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

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Alarming Revelations

The official summary of the special audit and investigation of the City Accounts conducted by Messrs. D. F. Archibald and W. A. Morrell, appearing in today's Guardian, will cause grave concern to our taxpayers and citizens generally.

The tabling of the report at last night's meeting of the City Council was followed by resolutions referring it to the attention of the Attorney General and dismissing the City Clerk from office.

In order to get a correct picture of the situation the auditors had to delve into the records back to 1932. They report that the Mayor and Finance Committee were unanimously behind them in their investigations and did everything possible to facilitate an unbiased audit.

Of the \$69,436.43 shortage as at January 15, 1939, there are offsetting items of \$5,000 to be recovered from the City Clerk's bond, and some \$7,000, apparently conscience money paid into the office since the investigation started.

A valuable feature of the report is the analysis which is made of defects in the system of accounting, tax collecting and financing carried on, and it is to be hoped that the recommendations with regard to these matters will be implemented, promptly and to the letter.

Some Traffic Dangers

Thousands of visitors will be in Charlottetown next week for the celebration of the Confederation Conference anniversary, and traffic mishaps are likely to occur unless extra care is taken both by motorists and pedestrians.

The City Police will have the assistance of the R. C. M. P. in supervising traffic next week, but the co-operation of the general public is necessary as well. Motorists are expected to observe all stop signs and other regulations with special care.

Pedestrians are reminded of the danger of crossing streets indirectly, of emerging from behind parked vehicles which obscure their view of an approaching driver, and of making sudden dashes in front of approaching cars.

Attention should also be paid to the necessity of impressing upon children the risks run by taking foolish chances, either on foot, cycle or roller skates. Roller skating is a popular sport with youngsters this summer, but it is one which is attended by constant danger when exercised on busy thoroughfares.

Eyes On Canada

As an example of the variety of problems with which the Canadian Government is faced as a result of Germany's efforts to enlarge her export trade, the Ottawa correspondent of the London Times gives two striking cases which have come to light. German interests are proposing to sell electrical equipment to the value of \$300,000 to the Provincial telephone system of Manitoba at low prices and to accept in payment butter, barley, honey, seed and grain.

have also been putting money into Canadian securities, but not to the same extent. In earlier days the people of the United States, helped by their proximity and similar natural conditions were able to "get on the ground floor," and they continue to show their practical interest in Canadian industrial development.

Japanese Propaganda

The Japanese American Review, a journal devoted to furthering Japanese interests in the United States, makes light of the recent trouble at Tientsin, which is represented as being only another incident in a long wrangle over Britain's "shielding of Chinese assassins and covertly backing of arson and terrorism."

Yet it is only a few days ago that the Japanese Premier, Baron Hirauma, on the eve of the second anniversary of the still undeclared war Japan is making in China, outlined a policy which was as much directed against American as against British influence in the Far East.

Editorial Notes

King Robert the Bruce born this date 1274.

Our summer may be short, but plenty is being crowded into it.

Now we are told officially that Hitler is to be the deciding factor in fixing the date of the Federal election.

Fair weather may be all very well for holiday makers, but what the farmers want, and need, most just now is rain, and abundance of it.

There were 30 horses for the improvement of stock imported in May valued at \$28,032 compared with nine at \$4,400 in April and 22 at \$9,990 in May, 1938. The United States sent all but two.

Canada imported bees to the value of \$137,035 in May, of which the United States accounted for \$137,024 and the United Kingdom the balance. In the previous month the total was \$37,959 and in May last year, \$132,013.

The natives of Burmah have a lively sense of humor. At the festival of the Thingyan celebrated in Rangoon, procession, arranged by politicians opposed to the Constitution, was led by a cart containing the "91 bones" of the Burma Constitution, and following the cart were seven dogs each labelled as representing a member of the Council of Ministers.

Premier Duplessis is unable to come for our Confederation Celebration, but Hon. Onesime Gagnon, Minister of Mines and Fisheries, and Hon. Thomas Coonan, Minister without Portfolio, will attend. Mr. Gagnon will represent the shade of Sir George Etienne Cartier, who fought for Confederation and against legislative union, while Mr. Coonan will represent another great Irishman, Hon. D'Arcy McGee.

More automobiles were imported in May than in either the previous month or the corresponding month last year, the total being 2,879 units compared with 1,886 in April and 2,334 in May, 1938. The number from the United States was 2,750, of which passenger autos valued at \$1,200 or less totalled 2,474. Parts for automobiles were imported to the value of \$1,837,000 as against \$2,292,000 a year ago.

There is at least one community in the Punjab, a nomad tribe known as the Odes, which has law courts of its own and never seeks the help of a policeman. At Fazilka a committee of inquiry learnt that Odes have their "dictator" who governs members of this community all over the province. They have their own law courts, and their "capital punishment" is a fine of Rs. 4,000 (\$1,500). None of its members has ever refused to pay a fine or approached a policeman for help.

A ban on Scotch jokes in Germany has been demanded by Will Vesper, German poet and author, who said many Scots "love and esteem Germany." "The Scots are the healthiest, most respectable and also most Germanic people of the British Isles," Vesper wrote in the magazine Neuen Literatur. "They are the last sound national strength which still exists on the British Isles. That is reason enough, for the Jews and Jew-ridden in England who hate them to attempt to make fools of them. That is reason enough for us and our press no longer to provide foolish jokes to the advantage of these Jewish proselytes. Therefore, away with jokes about Scots." This is the best Scotch joke of all, and made in Germany! The average Scotsman may well ask "who would pay the piper, or joke manufacturer, when the factory is transferred from Aberdeen to Berlin?"

NOTES BY THE WAY

New timetables of the Reich railroads, issued as on May 15, contain maps which include Danzig within the German territory. Some observers hold this as a proof that the grab of Danzig was indeed planned by the Nazis for early or middle May, but that the plan was postponed because of the firmer attitude shown by London and Paris under the pressure of British and French public opinion.

A few weeks ago King Victor Emmanuel of Italy conferred the Order of the Annunziata on Herr von Ribbentrop for one of the highest and most exclusive decorations Italy can bestow. But the London Economist rather dampens the gratitude Herr von Ribbentrop may feel by pointing out that the last previous two foreign recipients of it were Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and King Zog of Albania. —Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Sabotage on a submarine is a difficult thing. The chances of a visitor in port damaging or derailing vital operating gear seem remote. The likelihood of a member of the crew—all picked men—sending himself to such a death is incredibly slim. There is the possibility of building-in concealed structural defects during construction. Naval men say it cannot be done. They may be too dogmatic about that. There have been evidences of sabotage in British naval yards and in French naval plants, and we are uncertain about some of the strange accidents that have happened here. —New York Times.

To the question, "Do you happen to pay taxes?" set out by the famous Gallup Poll, 25 per cent of the American people (or of those interrogated) gave the answer, "No." Thus the futility of prating, since the days when Sydney Smith wrote his famous essay on taxation down to the present time people have been told about the iniquity of hidden taxes. Again and again statesmen and publicists and newsmen point out how taxation bears upon all of us, how it starts with the cradle and ends with the grave—indeed, with taxes on every tombstone. Said President Roosevelt himself only a few months ago: "Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors." Yet here is every one of our Americans thinking that he doesn't pay taxes! They are thinking of course, of the income tax. Of direct taxes. The tax-gatherer didn't come around to them for income tax, or for any other kind of tax, so they decided they were getting off scot-free. They didn't realize that the customs tariff, plus a lot of other tolls, they paid taxes on their food and fuel and shelter; paid them on what they ate and drank and upon what they wore; paid them on practically every item of their own and their family budgets. Nor are we so sure that the Gallup Poll or something like it wouldn't have got pretty much the same answer in Canada that it got in the United States. People just don't realize that they are being taxed—certainly don't realize how extensively they are being taxed. Those who pay income tax complain about it, but, as a matter of fact, the income tax provides not more than 25 per cent of the Federal Government's revenue. The remaining 75 per cent come from indirect or "hidden taxes," with too many of us not as much as realizing that we're paying them. It is hardly a case where ignorance is bliss. —Ottawa Journal.

It is only natural that the putting forward of the date of the British naval maneuvers in the North Sea from September to August should cause to mind those critical days of July, 1914, when Mr. Wilson Churchill, then First Sea Lord, announced that the British fleet, which had just been assembled for a grand review by the King, would not be disbanded and would remain concentrated, ready for action in the North Sea. The crisis at that time was already acute, although the public had not realized it—while the availability of the fleet and its readiness for prompt action proved to be one of the decisive factors in the war to come, the relative naval strength of Great Britain and Germany was such that the mere mobilization of the fleet did not in any sense serve as a deterrent. Today, however, it is a deterrent rather than as an immediate weapon of war that the concentration of the British fleet ready for action is particularly important. It marks another step in Mr. Chamberlain's changed policy—another instance of driving home to the Germans that Britain's fighting force is in good trim. The swing away from the policy of appeasement is conspicuous. In fact, Mr. Chamberlain seems to be anxious to lose no opportunity of impressing the Germans with Great Britain's fighting strength. Many of those who have been critical of Mr. Chamberlain feel that his new policy is likely to succeed. It is while Mr. Hitler thought that Mr. Chamberlain and the British nation would accept peace, at any price that he felt able to use his policy of Continental aggrandizement. Doubtless at the first signs of weakness—or on the first occasion when Great Britain is successfully distracted in the Far East—the Germans will attempt a new coup. But for the time being the reassured might of the British Empire has been made so plain that only a madman would challenge it. It is inconceivable that the Germans, who are careful students of military and naval problems will fail to see the significance of this latest manifestation of British preparedness for war. —N. Y. Herald Tribune.

Earl Baldwin once said that the time to hold elections is when you can win them. And the way to win conventions is by packing them. —Windsor Star.

Other times, other manners. A quarter of a century ago Annette Kellerman felt it necessary to warn the fair sex against wearing corsets in swimming. —Detroit Free Press.

Ontario reports that factories in this province are expanding in times as rapidly as we are in this country. Mr. Dunning's income tax rebate is a success or that business confidence is rapidly reviving, or both. —London Free Press.

Two hundred New England moths

That Body of Yours

SOMETIMES THE HEART DOESN'T NEED MUCH REST

An intelligent, middle-aged man who had been told some years previously that he had heart disease—a leaking valve—decided to take life much easier, and went to bed for an hour each afternoon after returning from his teaching duties. He retired promptly at 10 o'clock and remained in bed till 8 o'clock the next morning—ten hours. It became necessary for him to undergo operation for hernia and he felt that with the shock of operation he had better take a six month's rest. And to this rest he setled away, at a health resort, conscientiously believing that his heart needed extra rest following shock of operation. He did not even discuss the matter with his physician. At the health resort he met a friend to whom he told his whole story. The friend pointed out that a heart murmur need not mean a serious condition and not consulting his physician before giving himself up to the life of an invalid. The patient admitted that he did not get out of breath easily and there was no swelling of the feet. The friend advised that he should have his heart examined. A heart examination revealed the heart murmur but not the slightest enlargement of the heart. He was able to go up and down 20 steps with an increase of only 20 beats of the heart and the heart was back to normal in less than two minutes.

The physician gave him his findings and also sent a copy to his physician. His physician wrote the patient to get up and around and increase his daily exercise—walking by at least one block each week. Instead of a life in bed for six months to a year, this man was able to resume work in three months and really could have done so in one month less. The thought then is to judge the heart by the amount of work it can do and how long it takes to return to its normal rate after doing a measured amount of exercise. The fact that there is a murmur present can be forgotten if the heart returns to normal within a specified time. Usual test is to walk upstairs, or jog fifty steps at a stationary rate, or sit on heels 25 times. If heart returns to its normal rate in 2-3 to 3 minutes, the murmur, even if due to a leaking valve, is not interfering with the heart's ability to work.

The Poet's Corner

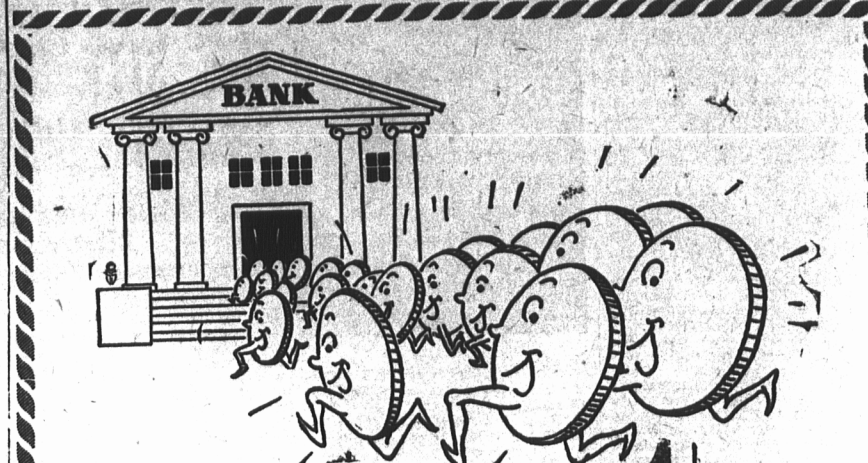
FROM "THE TREE, THE BIRD, AND THE CHILD"
A birch before the northern wind stood
Silvery white,
Shrouded in greens of liquid, tender hue,
All laved in light.
It seemed a naiaid in a fountain caught
Had charmed the spray
To blow about her naked loveliness,
Never away.
And all the rustle of the inner shadow
Was full of dancing,
Now the swift sun and now the lustrous rain
Flashing in the dancing,
Two robins searching for an empty tree
Saw it was fair,
Like the inclusion of an ambushed croch
And settled there.
And there a child beside the window sat
Watching them brood
Over their eggs, with all the fluttering care
Of parenthood.
She leaned her hands before her vivid face,
Her lips apart,
As if she mothered there a little close to her heart.
—Duncan Campbell Scott.

ers studying child psychology have come to the conclusion that grandmothers know quite a little about the subject. Maybe she did, but poor soul, her knowledge was only practical. —Windsor Daily Star.

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On behalf of the Government of Canada, unique and exquisite gifts of philatelic nature, prepared by the Post Office Department, were presented Their Majesties, and through Their Majesties to the Royal Princesses, by Honourable N. A. McLarty K. C., M. P., Postmaster General, following the Parliamentary banquet at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario. His Majesty, a keen philatelist, who inherited the world-famous collection of his father, the late King George V, received from the Postmaster General, a volume bound in Royal purple grained morocco leather, 11 1/2 inches by 12 1/2 inches containing about 300 Canadian stamps—a set of every stamp issue of the Dominion since Confederation—the only collection of its kind. Detailed information about each stamp is contained in the album. His Majesty was obviously delighted with the gift and intimated that the album contained stamps he had never seen before and would make a most prized addition to his collection. The Philatelic Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, is gathering another complete collection for their records. To Queen Elizabeth the Postmaster General presented a silver tray of magnificent design—a masterpiece of unsurpassed workmanship the production of which may revolutionize the silversmiths' art. Through Her Majesty, Honourable Mr. McLarty presented slightly smaller trays of identical pattern, for Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. Both King George and Queen Elizabeth were charmed with the remark of the Postmaster General that the Royal children were the Empire's Sweethearts. The three silver gifts, presented by the Government of Canada are Dominion on their upper centres from which radiate the reproductions in recess (not reversed) of the three stamps of the commemorative issue. To the lower left is the one-cent stamp bearing the likenesses of the two Princesses. Beneath the Arms is reproduced the two-cent issue, which displays in a perspective oblong the National War Memorial, Ottawa, which was recently dedicated by His Majesty. To the lower right is the three-cent stamp which bears the portraits of Their Majesties. Each tray is suitably inscribed, the Queen's reading: Presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth by the Government of Canada May 1939 June The Queen's tray is 10 inches by

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six inches, and those of the Princesses measure 9 inches by 5 1/2 inches. The smaller trays bear the name of their recipient and are inscribed in similar form. Each gift is wrought with intricate hand-pierced and engraved borders of the maple leaf pattern, designed under the direction of officials of the Post Office Department. With the unique reproduction of the stamps on the silver base, the ensemble reveals magnificent craftsmanship. The three gifts are the only trays of their kind existing, and were fashioned despite opinion that the reproduction of the four clustered units of the design was practically impossible without causing serious "buckling" on the soft sterling silver base. So far as is known it is the first time that recessed impressions have ever been produced under such conditions with precious metals from steel-engraved originals. The impressions are from the engraved dies of the stamps and use Minard's for dandruff.

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