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

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An Unqualified Success

Confederation Week got away to a magnificent start yesterday. The street parade was unquestionably the most colorful spectacle of its kind ever seen in Charlottetown.

One of the thousands of enthusiastic spectators at the pageant was Mr. J. R. MacNichol, M. P., of Toronto, who suggests that a spectacle of this kind, presented with such skill and attention to historical detail, has tremendous possibilities in the way of promoting national unity and patriotic fervour.

Mr. MacNichol also expressed the hope that before the celebration is concluded, a group picture will be taken of the sons and daughters of the Confederation Fathers who are here for this unique occasion.

Interest today centres on the Firemen's Parade, the aquatic sports and yachts races, which will be followed in the evening by the concert at the exhibition grounds by the Disciples of Massenet Choir of Montreal.

Prophecy And Fulfillment

The inspiring addresses delivered at yesterday morning's formal opening of Confederation Celebration Week would have done credit to the Confederation Fathers themselves. Certainly the sentiments expressed—the emphasis which was placed on the virtues of courage and optimism in facing the problems of the day, the need of forgetting sectional differences and working harmoniously and wholeheartedly in the interests of a united Canada—were precisely those which guided the deliberations of our elder statesmen and enabled them to achieve success.

Through the courtesy of a subscriber, The Guardian's attention has been drawn to a seventy-two year old pamphlet, the contents of which are of timely interest on this occasion. It is entitled "A Plea for the Confederation of the Colonies of British North America, addressed to the people and parliament of Prince Edward Island," by Matthew Richey, D. D. In the flowery language of the period, the writer declaims against those who were holding out against union and predicts an era under Confederation of development "in every sphere and department of useful activity, professional, commercial, and industrial."

"Were the anticipated Confederation at this moment a fact—did this Colony now feel herself surrounded by the zone of a new Colonial constitution, embracing in the amplitude of its circle every Province of British North America, and did we feel, in our novel relations, the pressure of inequitable and grasping exactions on our limited resources, are there no men among us able to make the halls of the central Legislature reverberate with the thunder of their denunciations against the shameful outrage; and scathe, with the bolts of their indignant censure, its guilty perpetrators? Have we no Gray nor Coles, no Hensley nor Haviland, no Pope nor Brecken, no Whelan nor Davies, to bring to the vindication of the claims of their injured country powers of argument and appeal that would command attention and wake responsive echoes on the most august arena of political contest?"

"Away then," declares this Confederation advocate, "away with such pusillanimous and baseless apprehensions that we are about to be whelmed in the vortex of Confederation—that if we go into the measure we are destined to be stripped of our rights and to sink rapidly into a state of squalid pauperism. Narrow, indeed, must be the sphere and feeble the powers of his vision, who can descry nothing but shadows, clouds, and darkness resting upon the dynasty of a vice-regal government in British North America, in its language, laws, and literature, constitutional liberty, social order, and Christian faith, reflecting the image, and emulating the honors of its illustrious ancestry."

Another argument advanced in the pamphlet above quoted has a quite modern ring: "At a period," says the writer, "when the despotisms of continental Europe are trembling in the balance—when no political prophet, however gifted, can anticipate with tranquil confidence the events of a single week—events which, in their

consequences, might soon ensheet the fairest portions of the old world in the mantling flame of revolutionary violence, or of a general war . . . it is no easy calculation to estimate the advantage of living under the aegis of an Empire with whose power and grandeur Rome, in the height of her glory, was not to be compared."

"The writer concludes with the prediction that "when the agitations of the present generation concerning it (Confederation) have subsided into the solemn quiescence of the sepulchre, the course they now take in reference to it, will leave its impress—it may be for ages—on the destinies of the living." Words truly spoken, which we are better able to appreciate today, after the lapse of three quarters of a century.

Not all, it is true, of these rhetorical assurances were implemented 100 per cent. There were handicaps as well as advantages resulting from our entry into Confederation a few years after this glowing panegyric was published in Charlottetown. But what noble vistas it opened up; what sublime confidence inspired this and other pamphleteers of the time in support of a then unpopular movement, upon the consummation of which we now look back with so much pride and satisfaction!

Editorial Notes

Off to a good start!

Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice, etc., cited this date, 1817.

"I never saw so many kilties in my life," declared an onlooker on witnessing the march past yesterday.

The visiting Naval and Military Units, as well as our own boys, got a genuinely hearty welcome from the crowd at the saluting base.

"If only Hitler and Mussolini could see this sight," sighed a lady on Sunday, "there would be no war." And certainly the military parade was inspiring—the "greatest ever" in our history.

So many Cabinet Ministers are here that they are going to hold a meeting of the Dominion Treasury Board in the Confederation Chamber. We could do nicely with a hundred thousand dollar vote for unemployment relief.

We who live by the shore, and take all it implies as a matter of course, can hardly imagine the surprise and interest aroused in visitors from the not very distant interior of Canada who witness the rise and fall of tides for the first time. There are many such here at the present time.

Sir Percy Winn Everett, deputy chief commissioner of Scouts for Great Britain, will make an official tour of Canada this summer "to secure a better appreciation among leading professional and business men in the Dominion of the national value of the work of Canadian Scouts." He is due here September 4, Labour Day.

The National Association of Broadcasters of the U. S. A. have decided to follow the example of the B. B. C. and C. B. C. and ban controversial talks over their radio systems, except for political broadcasts. The code contends that fair and impartial presentation of both sides of controversial public issues is a duty of the broadcasters and should be done without pay. Selling of time for the presentation of controversial issues is prohibited except for political broadcasts. This exception was made because there are times when contending parties are entitled to use more time than a broadcasting station can afford to give at no cost.

The fact that British imports of 1938 were more than the combined total of imports in the United States and Germany is a fitting answer to critics who charge that Great Britain has hindered world trade by excessive tariffs, Mr. Robert S. Hudson, Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, says. Speaking at the 1912 Club, a Conservative party association, Mr. Hudson said Britain is sincerely collaborating with other nations to improve international commerce. "Our imports last year for a population of \$43,000,000 were more than the whole of imports in the United States and Germany put together," he declared. "We actually imported from foreign countries £1,548,000,—(about \$6,144,640,000) worth of goods. This figure in itself is greater than the total imports of any country." This shows the extent to which we have played the game and assisted in world recovery. "It is equally true that the Dominions have gained very materially. I am not here to assess the exact balance sheet as to who has gained the most. It has been said that we are treating New Zealand very badly, but I stress that we buy 2 1/2 times as much per head of her population from her as she buys from us."

Southern Rhodesia's readiness to fight for "democracy, freedom and justice" was reaffirmed by Prime Minister G. M. Huggins at a dinner commemorating the birthday of the "Empire Builder," Cecil Rhodes, in London. The speaker warned that in a future war his country may not be able to contribute as much manpower as it did in the Great War. Southern Rhodesia's industries have developed in the past 20 years and must be kept alive, he explained declaring: "It is a fine thing to fight for one's King and country, but one wants some country left at the end of the war." Mr. Huggins said that in Britain "the post-war hysteria has gone. All those good, kind people who believed that signing of a peace treaty had abolished the brute in man forever, think differently now. They see that it is a tough world; that they have got a hard row to hoe," he continued. "And their spirit is magnificent. They do not want war. But they said, if anybody offends us any more we shall just stop our business for the time and war will take place. That spirit has spread to the rest of the Empire."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Why should the French and British want to cross the Rhine? Germany without Italy is isolated and helpless. Why cannot the two Democracies give Italy the choice that, in practice, they gave her in 1917? Break your alliance with Germany—or fight! Italy then broke it. But if she does not this time, then obviously it will be much easier for the French and the British to invade Italy than Germany and bring down the Axis. Achilles through its vulnerable heel—a heel quite fittingly to be found in the Italian "boot." —Montreal Star.

With the President's veto of a plan for the construction of a small dirigible, the future of this type of aircraft remains as uncertain as ever. The project for the purchase of a craft about half the size of the Akron, Macon and Shenandoah, ill-fated ships of the late war, has been dropped, and with it go the plans for the immediate construction of a new dirigible of any size. —Hartford Courant.

The present weakness of the Chamberlain Government's position in dealing with the totalitarian rulers is the difficulty in making them realize that a Ministry which shows weakness in its relations with them in the past, has really hardened its heart and stiffened its neck and means business. A realization of this would quite probably be brought about by such a recasting of the personnel of the Cabinet as now seems in prospect. As a first step in this direction, the appointment of Winston Churchill to the post of First Lord of the Admiralty would strengthen the Chamberlain Government's position immensely. —Sydney Post-Record.

What is being done in western Canada is said to be the reason behind a projected program on a smaller scale for the Tantramar marshes. These marshes at one time were very productive, and their sustenance from this growth; but within the last few decades the lands have been deteriorating and the production of hay has been small at best. Much of the drainage has fallen into disuse and only a little attention has been given to the soil itself. The consequence is seen in the growth of many weeds, the less real hay, some of which is considered hardly worth the expense of harvesting in the fall. Part of this neglect is due to the fact that in many seasons there has been less demand for hay than usual and the price has been at a figure to make a profit practically impossible. When this commodity is in only moderate demand, \$8. as has been the case quite frequently within recent years, the farmer has to consider whether there is not more profitable outlet for his energies than to try to make a profit out of broadleaf. —Amherst News.

The black bass is king along the Rideau Lakes. His presence there means thousands upon thousands of dollars each year to the people who operate hotels or provide food and accommodations, proprietors of garages and filling-stations, to the guides, the grocers, the butchers, the purveyors of bait, the vendors of tackle—to ensure that the waters are vitally dependent upon tourist revenue, and which would suffer drastically if they were cut off. These revenues will be retained only to the measure that the bass, fighting sons of guns that they are, continue to rise to the lure and to flip their tails in the air after they have been hooked, a hole near the left eye like a large, widely appreciated than it is. If everybody who lives near these lakes and who profits from the trade in black bass brings will constitute himself a deputy game warden, the illegal practices which are capable of doing such great harm to this leading tourist attraction will soon vanish. —Brookville Recorder and Times.

Pet's Corner at the Zoo seems likely to become noted for its unusual friendships. Last Summer an ordinary farmyard pig caused much amusement because he was on visiting terms with an animal which was a number of penguins, while his regular playmates were emu chicks, wolf cubs and dingo pups. This year it is a black rabbit called Smoky who is making a reputation for himself because of his preference for queer company. As soon as he was introduced into Pet's Corner he began to cultivate the acquaintance of bear cubs, deer and ponies, and now he is acting as nurse and companion to a baby gnu or wildebeeste. The gnu, born at Whimsy and deserted by his mother, was sent to the zoo to be reared by hand. He soon became reconciled to a feeding-bottle, but he refused to take any notice of his calves, baby rabbits and lambs introduced as possible playmates. But when the rabbit approached the lonely young antelope in his usual friendly and inquisitive way, he was promptly welcomed, with the result that the rabbit and the gnu are usually to be seen side by side. —London Sunday Times.

The Provincial Department of Highways is reported to be placing trees in the larger holes in the highways as a warning to motorists. Unlike some road work is done on the highway, they will have to import giant redwoods next year so they'll show above the holes. —Timmins Press.

A New York store, always anxious to please and believing in the motto of service no matter how trivial the trouble, boasts an offering of more than 800 types of gadgets to induce sleep. This is the New York merchant's gift to an insomnia-ridden city and nation. —Windsor Star.

It's a man who knows, so far as the particular matter can be known, Dr. Karl B. McEachron, retiring president of the General Electric Company, who says: "If your bedstead is of iron you're in the safest place during an electrical storm. A wooden bed is a safe place because of its metal construction, but don't danger your

That Body of Hours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

A LARGE UNHURRIED BREAKFAST MAY CORRECT CONSTIPATION

"The hustle and bustle of the average person's daily life in this machine age, the lack of time to create a habit, improper foods or fresh diets, hurried to the most universal desire for slenderness, insufficient fluid intake, and other factors contribute to the prevalence of constipation."

I believe Dr. Perry's statement that "the lack of time to create a habit" is one of the great truths as to the cause of constipation. With a great many individuals, there is the hurried breakfast and no time for, or thought of, the intestinal habit. And so common is constipation that he states further:

"It is so rare in my experience to find a patient who is not constipated that I have come to look with awe and wonder at those who tell me that their bowels move naturally and regularly. A review of 200 consecutive case histories of patients examined in my office (except cancer patients) revealed that 129 complained of constipation. The very majority of these were 71 non-constipated patients, however, there were several with diarrhoea and colitis. If these cases are excluded, the number was a normal bowel habits is small."

One of the conclusions come to by Dr. Perry is that a large breakfast is one of the most important factors in correcting constipation. With this conclusion, most physicians will agree because a hurried, light breakfast does not give the impulse to the digestive tract to move and drive wastes downward. The very desire for a portion of a meal will, in itself, give stronger impulses to the whole digestive tract—stomach, small intestine, and large intestine. It is difficult to see the average individual to sit down and eat a good breakfast in a leisurely manner, and to take time to sit and read the paper or listen to the radio after breakfast seems impossible. Yet, if this same individual were to retire a half hour earlier, and get up a half hour earlier, he could easily read a newspaper, listen to the radio, and reach his office or factory in plenty of time.

Lightning Bolts

(Houlton Spectator) The legendary "bolt" from the blue" gave ugly proof of its substance in Ontario the other day.

Two men were harvesting on a farm near London. The owner, George Maeren, was in a wagon loading hay. A friend from the city, Harry Beattie, was walking beside the load guiding the horses. Beattie describes the tragedy that followed in this way: "He heard a sharp report like that of a pistol shot. He then saw a ball of fire about the size of a baseball moving slowly between Maeren and the horses. He felt a slight numbness in his feet, and recalls that he saw other members of the Maeren family running toward them from the house. Both horses, he noticed, fell slowly as if some one were laying them down. The hay caught fire. He looked for Maeren on the top of the load, and was told that he was on the ground on the other side of the load. He was dead. One of the horses was also dead."

The doctor who examined the victim gave this description of his injuries: "The bolt of lightning made a hole near the left eye like a large-calibre bullet hole. It passed through his body, blackening it and showing the burns of a flame. It evidently went out through the left foot, practically leaving away the heel. The sky at the time of the tragedy was fairly clear, and there was no rain on the field before or after the stroke."

arms outside. And it happens that under today's social and economic order many people are in motor cars most of the time they're not in bed. —Brandon Daily Sun.

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APPRECIATIVE

City Council Sir,—I want to just add my word of praise to the excellence of the Ontario float in the Confederation Parade. We look upon Ontario as the banner Province of Canada and it was fitting that the Ontario float was so outstanding.

Thanks, ONTARIO.

City Council Sir,—I think in view of the revelations disclosed by the "Special City Audit" and the subsequent talk by citizens that the City Councilors should resign at once and ask for a vote of confidence. Why be in such a hurry to appoint a City Clerk? That office has been practically vacant for the past six months and the appointment of a new Clerk is an important matter that should not be left in the hands of the Councilors.

Oh, you will say, we put them there to run our City. Yes, that is true but need I add—Are they qualified? The tax payers should call a mass meeting to show that King are interested when their money is going. However, this may all come out if the Attorney General as stated in the Press, brings in a mental expert. Yes, that is only right that Justice be done and let the chips fall where they may.

I am, Sir, etc., CHARLOTTETOWN, July 17

Mirror Of The Nation

By "Commoner"

OTTAWA, The Government is preparing for the election even though Prime Minister Mackenzie King offers the European loan on over far of Danzig as his reason for not telling the country when it is to be held or for his own indecision on the question. Cabinet meetings these days have slim attendance. Ministers are campaigning in various parts of the country. Those who remain in the capital sit around the council table with Mr. King discussing the filling of numerous vacant positions on the public pay-roll which the Government is determined not to leave for a succeeding administration to fill. Many desirable posts at the disposal of Mr. King and his Cabinet colleagues will find occupants within the next few weeks, or days.

It is said that Senate vacancies—there are nine of them—will be among the last to be filled. The

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reason for this also has to do with the election. Many Liberal members, and even quite a few members of Mr. King's own ministerial family, have had their eyes on the storm signals. They say anxious to get into the arc before the deluge. Several have claims on the refuge of the Senate which Mr. King cannot ignore. They have fought the good fight when Liberal party prospects were more promising than at present and feel they are entitled to be saved from the threatened oblivion. It adds to the significance of the situation that so many cabinet ministers should be among the claimants for the Senate vacancies. Usually members of a government are the last to recognize the signs that are plain to the more distant. That Mr. King's close cabinet associates recognize them now and are seeking shelter indicates that the signs have become unmistakable even in the council chamber.

The recurring report that Finance Minister Dunning will retire is revived again. It is attributed to the state of his health and in Ottawa there is genuine regret that he has not fully recovered from his illness of some months ago. His retirement would greatly weaken the Government politically as well as administratively. If there were any chance of the Government surviving the election, the retirement of Mr. Dunning and others who are concerned for the national interest would be reluctant to see him retire, but they would regret to see him go through an election campaign for a cause so many consider to be already lost. In the same quarters it is reported that Hon. J. L. Ralston, former member of the Liberal government, could be Mr. Dunning's successor until the election is over if he so desired but that the prospect does not attract him. He had five years on the opposition side in the Commons before 1935 and is not likely to see much advantage in extending the experience.

Out in the West, Agricultural Minister James Gardiner has been giving voice to his annoyance at the evidence of the effects of a united effort by multiple political organizations to encompass his downfall and that of the government of which he is a member. The once popular "Jimmy" Gardiner evidently has found that since his peculiar performance in connection with wheat legislation, at the recent session, western sentiment, however it may be divided on some matters, is even in his home Province of Saskatchewan, showing signs of consolidation in respect of himself and the Government's course on agricultural matters.

Messrs. Hiley and Rogers, junior members of the government, are at the time of writing, doing some preliminary campaigning down by the sea. They are trying to persuade the Maritimers that the popular belief that the Mackenzie King Government is a do-nothing government is an exaggeration and that, official trade returns and the personal experience of those engaged in the fisheries and other Maritime industries notwithstanding, Mr. King's Washington trade bargain must somehow be regarded as beneficial to them.

In Ontario, Hon. W. D. Ether has been on the stump at Liberal meetings attempting to blow some buoyancy into deflated party prospects. But if reports are true Mr. Ether is not himself any reservoir of election cheerfulness—Ottawa understands that he will not contest his own constituency again. Following his successful appearances in various parts of Ontario Conservative Leader Manion went on to enthusiastic receptions in the lower part of Quebec Province.

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