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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Return To Simplicity

Reports from Edmonton indicate that the complicated voting system which has been the practice in Alberta for some years is to be scrapped at the next session of the Legislature...

The simple ballot, built on the "either-or" concept of political preference, may have its faults; in certain circumstances it may produce election results which are not in strict keeping with the popular will.

Sherwood Forest

American red oaks are growing in England's Sherwood Forest, fabled haunt of Robin Hood and his merry band of yeoman outlaws.

Sherwood, or Nottingham Forest as it was earlier known, was originally a royal hunting preserve protected by strict trespassing laws.

Some historians say the famous archer was a mythical figure whose exploits were dramatized in ancient May Day celebrations.

arrow prowess clustered. Another theory has it that Robin Hood was the Earl of Huntingdon, his title created by Richard-the-Lion-Hearted.

Various Sherwood sites are still pointed out to visitors as linked with the outlaw leader or with his lieutenant, Little John, his minstrel, Allan-a-Dale, or the Jolly Friar Tuck.

In time Sherwood Forest's broad woods began to shrink. Hamlets sprang up, and in the 17th century dukes began buying and enclosing huge park estates in the king's former domain.

Need For Action

A dispatch from Ottawa says that the problems of Canada's farmers, "Prairie grain farmers in particular," are certain to be a major issue in the next session of Parliament opening Jan. 10.

This is all very well. It is common knowledge, despite the limitless optimism of Agriculture Minister Gardiner, that Canadian agriculture in general is going through a prolonged period of uncertainty.

It is right and proper that opposition leaders should take up the various farm problems in earnest the moment Parliament opens. No other set of problems facing the country at this time is more pressing.

The danger, however—it has happened before—is that anti-Government spokesmen will treat the problems more as political irritants than as grave hindrances to the economic wellbeing of Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The manager of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council appears to be confident that if both interest and money hold out oil will be found in this area.

The British Foreign Office press spokesman who referred to a recent speech by Soviet Premier Bulganin in India as "thoroughly hypocritical" has been removed from his post.



WHEN YOU'RE THINKING OF OTHERS

Abdication Facts Revealed

By Fraser Wighton, Reuters, London, England

New facts have emerged on the abdication of King Edward VIII. Shortly before the storm burst in 1936 his private secretary wrote warning him of the danger of his position.

The king did not answer the letter—in writing or otherwise. The existence of the letter to the king from his secretary—then Maj. Alexander Hardinge, now Lord Hardinge of Penshurst—came to light in a newly published biography of the late Geoffrey Dawson, editor of The Times.

TERMS REVEALED Since publication of the biography by Sir Evelyn Wrench, Lord Hardinge himself has revealed the actual terms of his letter to the king in an article in The Times. The letter read: "Nov. 13, 1936.

"Sir, with my humble duty. As Your Majesty's private secretary, I feel it is my duty to bring to your notice the following facts which have come to my knowledge and which I know to be accurate:

"1. The existence of the British press on the subject of Your Majesty's friendship with Mrs. Simpson is not going to be maintained. It is probably only a matter of days before the outburst begins. Judging by the letters from British subjects living in foreign countries where the press has been outspoken, the effect will be calamitous.

"2. The prime minister (the late Stanley Baldwin) and senior members of the government are meeting today to discuss what action should be taken to deal with the serious situation which is developing. As Your Majesty no doubt knows, the resignation of the government—an eventuality which would result in Your Majesty having to find someone else capable of forming a government which would receive the support of the present House of Commons. I have reason to know that, in view of the feeling prevalent among members of the

Mixed Metaphors

(Manchester Guardian)

England should be grateful to Sir Vincent Tewson for an example of what today seems to be almost a lost art—mixing of metaphors.

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"The glow of satisfaction which the speller of that bifid must have felt on its completion can easily be imagined. What man today has the courage, or rather the simplicity, to imitate him?"

Mixed metaphors on the grand scale, such as, "I smell a rat: I see it floating in the air, but I will nip it in the bud," are practically extinct.

We have to make do with such trifles as, "The Minister of Food has thrown a monkey wrench among us and a monkey that we will swallow it because it is sweet," or, "I do not want the council to get their fingers burned with a white elephant."

And we recall with nostalgic regret the time when the London Morning Post could solemnly congratulate its readers upon having slipped off Cobett's mask and discovered his cloven hoof—adding that it was high time to give the hydrahead of fiction a rap over the knuckles.

ONE SOLUTION

"If Your Majesty will permit me to say so, there is only one step which holds out any prospect of avoiding this dangerous situation, and that is for Mrs. Simpson to go abroad without further delay, and I would beg Your Majesty to give this proposal your earnest consideration before the position has become irretrievable.

The letter was written less than a month before the abdication which came Dec. 10.

Wrench, quoting from Dawson's diary, gives this passage: "Nov. 13. Next day I paid another visit to Alec Hardinge at Buckingham Palace and he showed me, since I happened to be there, the draft of a letter to his Royal Master which he had felt impelled to write after a sleepless night. It was his first and only intervention—an admirable letter, respectful, courageous and definite."

"He sent it off to Fort Belvedere that same Friday afternoon—and never had the slightest response or reference to it either in writing or by word of mouth."

EXPLAINS ROLE Wrench, in his biography of Dawson, says his own record of the abdication "is merely an attempt to tell Geoffrey's part, perhaps only second in importance to that of Baldwin, in the abdication story."

He makes this personal comment: "In Geoffrey's letters and papers from 1912 onwards there is nothing to show that he had any particularly friendly feelings towards the heir to the throne, though in 1924 there are records of talks concerning certain episodes referred to by the American press and its lack of reticence in the case of a public character who had probably received more adulation than any prince in history, and had been referred to as the most universally popular personality in the world.

The editor's first and only meeting with Mrs. Simpson was on April 24, 1936, at a luncheon party given by Lady Oxford; he commented, she seemed pleasant, quiet and sensible.

Hardinge, writing in The Times, denied an implication of some past accounts of the abdication that King Edward was the victim of a conspiracy on the part of a number of persons to remove him from the throne.

"Nothing could, in fact, be farther from the truth," he said, adding: "The principal conspirators are alleged to be Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Geoffrey Dawson, the editor of The Times, and the Archbishop of Canterbury (the late Dr. Cosmo Lang). But so far not a shred of evidence has been forthcoming to sustain the charge against any of them, and in the case of Mr. Baldwin it is usually made under the auspices of those who had been politically hostile to him for many years."

VALUABLE AREA Rubber and tin production make Malaya one of the biggest dollar-earners in the commonwealth sterling bloc.

FINE SONGSTER The rose-breasted grosbeak, one of the best songster birds in eastern Canada, is smaller than a robin.



THE BEAVER

Well off the car-sweep road, good but to shun, Where only rare beams pierce the shadows cool,

The restless river, using as its tool Spring floods, has delved a reach out, a deep one Here, afternoons, comes ambling down his run An old, brown beaver. Flecks of light bejewel

His lazy entry to this quiet pool. Basking bemused, he swims out toward the sun With eyes half closed against the dying glare.

At blissful first, this day's end, paddling slow, He does not see the wader frozen there, Fly rod in hand. But then, oh, what a blow

His tail slaps, as he dives and hides below! Bides there no peace for dreamers anywhere? —Paul Scott Mower.

\$22,876 For Hankies

(Ottawa Journal) Lives there a man who has not had to scuttle into a store in haste in the morning when he realized he had left his handkerchief at home?

Those who have suffered such misfortune lately will be attracted by the Department of Defence Production announcement that a contract for \$22,876 has been let for handkerchiefs for the forces. With the regular forces' strength limited to 120,000 intriguing calculations are possible. If handkerchiefs cost 10 cents each then 228,760 are being provided, allowing an issue of two to every warrior. If they cost 25 cents several men-at-arms without a hanky now will continue so, and if they cost more than 25 cents we can tell the Government where to buy them cheaper.

All of which leads us to consider the buttons on the cuffs of civilian coats, copied of course from the uniforms of another day when the unprincipled soldiery would use their sleeves instead of handkerchiefs unless there were sharp-cornered buttons to make them mind their manners.

Moore & McLeod

Moore & McLeod Ltd., will be closed 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 during the funeral of the late Mrs. J. P. Gordon.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

TO OUTWIT CANCER BE INFORMED; ALERT

Six hundred and fifty Americans will die of cancer today! That's one death about every two minutes. The same number will die tomorrow and the day after that, for that 650 is the daily average.

There were 33,417 Americans killed in the Korean War. Yet, during that same three-year period, cancer took the lives of 650,000 Americans, nearly 20 times as many as did enemy fire.

GREATER TOLL

Remember the Titanic disaster back in 1912? The sinking claimed 1,517 lives. Yet cancer exacts an even greater toll every three days.

All told, about 235,000 Americans will die of cancer next year. Will you be one of them? Probably not — if you know some of the fundamental facts about cancer, the sites where it usually begins and its most frequent symptoms.

No one is immune to cancer. A recent survey, however, showed that the death rate among surgeons is only 66 per cent of the general rate. Why? Probably because of medical men not only have proper knowledge of cancer facts, but they act promptly on that knowledge.

Your chances for developing cancer increase as you grow older. Fewer than 10 persons out of every 100,000 under the age of 20 develop cancer in a year.

Over the age of 75 more than 1,200 in every 100,000 may get cancer each year.

You women are more likely to develop cancer if you're over the age of 30. (But don't suppose many of you are that old.) Cancer is the number one killer of women between 30 and 50. But while the cancer rate continues to rise after the age of 55, it does not rise as sharply.

Cancer usually threatens men at a somewhat later age than women. Susceptibility increases about the age of 40 with about 88 per cent of the cases appearing after the age of 45.

Therefore, if you are a woman over 30 or a man over 40, you've got to be especially alert to the threat of cancer. You can't afford to gamble with anything as deadly as undetected and untreated cancer!

Untreated, cancer is always fatal!

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T.Y.: Please give me some information concerning epileptic seizures.

Answer: There are several varieties of epilepsy.

In the petit mal form, there is loss of consciousness for a very brief period of time. In the grand mal form, there are convulsions as well as loss of consciousness.

Treatment consists of rest and use of various drugs prescribed by a physician to control the seizure. The diet should be well-balanced.

The Age Old Story

All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

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The last flickering hope for some positive achievement at the Geneva conference had evaporated as a result of an extension of the prevailing deadlock to the last item on the agenda—namely, the lifting of the Iron Curtain.

We haven't seen anything out of Washington on this, but the drum beater who handles Lassie says she (we read somewhere that Lassie is really a he) has been appointed by the Treasury Department as its official representative among school kids.

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News papers, as any politician who ever stripes will admit, are nuisances. Life would be so much easier without them. Government once in office, would do on the brook. The public would content because it would not know the facts.

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