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

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"A Unique Opportunity"

Commenting on the forthcoming Confederation celebration here, the Toronto Globe and Mail says editorially: "Those who meet at Charlottetown this month assuredly will be on historic ground, so far as Canada is concerned. It is the habit today to claim that the confederated Provinces present problems difficult of solution. But what about the problems confronting the men who set out to establish the confederation? There was political animosity between Upper and Lower Canada, and the Maritimes were not enthusiastic about the broader union. In fact, Prince Edward Island subsequently withdrew from the plan, as did Newfoundland.

"This was the situation the Fathers of Confederation had to face. By patience, persistence, animated by enthusiasm and hope, they proceeded with the work, and on July 1, 1867, the Dominion of Canada came into being. This is what the assemblage at Charlottetown may consider in retrospect. They will recall that personal animosities among the delegates were buried, yielding to statesmanship.

"Today, the men who meet at Charlottetown may dwell upon the fact that sectionalism is rampant. Provinces look first to their own interests, and there is intermittent clashing with Federal authority. Personal feuds are not buried as they were when confederation was being considered. Politicians—not statesmen—consider local interests first, whether they be of Province, constituency or personal. It is a development of the spirit: Every man for himself. The statesmanship shown by the Fathers of Confederation—the broad and wise view that envisaged the welfare of the new Dominion as ensuring the welfare of its component parts—is nowhere as evident as it should be.

"Despite these bickerings, the Dominion has forged ahead until it has become the Empire's pride. More unity of purpose is needed if this progress is to continue. As the representative men who meet at Charlottetown survey the past and the present, and look toward the future, they have an unique opportunity for appealing to Canadian public men and to the Canadian people to revive the spirit, the statesmanship, and the confidence of those whose memory they are assembled to honor."

What our Toronto contemporary neglects to point out is that in the intermittent clashing with Federal authority, the Provinces have not always been at fault. A case in point was the recent argument before the Supreme Court at Ottawa over the right of appeal to the Privy Council. The issue in this case was at least debatable, and certainly did not carry any implication of disloyalty on the part of the Provinces which objected to the usurpation of their right under the British North America Act. The Fortnightly Law Journal has the following comment in this connection:

"This time the Dominion is trying to steal powers from the Provinces in a sphere that except in a very limited degree, can be no possible concern of the Dominion. If there ever was a civil right, it was the right of access to the Courts, and that includes all avenues of appeal. If administration of justice includes anything it must include rights of appeal, yet, apart from criminal law, there is no enumerated power which would give the Dominion the power to interfere with rights of appeal. There is in fact, it would appear, more justification for the argument that the Provinces, in the light of the wording of Section 101 of the B.N.A. Act, 1867, could abolish appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada than that the Dominion can abolish appeals to the Privy Council, except possibly as ancillary to some enumerated power, such as criminal law. But it seems particularly unfortunate in the light of the events of the past month, that the Dominion should be the first to rock the ship of confederation, especially at the instance of a disgruntled appellant to the Privy Council. With the evidence of the sure foundation of the strength of the throne so recently demonstrated, it becomes almost disloyalty to suggest that the litigant's right of appeal to the foot of the throne should be denied."

This and other controversial issues as between the Dominion and the Provinces, however, can well be forgotten next week in our Confederation anniversary celebration. It will indeed be a unique opportunity of stressing "the welfare of the component parts" rather than the sectional interests of the Dominion, and of drawing inspiration from the achievement of our Confederation Fathers.

N. Z. Contract Prices

Announcing the New Zealand Government's decision to appoint a special tribunal to exercise continuous control over prices, comprising Mr. Justice Hunter and an investigating accountant, the Minister of Industries and Commerce, the Hon. D. G. Sullivan, stated that while the Government did not aim at preventing any necessary increase in price that could be justified, it was, on the other hand, strenuously opposed to any section of the business and commercial community taking advantage of the present situation to exploit the public by in-

creases that were unreasonable and that could not be justified on any legitimate grounds.

"The Government has decided to appoint a special tribunal, whose function it will be to exercise continuous supervision over prices, to examine price increases, to arrange for investigations and inquiries in regard to such increases and in regard to the reasonableness or unreasonableness of prices, and to make recommendations to the Government thereon," said the Minister. "The tribunal will be given powers of judicial inquiry under the Board of Trade Act, 1919, and will be able to call persons before it if necessary to give evidence in support of any increases in prices.

"In addition to this the Government has decided to pass regulations under the Board of Trade Act requiring persons who are about to increase their prices to notify the tribunal to that effect and to give reasons in support of their action. The tribunal will then examine the reasons put forward for the increase and if such increase is not justified the matter will be taken up by the tribunal with the parties concerned. This procedure will make for more effective control over prices."

Gaelic in Nova Scotia

The Scottish youth of Nova Scotia are to be given the opportunity of studying Gaelic on the regular day course in the schools. To prepare the teachers for this purpose the Nova Scotia Board of Education has placed Gaelic on the teachers' summer school course now being held in Dalhousie University, July 5 to August 15. The course is under the direction of Rev. D. MacLean Sinclair, a competent Gaelic scholar, formerly of this Province. The Gaelic Editor of the Sydney Post-Record, who has taken a prominent role in advocating the study of Gaelic in the schools, has compiled, with the assistance of Rev. Norman MacDonald and Rev. D. M. Sinclair, a Gaelic text book for beginners. The book contains about 100 pages, deals principally with Gaelic phonetics, the vowel and consonantal sounds by means of English symbols, and the elementary principles of Gaelic grammar.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the teachers' course, and there is no doubt but that this effort at Gaelic revival will be followed with much interest in other provinces and in the Old Country as well.

Editorial Notes

Henry David Thoreau, greatest of American poet-naturalists, born this date, 1817.

There are already several applications for the vacant City Clerkship.

The Kensington races today will attract a lot of citizens who get the Wednesday half-holiday.

Mr. G. P. Nicholson, late City Clerk, has been a mental patient in Falconwood for sometime past.

The Campbell Government paid only 12 1-2 per cent of the City unemployment relief last year. It should have been 40% and no doubt the City Council will now be in a position to collect the difference.

Tomorrow the first contingent of distinguished visitors for the Confederation Celebrations should reach the City to give them time for a look round before entering upon the ceremonies and gaieties of next week.

Perhaps our most distinguished naturalist and essayist is Mr. Blythe Hurst ("Agricola") of Brackley Beach. He was not even "in the picture" on the occasion of the Royal Visit, and there is no place for him in the Confederation programme. But what of that, "his works do follow him!"

Imports of cheese in May amounted to 181,643 pounds, of which France contributed 58,133 pounds, Italy 49,527, Switzerland 38,870, Denmark 13,980, the United States 9,769, Finland 5,144 and Netherlands 5,045. In the previous month the total was 98,407 pounds and in May, 1938, 171,529.

Considerable advancement was recorded in the May imports of hides and skins, the total being 33,067 cwt. compared with 18,538 in April and 15,570 in May, 1938. The United States sent 17,273 cwt., Argentina 8,848, New Zealand 3,513 and Italy 1,385. Improvement was also shown in May exports, the aggregate being 28,073 cwt. compared with 26,717 in April and 26,486 in May, 1938. Purchases by the United States totalled 19,358 and by the United Kingdom, 5,745.

Prohibition of swing dancing throughout Germany has caused many a row in Hamburg. Dance floor proprietors who challenge couples for changing from traditional German turns have run into trouble. Invariably, the couples insisted they were not doing swing and heated words followed. An unpleasant "war" arose between proprietors and customers. So now owners are asking authorities to lay down a hide-bound definition of just what swing is.

We are in the habit of thinking of India as a land of scorching heat but there are parts where winters are worse than any here. Contact has just been re-established with Lahul and Spiti. These two outposts of the Empire in the Himalayas have been isolated for nearly seven months owing to the roads being snow-bound. Intimation has now been received that the snow has melted from the Rohtang Pass and the only route through the Kangra Valley to Lahul, Ladakh, Chinese Turktan and Central Asia is now open for traffic. Mail for residents of Lahul and Spiti, which has been at Manali throughout the winter, is now on its way on mules.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some interesting figures on the yield of the gasoline tax have just been issued. In the sixteen years from the beginning of the tax to the end of 1937, the nine Canadian provinces have collected \$293,640,000, and in the same period \$297,116,000 in license fees from motorists. Altogether, the motorists have contributed \$580,756,000, and in sixteen years the provinces have spent \$389,922,000 on roads. — Vancouver Province.

In a brief but elegant editorial, entitled Quite Understandable, The Detroit Free Press says this fine thing: "The welcome home that King George and Queen Elizabeth have received from their people indicates that the British sincerely love the sovereigns and are genuinely proud of them. Americans who recently saw, heard and observed the royal pair can readily understand this. They have the same reason for cherishing such sentiments." — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

It may eventually become necessary to fight for security. That is possible to be unflinchingly faced to-day by every nation that cherishes the preservation of individual freedom and believes with sincere conviction that the happiness of its people depends on democratic right of individual self-determination as opposed to self-regimented brand of so-called "democracy" which Herr Hitler speaks so glibly and so incessantly. In his oration to the Reichstag Herr Hitler professed love for the British and the British Commonwealth. But the whole tenor of his speech showed that he has once again completely misjudged the British character and temperament. And not only the British character and temperament, but the character and temperament of the Americans and the French as well. These peoples have already fought one "war to end war." They will not fight another. They will not fight another war. Herr Hitler and such friends as he can find to support him drive the character of the British and the Americans more and more into greater intensity and determination and unity of purpose than last time. The ultimate result for Herr Hitler and those who support him at the end, will be catastrophically disastrous. — Johannesburg Times.

Chief Justice Hughes is a ready wit, as has been proved on more than one occasion. It is related that shortly after his second election as governor of New York, Mr. Hughes was showing a prominent lawyer through the executive mansion, when the latter exclaimed: "You certainly have a magnificent place here." "Yes," said Governor Hughes and then remembered the bitterness of the election campaign, he added: "But I had a hard time getting the landlord to renew the lease." — Exchange.

There are two kinds of humorists. Those to whom humor is a meal ticket and those to whom it is a mere joke to prove that they are bright while they work at something else to make a living. Twenty years ago the newspaper humorists were called "jokesmiths." Today they are known as "columnists." They are called many other things that wouldn't look so well in print. Young humorists grow old and develop a grinch, they which is a higher form of humor, but bad enough. A comedian in vaudeville can get off the same jokes over and over again and people pay to hear him. A newspaper jokesmith must dig up new ones or polish up the old ones. — Kitchener Record.

As the holder of honorary degrees from McGill, Toronto, Dalhousie, McMaster, Aberdeen, Columbia, Princeton, Yale, California, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Hobart and Lenoxville universities, to which Oxford was now added, the Hon. Vincent Massey must have a great time in tracing the track of his college yells and alumni fees. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

A London business man who has just been travelling in Germany and Italy and other European countries has given me an interesting resume of his impressions. He says that the general belief in those two countries is that the likelihood of war this year. Moderate Germans think not only that the anti-Nazi forces have grown too strong for Hitler to challenge them, but that Hitler realizes that he would hold through even the Fascists argued that the present economic straits, or, as they choose to put it, to a continuance of the present inequitable distribution of economic wealth between States. One other conviction, gleaned from a good source, was that whether a formal Anglo-Russian treaty was concluded or not, Russia would unquestionably join in any general war to stop German aggression. Needless to say, I give these quotations for what they are worth, which may be little. They can be put in the general balance and weighed with other reports confirmatory or conflicting. There is no lack of reports of distrust, more pessimistic tone. — London Spectator.

The Social Credit wagon has "gone broke" down. Premier Abernethy has abandoned the bandwagon on which he rode to power in 1935, and has climbed aboard the "New Democracy" wagon where he will hold the whip for W. D. Herridge, Canada's new dealer. No more \$25 a month. No more just price. No more cultural heritage. Instead we're to have "New Democracy" and the old democracy is to go out the window. It has been evident that the falling on evil days, what with insurgency in the party and rows in the Bible Institute. It is a job Mr. Herridge came along with a brand new wagon and a brand new and untarnished political reputation; otherwise Abernethy would have found himself out in the political barren lands without means of transportation. The break-down of the Social Credit bandwagon is now complete. — Leithbridge Herald.

Is it anything so amazing that an occasional split infinitive creeps into the conversation of our newspapers, or that our writing from

That Body of Yours By James W. Barton, M.D. STOMACH ACHE MAY NOT BE DUE TO AN ACHING STOMACH

A physician making his round of call stopped at a restaurant and ate some food from a tray which he was very fond. After leaving the restaurant he had only driven a couple of miles before he had the most intense and violent headache, a pain in the stomach with a great desire to vomit. He stopped his car for a few minutes and finally drove home where a vomiting spell gave some relief but the headache persisted. After a couple of days' rest in bed, with no relief from his headache, he called in another physician who also attributed the headache and vomiting to poisoning from the food eaten. The physician, and patient also, concluded that the persistent, "splitting" headache was not due to the food but to a disturbance on the brain. The removal of a little fluid from the spinal column gave instant relief from the severe headache and desire to vomit.

Most of us with a headache, stomach ache, and a desire to vomit, are apt to blame these symptoms on some food eaten, whereas vomiting, headache, and pain in the abdomen may be due to disturbances far removed from the abdomen.

Dr. Harry Gauss, Denver, in the Journal of the American Medical Association makes this interesting statement: "Aching stomachs are not always stomachaches even if they ache. Sometimes when you think your stomach is aching it isn't, even though it is. The majority of the pain is no guide to the location of the cause. The most violent type of abdominal pain may arise from causes inside the abdomen, as in the case of gall bladder colic, or from causes outside the abdomen, as in heart disease."

Certain diseases of the brain are apt to produce digestive disturbances — brain tumor, epilepsy, migraine. The thought then is that when there is abdominal pain and vomiting, apparently not due to food the fact that other organs outside the abdomen—heart and brain—may be causing the symptoms should not be forgotten.

time to time isn't exactly what the college professors have advocated? Most of us don't have time even to re-read the typewritten sheets we have written. I don't re-read more than two or three stories a day, except to stick in a sub-head, before they must be sent to the linotype operator. I'm not asking for anything to be done to relieve the unhappy lot of myself and my fellow-sufferers—I'm only asking for a bit more tolerance. The point of all this is that "we're doing our best," and "we're doing a doggone good job" — all things considered. — Exchange.

J. Joe Folly Says Shopping for low cost insurance is about as sensible as an aviator saving money by buying a tissue paper parachute. If he has to jump, he'd get along without it entirely. You don't know what's going to happen. So the safe thing to do is to let the agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford give you a real, reliable insurance proposition, fitted exactly to your own need. Then you will be safe if the unexpected happens."

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PUBLIC FORUM This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of general interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

AN OUTRAGE Sir,—I noticed in your report of the City Council meeting that protests were made against the spoliation of one of the city beauty spots by erection of a machine shop on Birchwood Street.

It appeared from the discussion that a majority of the Council were behind the residents, and unwilling to allow the project to go through. In apparent defiance of the city fathers I understand workmen are already engaged remodeling the building for their purpose. A number of citizens at large expense have purchased land and erected beautiful suburban residences on these and adjoining lands, hoping to enjoy the benefits of a beautiful and quiet home. Now to satisfy one or two money-makers, all those people are to be deprived of the pleasure of their costly purchases.

The injury is not confined to the present residents alone. Large numbers of building lots are offered for sale in this locality which, if this is allowed to go ahead, will be practically unobtainable. I personally interviewed three of these land holders with a view to purchase a lot, and to erect a dwelling thereon. If this is allowed, I would not now build in that quarter, not if I got the land for nothing. The Council acting I presume under legislative powers established a portion of Brighton as a "Residential Zone" in which not only machine shops and factories are prohibited, but not even a fancy goods or grocery store, no not even an ice cream or refreshment booth is allowed. If they can give this protection to residents of Brighton they can

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