the United Kingdom, but latest official reports indicate that the American crop as a whole is under average and thus may not be a serious competitive factor.

"Between lower production in the principal exporting states of the United States and the light yield in the United Kingdom, the total supply of fruit available on the market may be even smaller than last year, when supplies were the lowest for the last five years," Mr. Gornall concludes. "In view of this situation and the added facts of light yields of other fruits in Great Britain and under-average crops of all fruits in European countries, the present apple season is likely to yield satisfactory price returns for well-packed fruit in good condition."

Wise After The Event

The crisis being over for a time, it may be late for diagnosis, but this one was made early enough. It is Rudyard Kipling's, offered in London on May 6, 1935:

"Great Britain's quota of dead in the war was over 800,000 when the books were closed. All these were men of average physique and, but that they died without issue, would have continued the race. . . . There are a number of persons who for various reasons dissociated themselves from the war. . . . There is a necessity laid upon man to justify himself to himself in order that he may continue to live comfortable with himself."

"Initial errors, as you all know, are trivial. It is what men say and do to prove to themselves that their errors were really laborious virtues which build up the wholesome hills of this life. So it was in exact accord with human nature that, very shortly after the war, a theory should have sprung up that the war had been due to a sort of cosmic hallucination which had infected the nations concerned with a sort of cosmic hysteria. This theory absolved those who had not interested themselves in the war, and, by inference, condemned those who had: thus supplying comfort and moral support where needed. Naturally the notion bore fruit."

"The world outside England had other preoccupations. Like ourselves, it had been compelled to deal with an opponent whose national life and ideals are based on a cult—a religion, as it now appears—of war, which exacts that all his nationals shall be trained, at any cost, to endure as well as to inflict punishment. In this our opponent was excusable. He had won his place in civilization by means of three well-planned wars waged within two generations. He had been checked somewhat in the fourth war, but soon after the close of it—in 'rd or '25—seemed to be preparing for a fifth campaign."

"In this also our opponent was excusable. His path was made easy for him. Stride for stride with his progress toward his avowed goal he toiled, as men toil after virtue, to cast away a half and more than a half of our defenses in all three elements and to limit the sources of their supply and renewal. This we did explicitly that we might set the rest of the world a good example. That the rest of the world—down to little uneasy neutrals who had seen what could happen to a neutral at a pinch—was openly or covertly trying to arm itself against whistled, our neutrals had nothing to do with our case. It was laid upon us to set the world an example, no matter at what risks. And we did. "For several years our responsible administrators dealt almost with complacency on the

magnitude of the risks we were running, and on our righteousness in running them; and through all those years our people were made to appear as if they loved to have it so. But through all those irrecoverable years a large part of the world outside England had not been idle. Today State-controlled murder and torture, open and secret, within and outside the borders of a State; State-engineered famine, starvation and slavery are requisite; State-imposed godlessness or State-prescribed paganism are commonplaces of domestic administration throughout States whose aggregate area is between one-fifth and one-fourth of the total land surface of the Eastern Hemisphere.

"These modern developments have been accepted in England without noticeable protest, even from quarters usually quick to protest. Nevertheless, the past year or so has given birth to the idea that our example of State-defended defenselessness has not borne much fruit, and that we have walked far enough along the road that is paved with good intentions. It is now arranged that in due time we shall take steps to remedy our more obvious deficiencies.

"So far, good; but if that time be not given us—if the attack of the future is to be on the same swift "all-in" lines as our opponents' domestic administrations—it is possible that, before we are aware, our country may have joined those submerged races of history who passed their children through fire to Moloch in order to win credit with their gods."

Editorial Notes

Sir Isaac Brock died in action at Queenstown Heights this date, 1812.

Did Prime Minister King and Dr. Skelton time their visit to the Caribbean so as to be unavailable as witnesses before the Bren Gun Commission?

It is fitting that a memorial to Sir William Macdonald should be placed in the Provincial Building; a still more fitting and appropriate memorial would have been a continuance of the consolidated school system which he fathered in this Province.

Here is something for the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to ruminate over. Hon. R. G. Menzies, Attorney General of Australia in discussing the Czechoslovakia crisis, in which he highly commended the success of Prime Minister Chamberlain, said, inter alia, "Australian Ministers are regarded in Whitehall as men whom it was difficult to satisfy, not 'yes men.' What struck him most on his visits to London was that if any dominion has a mind of its own it was Australia."

Commenting on the ineffectiveness of the League of Nations, particularly in the face of recent developments in Europe, the Chilean newspaper Imparcial, says that the South American countries must be placed on guard against any revival of the idea of creating a Pan-American group of nations, as suggested on many occasions in these republics. It declares that any such proposal is doomed to failure from the start if, as reported, it will be brought up at the Pan-American conference in Lima, Peru, in December. The newspaper maintains that the Geneva organization received a death blow at Munich last week and that the principle on which such societies is based has been severely shaken in practice. South America should not attempt to create any similar organization at the present time, it warns.

Whether she is the wife of a ghost is a question which has brought perplexity and dismay to a young London woman, according to Dr. C. E. M. Joad, head of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology at Birkbeck College, London University. Dr. Joad told a Daily Mail reporter the other day that the woman, a guest at a party in the house, went alone to a room in which a buffet was laid. "A man entered the room," said Dr. Joad. "My friend spoke to him. He looked at her in silence, walked once around the table and, brushing past her, passed out of the room. She could not forget the face, but did not connect the man with the ghost which was supposed to appear at meal times in the house. Soon afterwards, to her great amazement, she met the man in a London restaurant. Later they married, and were invited to the manor house. She recalled their first meeting. Her husband looked puzzled, declared that he had no recollection of it. At the house he behaved just as the 'ghost' did. He walked round the table, brushed past her out of the room—and vanished. Widespread inquiries have failed to trace him, and my friend is now in a real dilemma. Did she marry a ghost?"

London newspapers are wondering how many supermen we breed and develop in Canada. Captain John Edward Phillips, former Canadian Army boxing champion, stormed into the police court of Brighton, England, the other morning and demanded the arrest of George Bastable, George Lambert and an unknown man for felonious assault. "Why don't you go to the police?" inquired Judge B. J. Saunders. "I put the case in their hands, but did not find them very helpful." "How was that?" "Last evening, melud, I went to a restaurant. There were three men there and the manager told me she was worried because they refused to pay their bill and had refused to leave. I told her to call the police. Apparently the men had heard me, for one of them asked me for a cigarette. As I was offering him my case, he struck me with a bottle. Naturally, I hit him. Then another picked up a chair and threw it at me, another came at me with a bread knife. From these assaults, I defended myself. Then the police came and I told them to arrest my assailants. The police looked around and said it was a case for the ambulance. They advised me to see you. So here I am." "I can only issue summonses," said the judge. "Where are they to be found?" "In the Brighton Hospital, melud," volunteered the constable who had accompanied Captain Phillips.

NOTES BY THE WAY

As far as we know no commentator has referred to the tumultuous reception accorded Hitler's speech as a hellstorm.—London Free Press.

Discussing an alternative for gold, one columnist asserts that silver is "the only other precious metal." Poor chap! What a job is coming to him when he calls up the coal dealer!—Windsor Star.

The local French news paper Le Jour has just completed its first year of publication and its promoters and editors have reason to look back with pride upon the results achieved. In four years its main purpose the cultivation of improved relations between the two great races exercising a common citizenship in this province.—The Gazette.

A village of 1500 B.C. has been found in the Orkney Islands. The Britons were at that time shifting from stone to bronze tools, and during the next decade the number of bogs decreased from 927 to 717, partly by being abandoned as unprofitable and partly by arrangement for water flowage, mainly by pumping. Today the bogs are regarded as of quite secondary value, so much so that it is doubtful if any new dry bogs are being established in Cape Cod and many are on the market for sale.

It is held by some that water submergence of the cranberry vine has an injurious effect upon its growth during the summer months, and spraying or dusting with insecticides is being recommended. The cost of the latter process is higher both in labour and material than of simply allowing the water to flow into the bog and remain for a few hours or days and then open the gates to drain it out. On a dry bog there is of course no choice in the matter, so far as insect trouble is concerned, and by the use of insecticides the lack of water flowage can be made up. On the other hand, making tests with large fans for the movement of the air over the bogs in cold Spring and Autumn nights, but it will likely be a long time, if ever, that that method will be recommended.

The damage that is done by the late Spring and early Autumn frosts is very real indeed in cranberry growing in Cape Cod in the night. Dr. Franklin is making tests to sustain that being the chief reason for the abandoning of dry bogs. Today a temperature notifying service is given by the Experiment Station to members of the night. Dr. Franklin is making tests by telephone on days upon which the Government meteorologists expect frosts during the night. Most growers also have minimum and maximum temperature gauges which they set close to the vines. The ordinary

When father spanks Jimmy Four-Year-Old or Jenny Five-Year-Old to the accompaniment of this hurts me more than it does you, the youngsters' skepticism is understandable. Children probably would be more in accord with Acting Governor Charles E. Leizaola, of New Jersey, who suggests the possibility of spankings by parents. He told the State Juvenile Delinquency Commission that he believed "in many cases parents and not children should be punished."—Christian Science Monitor.

It is an open secret that for many years the Japanese have been responsible for almost all the narcotic trade in China and since the hostilities began this traffic has increased to a great extent. It is estimated that in Shanghai alone between two and three tons of opium have been smuggled into that city since the military operations in the China coast were begun. The opium is being produced in the Japanese islands of Formosa, Davao and Jehol, while some of it comes from as far away as Persia, where the Japanese have their agents. The opium smugglers have seized about \$1,000,000 worth of opium that has been brought into Shanghai, but since the Chinese Customs are prevented from functioning in the Yangtze and other river sections of the harbor, the Japanese have been able to land their cargo at will, and amongst the goods brought ashore have been vast quantities of opium. A general estimate reveals that for every ounce of opium that is smuggled into the country, at least five ounces reach dealers and consumers, and one of the greatest dangers in the opium and narcotic trade is the disclosure of undisclosed evidence that the Japanese are using the opium for the purpose of the public through a so-called "special service department."—Hongkong Press.

Most amateur wireless enthusiasts will have realized long ago that there is one of the very few hobbies that might suddenly cease to be a toy or an instrument of vital military importance. In the time of war it is probable that the amateur wireless stations in the country would be requisitioned, and either put out of commission or used as listening posts. The watch upon the ether and the eavesdropping of the other would on the outbreak of hostilities come almost automatically under government control. This gives a graver reality to the advice that goes on nightly between the amateur stations, when call signs speed round the globe and sing-song voices send such messages as "This is XYZ calling, Scottish station, twenty meters, over." It is a highly specialized and, to a large extent, a goal of the energy that thousands of amateurs once put into the building of broadcast receiving sets and the days before the outbreak, these were of simple design.—London Daily Herald.

With an apparent marked easement of the present European situation, the Government for the Government to study closely the question of placing some sort of curb on the statements issued by certain radio stations in Canada and the United States, many of which serve to seriously disturb the public by their alarming but generally false news. This was particularly marked on the Saturday morning when a jittery world was expecting the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the German armies and the possible outbreak of a world-wide conflict. A number of stations repeatedly issued the statement that German troops were on the march, that fighting was underway along the border and that war had been actually declared. Not only did these broadcasts cause unnecessary heartburning in many quarters, but they also added to the troubles of those forces seeking to preserve a feeling of quiet and confidence among the people as a whole. Again, the activities of these "news" managers only served to throw a measure of discredit upon those commentators who would render a real service to the public by their interpretive comment on the affairs of the day. These are usually men of superior education and intelligence, with wide experience in foreign countries and a keen insight of their people. Well-trained in the field of foreign affairs, they are able to give many

Cranberry Growing In Prince Edward Island

(By H. K. S. Hemming)

DRY CULTIVATED BOGS

A dry cultivated cranberry bog is one that has been cleared, drained, levelled and covered with sand in order to permit the planting of vines, but which has no attendant body of fresh water, such as a lake, a swamp or a stream from which flowage may be obtained by gravitation. From a higher level or by pumping from a lower level in order to submerge the vines to protect them from winter killing or from frost injury during the Spring and Autumn months, when freezing temperatures are anticipated. Water submergence is also employed to kill insects and weeds in their early stages of growth. Prior to 1924 many growers were apparently satisfied to cultivate dry bogs, but during the next decade the number of bogs decreased from 927 to 717, partly by being abandoned as unprofitable and partly by arrangement for water flowage, mainly by pumping. Today the bogs are regarded as of quite secondary value, so much so that it is doubtful if any new dry bogs are being established in Cape Cod and many are on the market for sale.

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ONE-GOALER DEAD

HYTTE, Eng.—Thomas C. Hoorman, 87, who played for Wanderers against Royal Engineers in the first Football Association cup final in 1872 and scored the only goal of the match, died here the other day.

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FANS GOT ANGRY

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