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

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Why The Delay?

... captured prominently in the April 1 (Fool's Day) issue of our local contemporary was the announcement of a vote of \$150,000 in the Supplementary Estimates at Ottawa for repairs and improvements to the Railway Wharf at Charlottetown. This vote was for work to be undertaken this spring and summer. The total estimated cost, it was stated, was \$359,000, the intention being to expend the remainder of this money next season.

"Although the details of the plan are not available," said our contemporary on April Fool's Day, "it is understood that they call for the reconstruction of the west face of the wharf and the deepening of the dock. This work is under the direction of the Dominion Department of Public Works and when completed should be a distinct improvement to our harbour."

Weeks passed, and the provincial election campaign was sprung on an unsuspecting electorate. The harbour improvement vote was, of course, cited as evidence of Liberal co-operation between Charlottetown and Ottawa in the interests of our shippers and producers. The preliminary harbour survey work had, as a matter of fact, been started under the former Bennett Government which had planned extensive harbour improvements and dry-docking facilities. It took our boards of trade, City Council and other organizations four years to convince the King Government that this project was deserving of consideration. The vote put through at the last session of Parliament, though small in comparison with the work required to be done, was accepted in good faith.

The season is now nearly over, however, and nothing has yet been done on this long-delayed project. What is the Federal Government waiting for? The money is there—\$150,000 to be expended this season—and not a move made either to reconstruct the wharf or deepen the dock.

Pussyfooting Over The Terminus

The Halifax Chronicle, (Liberal) is pretty well disgusted with the backing and filling of its Federal party ministers over the airport terminus. Previous announcements indicated that Moncton would be the Maritime terminus for the Trans-Canada Airways this fall, with feeder lines, possibly private commercial concerns, linking other Maritime centres. A few days ago, Mr. Finn, one of the Liberal federal representatives for Halifax, announced word from Ottawa that the Eastern Passage base, in Halifax County, would become the TCA terminus this fall. Hon. Mr. Howe, Transport Minister, then denied the report. Mr. Finn has now released a letter from Hon. Mr. Ilsley which appears to bear out his statement.

"Most statements coming from national capitals, of course," says our Halifax Liberal contemporary, "have a few general terms which are open to a choice of interpretations. It is necessary here to make clear just what TCA plan to do so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned. The new air line has been under criticism already for what some have felt to be a policy of ignoring this part of the world. The people of Nova Scotia are in no mood for such a policy and will look for some assurance that Ottawa remembers their existence at other times than the period tax collections."

Mr. Finn's comment on the situation is thus reported in the Halifax press: "I have lost patience with the Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of transport. His assurances to me in the past have not been kept, and I am not surprised at his present attitude. I am prepared to leave this issue with the people of Nova Scotia and more particularly with the electorate of the City and County of Halifax. . . . In the interview which I gave the press, the information was based on the letter written me only a few days ago by the Minister of National Revenue, Hon. J. L. Ilsley. I accepted his written word and I do yet, because he is an honorable public man. I cannot but think that his colleague in the Government, Hon. C. D. Howe's statement is as embarrassing to him as it is disappointing to me."

Another example of Liberal harmony and unanimity!

To Invade Britain

Owing to the rearmament policy pursued by the British Government, German military experts have found it necessary to alter their plans of invasion.

The original German plan, as set up by the experts in Berlin, proposed the help of mine-layers, submarines and other devices, to free for a short time part of the North Sea of the presence of the British Navy. The latter's predilection for a concentration in the North was taken into account, too. The interval thus gained was to be used to transport a compact though small expeditionary force to the English coast.

The fact that the British would be able to cut off communications after that was not considered important. The object of the expedition was to march boldly inland. No resistance that mattered was expected. Railway lines were to be cut, viaducts and bridges were to be destroyed and important industrial plants were to be blown up or burnt, the object being to bring the life of the country into chaos.

The population was expected to set up a demand for immediate peace. In any case, if the

invaders finally were overcome they would have had time to cause incalculable, possibly irreparable damage to the power of Great Britain.

That plan has now been altered. The immense growth of British power in defense made that inevitable. A new scheme has been substituted, which dismisses the idea of gaining temporary control of the North Sea as impossible of realization. The compact expeditionary force disappears also from the picture. Its place is taken by a number of small autonomous detachments, composed of not more than twenty men each.

Those men are to be volunteers of a particularly reliable type, specially trained in advance for individual warfare. Those raiding detachments would be "planted" simultaneously even before the official outbreak of the war in vulnerable parts of Britain. In some cases they would arrive in special planes, which would be destroyed after having been emptied of men and supplies. For the raiders are not to expect to return to Germany.

The business of the raiders would be to establish themselves at points previously chosen, to live on the land and to concentrate upon the destruction of vital communications and industrial plants. Stores of food and munitions would receive particular attention. The raiders would be met by spies, placed in advance and who would act as guides.

They must hold out as long as resources permit so that the normal life of large areas is paralyzed and the British War Office is prevented from sending an expeditionary force to France or Belgium. On occasions, instead of troop carrying planes, the system may be applied of sending the raiders down with parachutes according to the Russian example. Finally, being in uniform, the raiders, if obliged to surrender to an overwhelming force or because of lack of supplies, need not fear to be treated as free lances and shot out of hand.

Having got thus far the German military command consider it would be comparatively easy to put the fear of death into the hearts of the invaded.

EDITORIAL NOTES

War declared this date, 1914.

Queen Elizabeth born this date, 1900.

The visit of the Oddfellows is the next big event in our summer's programme, when Summerside will play the part of hosts in their customary hospitable manner.

Before leaving for England, Mr. Patrick Ashley Cooper, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company declared: "The one outstanding thing about Canada in the past few years, has been the wonderful courage of the western farmers. In spite of repeated setbacks in their crops they continued to work their land, even when utter destitution faced them. They kept smiling and kept hoping. That is why I am so happy to see prospects of a good crop throughout the west this year. It justifies their faith in their country."

Franco is following the other European dictators in compelling citizens to work for the State. In a decree just issued all Spanish men between 18 and 50 must work 15 days each year for the state without pay. Demanding that the nation stop idling and work harder to speed national reconstruction, General Franco ordered all able-bodied men to register for assignments to municipal, provincial and state works projects on August 31. Failure to work for the state or to pay the equivalent in wages is to be punishable by fines of 100 to 2,000 pesetas (\$11 to \$220) and imprisonment for 31 days to three months.

Organization for big events is not a matter of days but of months. In connection with conference of the Empire Press Union in Canada next July and August, the honorary secretary-treasurer for the Dominion, Mr. W. A. Craik, Editor of Industrial Canada, is already busy looking after details and is now in the city for that purpose. It is planned that the delegates from all over the Empire will arrive in Quebec City on July 25, take special train direct for Prince Edward Island where they will spend Saturday evening July 27, Sunday, July 28, leaving for Halifax Monday, July 29. Accommodation for 100 guests has been booked at the Charlottetown Hotel for the week-end.

The British Admiralty has purchased and is immediately requisitioning 86 of the best trawlers from the fishing fleets of Hull and Grimsby for conversion to mine-sweepers and other naval purposes, it became known recently. The purchase, said to amount to over \$1,000,000, will deplete the ports of one-third of their deep-sea fishing fleet, and unless the crews are enlisted also will result in considerable unemployment in the fishing industry. The fishing companies have decided to counterbalance the effect on market supplies by lifting the present voluntary restrictions on landing fish at Hull and Grimsby and by working the remaining trawlers to full capacity.

France has just passed legislation to increase families and to keep farmers on the soil. Among the new laws approved are those dealing with the falling birth-rate and the adoption of children. Nine billion francs will be appropriated in bonuses and credits partly drawn from the tax on bachelors and childless families, and from an increase in the tax on alcohol. A bonus of between 2,000 and 3,000 francs will be given each first child. Special attention has been given to helping young peasants remain on the land by means of loans and a change in the inheritance law. If the oldest son has worked on the land since the age of 18 he will be entitled to a sum equivalent to 10 times the wages he would have received as laborer as first claim before all other inheritors. The penalties for abortion and for the publication of obscene and pornographic literature are doubled. A further limitation is put on the manufacture of "pot still" alcohol and certain aniseed products are suppressed. The adoption of children is facilitated, and the adopted child ranks with the legitimate child in inheritance rights. The guardianship of natural children is also made less complicated.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In London they are reviving Shaw's play, "Pygmalion," in which as you will remember, the heroine, Eliza Doolittle, amazed a highly-respectable Chelsea drawing-room by introducing the word "bloody" into her otherwise immaculate conversation and accent—with the result that she was using it the next day. It is one of Shaw's greatest triumphs over the smug complacency of the British middle classes. And now another Elizabeth has made it famous. They are telling a story in the Australian papers about how Queen Elizabeth overheard the Princess, her daughter, describes something as "bloody awful" upon being reproved she said it was quite all right because Auntie Marina said it. Her Most Gracious Majesty, thinking quickly, said it was very well for Auntie Marina because she was going to Australia and was learning the language.—Vancouver Province.

German planes are forbidden to fly over Berchtesgaden lest they disturb Hitler's slumbers. He who has given so many sleepless nights insists on having his own rest.—Winnipeg Tribune.

A London newspaper grows because Prime Minister Chamberlain does not take Winston Churchill into his cabinet. Mr. Chamberlain feels that he has plenty of fighting to do outside his cabinet.—Ottawa Journal.

Professor Julien Betsler, Leftist leader sentenced today to 15 years in prison for his part in the trouble in Spain, probably isn't banging his head against the base stone he was built while there's life there's hope, as he found out back in 1919 when he was sentenced to life.—Windsor Star.

Despite American silver buying, the world price has dropped below thirty-five cents an ounce. Since gold now is worth thirty-five dollars, the ratio between the precious metals is now 100 to 1, a big difference from W. J. Bryan's famous 16 to 1.—Exchange.

No wonder France is worried about the fall in population. The number of children in the average modern French family has dropped to two, obviously not enough to maintain the population of a country which not so long ago was the most thickly populated in Europe. One hundred and fifty years ago, while the Basques fell the average number per family was five. One hundred years ago the average had fallen to four.—Moncton Transcript.

We have said it before, and we repeat now that if ever there was a time when all interests throughout the British Empire should be seeking ways and means of promoting the welfare of the whole Empire, the time is now, when the Motherland is exerting every effort to maintain world peace.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

There are many colorful, picturesque customs in Burma, quite a few of which owe their origin to the turf. Last month a pleasant little ceremony took place at the Kysakasan racing centre, where the race track was encircled with a payekyoe (sacred cord). The idea (and hope) was that the money kept away accidents. Sixteen soyadaws (senior monks) officiated at the ritual, which was performed in the Governor's Box, prayers being offered.—Indian Press Union.

"Hercules," veteran Imperial Airways air-liner, known as "the grand old lady of the air," has just emerged from her annual examination for her official certificate of airworthiness. "Hercules" first came into commission in 1931, and has spent over 13,000 hours aloft, flying over a 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.

President Roosevelt has surrendered, under pressure from homesick senators, to the idea of reviving the so-called Neutrality Act. There was little else he could do. So be it. But Adolf Hitler had better not set too much store by this action. The act is not intended to restrict arms, ammunition nor implements of war can be exported from this country to belligerents, whether allies or enemies. But let Mr. Hitler take care to read the one that let him reflect, before he drops the hat for a European war, that public opinion could chase Congress back to Washington to repeal the arms embargo in no time more. "Report" than it takes to say "au wiedersehen."—New York World-Telegram.

Widespread interest has been shown during the past few weeks in an exhibition which has been held at the House of Commons and the Oriental Chessmen. Many of the exhibits are of exquisite beauty, design, craftsmanship, and coloring, while others are mainly interesting because of their associations. A Burnese set is supposed to have been made by a woman named Uthay, an ivory set was once the property of the first Duke of Wellington, and another set is reputed to have been the property of Lord Clive, while a Polish set is said to have belonged to Captain James Cook, the discoverer of Australia. Special interest attaches to a Westwood set of 1799 because it is believed that Mrs. Siddons posed for the Queens and Charles Kemble for the kings. In a Russian set the bishops are represented as ships, and there is a set of ivory representing the Bears of Berne. A French set of about 1800 is delicately worked in pink onyx and black agate. A minute ivory set, incomplete is contained in a polished walnut shell.—London Times.

Jackie is a deer, female, now 18 months old, whose parents perished in the great Vancouver Island fire last year. She lives now with Percy Eisey, who is known as the Lord Mayor of Oyster River. At his tavern there beneath the maple trees you can see Jackie almost any day when she comes in from the woods where she spends part of her time with other deer. Her habit is to march into the beer parlor and beg for a drink. After a discreet cupful or the goes out and lies down, lying down with her friend Spud the dog, and the cat, Tib. The Lord Mayor of Oyster River proposes to tie a bell and a white ribbon on her in September so please, don't shoot if you see while or hear a dingie.—Victoria Times.

Adolph S. Ochs, great head of the New York Times, left an estate of \$12,311,422 and out of that the sum of \$5,812,953 was taken in State and Federal taxes. Should his direct

PUBLIC FORUM

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

HIGHWAY DUST NUISANCE

Sir,—Please allow me to call the attention of those in charge of the highways concerning the dust nuisance prevalent on Brackley Point Road, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The dust rises in clouds in the trail of the car speeders, and covers with a thick coating lawn, garden, flowers, fruits, grass and even penetrates rooms. Besides doing damage it is very disagreeable and also objectionable on the score of health. Moreover, it depreciates value of property, because no one wants to buy a residence subject to dust storms.

The remedy is simple, viz—to drive at a moderate speed, in which case no dust or very little would be raised.

I am, Sir, etc., RESIDENT.

BEACH GROVE INN

Sir,—What grudge have the Charlottetown people got against your hotel? "The first greeting received from a guest, upon his arrival here, was 'Beach Grove!'" This gentleman, in enquiring the way to Beach Grove Inn, from at least three different people in Charlottetown, met with nothing but discouraging remarks about our hotel. Naturally, this person began to think that there was really something wrong with the place and has not been here before several years ago, no doubt would have gone elsewhere, but decided to try it, in spite of rebuffs. Now he is in his praise of everything and cannot understand why some people want to knock it.

One party said "We do not send people there, because they have no amusement." What more to the able army of money there, and in this way every business would benefit by them.

THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT

ANOTHER "MUDDLE" PUZZLE

Sir,—In your Forum "Another Taxpayer" asks,—"Is there a penalty for receiving money under false pretences and if so what is likely to happen to those who sign certificates wrongfully as auditors?"

For several months the City has been without the auditors required by the "Mandatory" Sec. 67 of the Statute. The only auditors are the outside "special" appointees acting under the ordinary blanket corporate emergency authority.

Yes, there is a penalty for "obtaining money under false pretences" under the Criminal Code. Yet the seat and offspring of our City Council is centered in the fact that in City Hall many of those of dominating assumptions, for nearly half a century, have had too much disregard for laws in any form.

What kind of certificates does your correspondent refer to, for taxpayers have had several types before them. Does he mean the "Receipts" for the "Report" which is in danger of being shredded and scapped? Or is it the demands being made for arrears which have no foundation in fact? Or is some "unauthorized" person or persons receiving money and giving receipts without legislative sanction?

It is supposed to be a City Clerk, "who shall also be City Treasurer," to receive all monies, keep account of same and deposit to the City Credit in the City's bank. In no case is any receipt to be given legal advice, but to state facts and avoid baseless theories. And now official auditors, preemptively required by statute, are dispensed with, and the City Clerk is given legal advice, but to state facts and avoid baseless theories. And now official auditors, preemptively required by statute, are dispensed with, and the City Clerk is given legal advice, but to state facts and avoid baseless theories.

While Mayor Stewart was justified in his opinion that the audit of 1932 was of no value in the light of then apparent events, he is discounted by the lapse of time. In fact as it now appears, that it is a distinct and a most corrective of our recent output, and will, with the reports of other Mayors, neutralize some of the nebulous broadsides of today. And it is noteworthy in one strong respect that the cleavage heirs suffer the misfortune of one or two successive demises, there would not be much left of the wealth accumulated by the brain power and energy of the original inventor.—St. Catharines Standard.

Our August CLEARANCE SALE OF ALL Summer Merchandise Beginning TODAY at 9 a.m. We feel that it would be useless to attempt to list the many bargains that we have to offer. We guarantee that you will save many dollars by taking advantage of this annual sales event. We've ALL the cool clothes you want—will NEED from now on—all so wonderfully low-priced, you'll SAVE by SPLURGING. Summer Suits, Summer Coats, Gay Accessories . . . LADIES and GENTLEMEN—Your complete summer wardrobe is here—at tremendously reduced prices. Shop here now and save. S.A. MacDONALD

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Spinning and Weaving. Send me your wool to be spun into yarn and woven into blankets. The charges are: 23 cents for single yarn, doubled 26 cents per pound, blankets cost \$2.00 laundered; and if unlaundered \$1.85. It takes five pounds of wool per blanket.

The Poets' Corner. Our father quitted the dawn into his milkpail. With rhythmic fingers, While we waded in the brilliant river. Of morning poured through the open door; The day itself seemed clean and shining.

A Pitcher Must Have "Something" MEANING THAT TO MAKE GOOD HE MUST HAVE SPEED, CONTROL, CHANCE-OF-PACE, etc., THAT EXTRA "SOMETHING". YOU WILL FIND THAT EXTRA SOMETHING TOO IN HICKEY'S BLACK TWIST Chewing 10c Per Fig "EAST POINT TO NORTH CAPE" Manufactured by HICKEY & NICHOLSON TOBACCO CO., LTD., Charlottetown