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

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With "Equality For All"

Time being an inelastic thing—inexorably confined to twenty-four hours a day—radio is inelastic. Broadcasting, therefore, must properly be considered a monopoly, and a monopoly must primarily be considered a public utility.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister, retired Leader of the Conservative Party, broadcast a farewell to the Canadian people on his departure for England from St. John. Through no fault of his own Mr. Bennett's brief address ran beyond the scheduled period. He was cut off in the middle of a sentence with suitable apologies for the inelasticity of time.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, addressed his followers over a national network on the twentieth anniversary of his leadership of the Liberal Party. Through no fault of his own Mr. King's address ran beyond the scheduled period. The CBC regular 11 o'clock newscast and a violin recital made it for his half-hour peroration.

A plain case of rank partisan discrimination. What have the radio authorities to say about it?

A Political Micawber

Characteristic of Premier King, says the Sydney Post-Record, (Independent) was his failure at the Toronto banquet to give a national lead by any declaration of policy with respect to any outstanding public issue. This is in line with his whole political record, which has been based on eternal expediency. "In point of personal worth," says our Sydney contemporary, "Mr. King measures up well with the finest public men this country has produced. As a statesman, however, his record leaves much to be desired and only devout partisanship can warmly admire it. He is probably the only Dominion Prime Minister who has held office since Confederation for a period of more than a decade without leaving a single monument of constructive, definite, concrete service to the country. He is the most cautious non-committal, intellectually timid man that has ever held the post of Prime Minister of Canada."

"One is forced to the conclusion that Premier King's silence on the question of whether or not there is to be a Dominion election this year is attributable to the fact that he has not yet made up his mind. But the season is now so far advanced that, unless a decision on the question is reached within the next two or three weeks, a 1939 Dominion election shall have to be regarded as impracticable. Under the existing election law at least 54 days must elapse between the dissolution of Parliament and polling day. It is therefore impossible now that an election can be held earlier than the latter part of October, and polling cannot take place even then unless the writ issue within the next two days. Mr. King therefore has already carried his indecision very close to the danger point. Unless he makes up his mind before the end of this month, an election this year may be ruled out of the political probabilities and all may look forward to a fifth session of this Parliament. Everyone knows what that will mean. No Government except the wartime Administration led by Sir Robert Borden ever allowed a Parliament to pass into the fifth year of its history without decisive defeat at the polls. It begins to look as if Mr. King regards this Parliament as the last which he is destined to lead, and that he is in no hurry to see its demise."

Wanted For Window-Dressing

Conflict between the public announcements issued recently by Premier Mackenzie King and Hon. Charles A. Dunning, with respect to Mr. Dunning's future, has been the subject of much comment at Ottawa, says the Financial Post correspondent.

Mr. King's statement left the definite impression that Mr. Dunning would not resign but would take as long a holiday as might be necessary to recover his health and would then resume his work as minister of finance.

Mr. Dunning's statement, 24 hours later, stated that he had written to his constituency in Prince Edward Island to say that he would not be a candidate in the general election; that he was leaving Canada with the single purpose in view of getting well and that he had no future plans.

The inside story, it is learned, is that Mr. King strove very hard to persuade Mr. Dunning not to resign. He did succeed in having Mr. Dunning's resignation made indefinite, to be acted upon when convenient to Mr. King. But Mr. Dunning made it abundantly clear to his chief that he would not stand for re-election nor take any part in the campaign should the election take place this fall. He will not be in the next Parliament.

It seems that the law requires that there be a minister of a department, before an acting minister can be appointed. If Mr. Dunning had obtained his wish and had his resignation been accepted forthwith, Mr. King would not have been able to appoint Hon. J. L. Ilsley, acting minister. He would have had to appoint a new

minister of finance. This would have been most embarrassing and therefore Mr. Dunning agreed to let the resignation stand until a time convenient to Mr. King. In doing so, however, he did not intend to create the impression that he was going to continue in public life—an impression clearly left by Mr. King in his statement.

It is quite apparent, says the Post correspondent, that Mr. King desires to retain Mr. Dunning in the Cabinet on any terms. He would like, if he can do no better, to use Mr. Dunning's name as window dressing for the campaign. After the election, if his government is returned, he would be able to fill the portfolio without embarrassment.

Striking Publicity Campaign

A convincing testimonial to the advertising value of the newspapers of Canada is the decision of the Life Officers' Association to carry on, during 1939, the co-operative publicity which has now been conducted by the Life Insurance Companies through the medium of the press for the past eighteen years. This institutional advertising, prepared and directed by the MacLean Advertising Company, is being carried during the present season, as in past years, by all the dailies in Canada with A. B. C. standing, as well as by farm papers, the trade journals and the class A weeklies of the Dominion. These publications have an audited circulation aggregating 3,665,278 copies and are read by practically every literate resident of Canada.

Appearing from month to month during summer and fall, the institutional messages will tell a remarkable story of life insurance development in Canada. Insurance aggregating the enormous total of seven billion dollars is presently in force in this country. Last year approximately \$150,000,000 was paid out to beneficiaries. A third of the population of the Dominion are policy holders, and the investment possibilities in this field are becoming more and more widely appreciated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Annual Summer Celebration and Exhibition begins today.

The usual Grit game of bluff for election purposes is being staged at the Railway Wharf.

When the Government Party begins holding conventions there is usually something doing in the offing.

John Galsworthy—"The Island Pharisees," "The Skin Game," "The Saint's Progress,"—born this date, 1867.

Further restoration work on Kisimul Castle, stronghold of the Clan MacNeil, is being carried out. The walls and the roofing are to be strengthened this year. Kisimul, according to tradition was started in 1035 and is one of the most ancient castles of Scotland. It stands on the Island of Barra, and when work is completed on it it will house a clan museum and be used as a guest house.

Premier King, says the Globe and Mail, is proud of Canada's independent status within the British Commonwealth of Nations but not proud enough of the British Commonwealth to declare he will support it with all his might. Not a word in his banquet speech for the valiant effort Britain is making to maintain peace, not a word of encouragement. This was not Laurier's teaching.

Arrangements have just been completed for a regular passenger radiogram service to and from all British airplanes flying across the Atlantic or on Empire routes. The charge for radio telegrams handed in in British Aircraft for delivery in Britain will be 18 cents a word. Later it is expected that it will be possible to send radio telegrams from the ground to the air, and in due course the service will be extended to Empire and Atlantic routes.

Although we are told the Fuehrer is making no headway in South America, we must take that with a grain of salt. A new method of German penetration in merchandizing there is reported now to be imminent. It is declared that Germany will undertake to market for international currency, but under close control, the products of the special representatives of the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia. Ostensibly they will act independently as representatives of the protectorate who are merely vouched for by the German diplomatic service. Their function will be to promote sales, for international currency, of the products for which Czechoslovakia was famous, such as glass, china, novelties, costume jewelry and the munitions products of the Skoda works. Actually, the Czech and Moravian exporters will not get the foreign exchange available through these sales. That will go to the Reichsbank, since that is the object of the project. The goods, however, will be handled under an export subsidy so as to make competition virtually impossible.

The will of the last of the Mayo doctors, Dr. William J., declares his personal property to exceed \$100,000. Executors and trustees named are Harry J. Harwick, chairman of the Mayo Properties Association; Albert J. Lobb, who last week was appointed a regent of the University of Minnesota to succeed Dr. Mayo, and the First National Bank and Trust Company of Minneapolis. The will bequeaths all personal and household goods to the widow, Mrs. Hattie Mayo, with the remainder of the interest in several life insurance policies, after specified payments to individual beneficiaries, to go to the Mayo Properties Association. All bond and stock holdings were placed in trust for the benefit of the widow, and the rest of the estate was bequeathed to Mrs. Mayo outright. Upon the death of the widow, the will provided, the principal of the trust is to be divided equally between the two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Mayo Balfour and Mrs. Phoebe Mayo Walters. Dr. Mayo had disposed of part of his estate through trusts created before his death.

None of us, rich or poor, dictator or debilitated, can any longer hope to have more than a fragmentary understanding of the infinitely complicated world in which we live. But we can, and we definitely will, by developing a critical faculty which shall be instinctively hostile to every dogmatic statement, instinctively inquisitive on the importance of proof for every fact asserted, and instinctively determined to subject to severe cross-examination everyone who either holds blindly to the moribund tenets of the past or who insists with egotistical blindness that those tenets be equated

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nova Scotia colliery districts should look with some anxiety upon the announcement that the lignite fields of Northern Ontario will be developed. The development will be the support of the Ontario Government. Lignite is a grade of coal much below that produced here and far below anthracite. To put it into use in the central province would baffle the contentions "sometimes heard that Nova Scotia, coal is unsatisfactory and not as good as that imported from United States. But that would be little help if some of our own coal was displaced. — New Glasgow News.

The fine crop prospects in the West, though not so good now as they were a while ago in some areas are already taking men off relief rolls. In addition to the unemployment in the West, an average of 200 men from Eastern Canada are being deported. The primary effect of a good crop on the Prairies is to benefit the farmers. But only secondary interest is the employment to be provided, directly or indirectly. Men will be given work gathering the harvest, storing the grain, etc. The money that results from the crop will permeate to the far corners of Canada to provide work in factories, stores and all fields of industry. It is worth remembering that unemployment in the West is not as serious as it is in Canada when the Western farmers were getting good crops and good prices. Poor crops and poor monetary returns have been concurrent with unemployment throughout the Dominion. That is why all Canadians are so glad to see a bumper crop in the West. — Windsor Star.

Britain, of course, has knuckled under to Japan, this time — but what else was possible? It is impossible that Britain should risk war with Japan while Germany threatens and Russia is uncertain. — Ottawa Journal.

The recent improvement in employment is fairly well spread over the different regions, and has also affected the great majority of industries; it is by no means concentrated upon industries directly controlled by government orders. Indeed, by far the largest improvement over the past year has been in the cotton industry, which has reduced its unemployment roll by 87,000, as against 28,000 for iron and steel, and less than 17,000 for other industries. — New Statesman and Nation.

Last month 492 people were killed as a result of road accidents in Great Britain. This was a drop of 44 on the figure for June, 1938, when the figure stood at 536, and of 61 compared with last May, when the killed numbered 553. It was the lowest figure since the March total of 457. The injured, at 20,619, showed a drop of 1,000 on the figure for June, 1938, and an increase of 569 on the May figure of 20,020. Of the total hurt last month 4,369 were reported to have received serious injuries, compared with 4,911 in June last year. — Of the total return is a statement for the six months ended June 30. This shows that on all roads the killed totalled 2,964, compared with 2,989 in the corresponding six months of 1938, a drop of 25. Of the total killed were pedestrians (decrease 2); 170 drivers of mechanically propelled vehicles other than motorcycles (increase 15); 402 motor-cyclists (decrease 19); 800 pillion passengers (increase 17); 568 pedal cyclists (decrease 44); and 319 "other persons" (decrease 8). The six months' total of injured was 103,172, a drop of 407. — Manchester Guardian.

"Hercules," veteran Imperial Airways air-liner, known as "the grand old lady of the air," has just emerged successfully from her eighth annual examination for her official certificate of airworthiness. "Hercules" first came into commission in 1931, and has spent over 12,000 hours aloft, flying a total distance of approximately 1,300,000 miles. She has carried more than 100,000 passengers. Examination showed that there were no major parts that needed renewal. — Imperial Airways Bulletin.

A wrap may fly in a car window, stinging the driver and causing a wreck. A rat may carry bubonic plague and kill off thousands, and a cat may look at a king. All of which is by way of pointing to the somewhat desperate efforts Premier Aberneth and his Government are making to attract attention these days away from the main point of their total failure to pay the \$25 a month dividend promised to all shareholders four years ago. We have Social Credit banks being run at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year out of the public treasury—but they don't loan a cent to the producers of Alberta to help them in their financial problems. We have debt repudiation—but the Government collects its taxes from Albertans by the big stick method. And now we are to have Government machinery parts deposited in another racket to provide jobs for a lot of Social Credit heeled. — Lethbridge Herald.

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More Like A Wake Than A Wedding

Listening in to that Toronto dinner to Mr. King, the thing that struck us about it was that nobody seemed to be having fun. If anybody laughed out loud during the evening the microphone missed it, and, truth to tell, there didn't seem to us much reason why anybody should laugh. The whole business sounded terribly solemn, almost melancholy; so much so that a bit of fun or frolic there would appear as much out of place as cutting capers in Westminster Abbey. Why this should have been, we don't know. After all, they were feasting Mr. King, not waking him, and it seems to us (though we may have a perverse idea of humor) that a bit of honest mirth and conviviality would have helped the occasion mightily.

There was the speech of Mr. Lapointe, a sort of Chesteronian figure, capable of gargantuan laughter himself, and usually able to inspire it, Mr. Lapointe was attempting a funeral oration and when not that as though he were trying to imitate Napoleon at Austerlitz. Mr. Lapointe was trying to rally the troops, trying to revive their drooping spirits, to call them back from flight, a tactic which, the situation being what it is, may be understandable. Nevertheless, we couldn't help thinking that a bit of humor and a little more restraint would have been better.

Then there was the speech of Mr. King. Mr. King's speech wasn't exactly a speech; it was a litany. It may be permissible, of course, on occasions like this, to call a bead-roll, but why Mr. King should have turned the thing into a sort of cantation ceremony with a few obvious characters, to say the least elevated to sainthood, is beyond us. "The boys," we feel sure, didn't like it. There they were, from far and near, wanting to be comforted; to be told the great things Liberals were going to do in the next election; and all they got was a story of what a lot of Liberals had done in the past, or thirty years ago. Instead of hope, they got biography. Instead of being assured that after next election a lot of them would be in the House of Commons (or perhaps in the Senate), they were told only that a lot of "good Liberals" of the past must surely be in Heaven.

The would disappoint them. We feel sure, for example, that Mr. Ian MacKenzie would prefer to feel certain that after the next election he would still be Minister of Defence than to be merely certain that Mr. Peter Larkin is in Paradise wearing solid gold brogans and with some "Tory" polishing them. We feel about it. And "Jimmie" Gardiner, honestly, we should have liked to see him in the House of Commons (or perhaps in the Senate) to hear what Ian and Chubby and Jimmie said when the thing was over.

Mr. King's speech was odd in other ways. We're not thinking of what he didn't say about an election; it was his privilege to say nothing. What we'd like to know, however, is just what Mr. King is thinking of when he uses a passage like this with respect to the threat of war: "The thing I will not do and cannot be persuaded to do is to say that Canada will do in regard to a situation that may arise at some future time and under circumstances of which we now know nothing."

What of circumstances of which we do know something? The cry of independence of Poland, whether Great Britain has given pledges to Poland; pledges that are definite and specific. She has said that if Germany violates the integrity and independence of Poland, whether through Danzig or in some other way, she will stand by Poland. Mr. King says about that; it certainly cannot be a circumstance about which he knows nothing. That being so, would there be anything very strange or wrong in Mr. King's saying that and saying that he stands behind Great Britain's pledge in saying that if she has to fight, Canada will fight with her? Mr. King says the eloquency of the Commonwealth of Nations speaks of "co-operation." Wouldn't his professions have a truer ring if he made them more realistic? If he came out and said: "Canada will

merely because they are moorings. The development of such a critical attitude is the inescapable responsibility of the citizens of a democracy. — Washington Post.

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JUDGING PROGRAM TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

Judging will commence Tuesday morning, August 15th, at nine o'clock sharp and will start with the following classes. HORSES Standard Breds Thoroughbreds and continue as in Prize List. CATTLE Shorthorns and subsequent Beef Classes, Jerseys Holsteins SWINE POULTRY

ALL CLASSES IN MAIN BUILDING

NOTE:—Exhibitors are requested to have their entries ready to follow immediately the animals leaving the Judging Ring. The Judges will be instructed not to allow any undue delay on the part of exhibitors.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 9.00 A. M. Sharp

Judges will complete any unfinished Live Stock Classes. Start judging Guernseys Ayrshires

Judging of Registered Clydesdales Percherons Continued judging of Poultry and all unfinished classes in Main Building.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 9:00 A. M. Sharp

Complete all unfinished classes of Livestock and Poultry.

That Body of Yours By James W. Berlin, M.D. ARE THE SYMPTOMS DUE TO APPENDICITIS OR FOOD ALLERGY?

When a hurried call is sent to physician to attend a patient with vomiting and severe abdominal pains, his first thought is likely to be that the condition is appendicitis and, if life is to be saved, immediate operation is necessary. It is certainly a wider choice to operate than to wait too long, allow appendix to burst, followed by peritonitis and, perhaps, death.

In sudden emergencies people become confused and may do the wrong thing. But in the ordinary procedure of affairs, whether in the home, the factory, the store or in street and highway traffic, a modicum of common sense should tell any one what to do or what not to do.

In face of all this there is a staggering list of accidents that should not have happened. People continue to act foolishly where their own safety is involved, and that is why organizations, including the Greater New York Safety Council, must also continue to stress the warnings that ordinary sensible individuals should not need; why it is necessary to "preach safety to others today, tomorrow, always."

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