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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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The Root Of The Trouble

The London Times goes to the root of Danzig question when it says, in an editorial of recent date: Since the Nazi Party has done its best to mesmerize the German people into believing that history began with the Treaty of Versailles, the tragic anniversary of August 4 at least had the merit of recalling that there was an invasion of Belgium which preceded it, and that, if the Reich of William II had not chosen to attack Belgium and France a quarter of a century ago to the day, Danzig would no doubt still be part of Germany and large stretches of Africa would still be flying the German flag.

By a clever confusion of cause and consequence, says The Times, the Nazi leaders have attributed the misfortunes of their country to a treaty which, in essence, merely confirmed results already produced by a war provoked by their predecessors and their Austrian ally. And Versailles was without the slightest doubt a generous settlement compared with those settlements which, after temporary successes, the German Empire imposed upon Russia and Rumania. If it contained blemishes, as is now freely and generally recognized, they were made to appear glaring only by contrast with the hopes and intentions of the final victors of the War themselves, who genuinely wished to establish the reign of peace and justice among all nations, and declared their intentions much too optimistically. The contrast between what was intended and what was achieved in the post-War years has been a matter of disappointment just as much to the makers of the peace treaties as to anyone else; and it has been ruthlessly exploited in Germany by a party that has—with some excuse in the first instance—reverted to the methods which led one country after another to take up arms in defence of liberty and democracy between 1914 and 1918, and which are now binding many of them together again in defence of the same principles.

Prince County Ready

The enthusiasm shown at Thursday's Conservative convention at O'Leary was a promising augury, and the two-fold result—the unanimous nomination of Dr. J. A. MacPhee as federal candidate for the County and the merging of East and West Prince Conservative Associations into one organization under the presidency of Mr. Chester McCarthy—will be hailed with general satisfaction. Dr. MacPhee's popularity was indicated by the fact that the other nominees, Messrs. J. Frank Arnett, James Pendergast, Thomas MacNutt and Peter MacCaul, withdrew in his favor, thus making the nomination unanimous. A resident of Summerside, Dr. MacPhee is well and favorably known throughout the County and Province, and will undoubtedly give a good account of himself in the campaign.

Added strength will accrue to the party under one Prince County Association, a move which was in contemplation for years and which has now been consummated with unanimous approval.

Whether or not the election will be held this year remains a doubtful question. The crisis in Europe has reached a tense climax which overshadows all domestic issues. It is, however, necessary to be prepared. The Conservatives have now all their candidates in the field in this Province, and may look forward with confidence to the outcome.

Civic Finances

The long-delayed annual meeting of the City Council took place on Thursday evening but was shorn of any sensational disclosures by the praiseworthy action of the Mayor in circulating beforehand the report of the two special auditors, Messrs. D. F. Archibald and W. A. Morrell. His Worship in submitting his report left to the chairman of the Finance Committee the duty of reviewing the auditors' findings and of explaining the steps which led up to their appointment. Mayor Foster has had onerous and worrying responsibilities on his shoulders in this connection, and deserves the highest credit and commendation for the determination with which he has pursued a course dictated, not by choice, but by grave necessity.

Finance Chairman Chandler dealt both with the irregularities reported by the special auditors and the steps which are being taken to implement their recommendations. The deficit of \$20,540 was on a basis of twelve and one-half months' expenditure as against twelve months' revenue, and it is claimed that but for extraordinary circumstances the year's financing would come within a few dollars of achieving a balanced budget.

Among the improvements to be made in accordance with the auditors' report will be a complete revision of the accounting system, maintenance of proper control accounts, bond register and arrears ledger, filing of cancelled cheques, redeemed debentures, paid dividend coupons, vouchers, etc., a proper, easily audited system of issuing purchase orders, and other modern methods of bookkeeping designed to effect a distribution of responsibility, and consequently a greater difficulty in the practice of any form of dishonesty.

Emphasis is placed on the necessity of first establishing the correct amount of arrears owing

by each taxpayer. To this end the Council is asking the Provincial Government to set up, by order in council, a Board of Adjustment to which any taxpayer may apply. It is announced that notice will appear in the press as to when this board will function. Nothing is said as to the constitution of the Board, which, in all fairness, should be drawn from the judiciary.

The personnel of the proposed Board has a direct bearing on the validity of the judgments they may render. Unless it is one in which the taxpayers as well as the Council have confidence, it might just as well be dispensed with. We regret that in an otherwise excellent and comprehensive report, this point was not touched upon by Coun. Chandler. The impression conveyed is that the Council intend choosing whom they please to act as a tribunal of adjustment, following, in this regard, the obnoxious precedent set by the present Provincial Government in land expropriation cases. If that be so, the result cannot fail to cause dissatisfaction and suspicion. This would indeed be regrettable in view of the value and importance of the reforms in civic financing which the Council has courageously undertaken.

More Dredging Necessary

The following, not without interest to Guardian readers, is from The Pictou Advocate: "A group of Prince Edward Islanders went to Halifax this week to inspect the yacht recently purchased in New York for the new ferry service from Carriboe Harbor to Wood Islands. What they thought of the vessel has not been learned, but it is reliably reported that further dredging in Carriboe Harbor may be necessary to enable her to operate with safety. The original dredging contract has been completed. Since last November, when the work was started, J. P. Porter & Sons have removed about 180,000 cubic yards of earth from the harbor according to specifications laid down by the Department of Public Works. But navigators and engineers seem to agree that the service cannot be maintained unless further dredging is done, the reason being that the channel makes a right angle turn and is only 125 feet wide and thirteen feet deep. Under unfavorable weather conditions, it is stated, the yacht could not make this sharp turn in cross winds and tides without grave danger of going aground. Another objection to the channel as it is formed at present is that cross tides might fill it in with mud and sand each year. However, it is believed that it can be widened at the entrance to eliminate these hazards in time for operation of the service on schedule next spring."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Edward III and the Black Prince scored a decisive victory over Philip VI of France at Crecy this date, 1346.

Tomorrow, the last Sunday in August, will mean practically good-bye to the average holiday-makers who next week will be en route to their homes, schools and business for another year.

In each of the three Counties now the protagonists have been chosen for the political fight, the date of which is dependent on the whim and caprice of Adolf Hitler.

The end of the Golf Tournament brings to a close one of the busiest summers for visitors ever experienced here—and one of the most suitable. Now we shall have to tot up and see what we have gained in that respect is not to be lost through poor crops of late grain and roots.

One of the business weeklies, which usually show an intelligent appreciation of the direction of the political wind, makes this forecast for the general election when it comes: Maritime Provinces, Conservative gains; Quebec, Conservative gains; Ontario, Conservative gains; Manitoba, C.C.F. gains; Saskatchewan, C.C.F. and Conservative gains; Alberta, Social Credit and C.C.F. gains; British Columbia, Conservative gains. This being so, what ghost of a chance has Mr. Mackenzie King of being returned to power?

The City Council are beginning to see daylight financially as the result of the business-like external audit that has been proceeding for some time. Councillor Russel Chandler, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is to be congratulated on the clear and explicit statement which he submitted to his colleagues on the Council. It is to be hoped that the Councillors now having put their hands to the plough will not turn back, but continue their labours with the view of putting the capital city of the Province in a sure and sound financial position, of which they and the citizens generally will feel proud.

These are dark days, nationally and internationally, Christian nations are passing through, but let us always bear in mind that Christianity has endured for two thousand years, and will so yet notwithstanding attacks by Godless Communists and Nietzsche Nazis. The great difference between the two opposing forces is that the latter worship physical force and brute strength while the former uphold spiritual power and the giving of the underdog—the weaker vessel—a reasonable chance to make good. "A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth."

Dr. MacPhee, who has been selected standard-bearer for the National Conservatives in Prince is one of the most popular medical doctors in the County. He is ready and willing to be at everybody's beck and call professionally, and socially is hale-fellow well-met. He should make a popular candidate, and as, regrettably his opponent, the veteran Mr. A. E. MacLean, is in poor state of health and unlikely to be able to devote the necessary time to the arduous duties of the constituency, should be elected member in support of the next Federal Government which is going to be National Conservative.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Even the silk worm has gone on strike in Japan. The spring silk cocoon crop has been estimated at two per cent. less than last year and will be the smallest crop in five years. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The woman whose suicide attempt was foiled when her attention was distracted by a man fighting a street race, was said by now with the writer who agreed that curiosity is a valuable trait. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

Winnipeg Free Press, declaring August and September is the danger period in the existing international situation urges Mackenzie King not to call on an election then, but to wait till later. How would it be to fix the date for Christmas time? Then Mr. King with his cash-pending program could step right up and take Santa Claus' place. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Selling a house you have built and lived in a long time is much like marrying off a daughter. You wanted to sell the house, and of course you wanted the daughter to marry, but in both cases there are tugs at the heartstrings. The sentimental loss is always there. — Kiwanis Magazine.

Why shouldn't Turkey take over Palestine and Syria? These are protectorates bordering on the Mediterranean, and could be administered by Turkey quite easily. The disputes which exist between Great Britain and France would be dispensed by the Turks. And they have natural genius for colonial administration. The advantages to Britain and France would be immense, and we would be transferring our burden to competent hands. — Sunday Express, London.

For Spain in her present condition to seek unity and recovery in a foreign adventure would be as disastrous for a man exhausted by fever to plunge into a cold bath. The Civil War has left behind it disorganized industry, defective machinery, a serious lack of raw materials, broken bridges and unrepaired roads, refugees, concentration camps, bandits, and personal vendettas to say nothing of a most drastic censorship. Only time and toil and growing confidence can remove this accumulation of evils. The distress has been greatest in Catalonia, where the population was of course made up of anti-Nationalist and where the highly developed industries were first to suffer in war. — The Times London.

After all the guff peddled to us democrats about the efficiency of the totalitarian in getting things done efficiently, it now appears that the Nazi contractors who built the new German fortifications were not too frightened to mix a little mud with their cement. It takes more than a firing squad to keep some European contractors from plugging up knotholes with putty. — Winnipeg Free Press.

The majority of men prominent in Canadian affairs today started work without prestige of any kind, and they received very little pay. They studied their particular line of activity; but, above all, they worked at their jobs—worked hard for long hours. A generation is hence another group of aging and successful men will have the same story to tell of humble beginnings and the hard upward climb. — Globe and Mail, Toronto.

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 Imperial solidarity, that time is now, when the Motherland is exerting every effort to maintain world peace. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The indignation of Danzig's Little Fuehrer somewhat recalls an occasion when Churchill said something in parliament which provoked Wedgwood Benn that he jumped to his feet in inarticulate protest. "The honorable gentleman," observed Churchill, "should not allow himself to develop more indignation than he can contain." — Moncton Transcript.

It is not easy to speak of the benefits of poverty without being accused of being contradictory. One would have liked to have had some details as to expenses in the building of this temple with some inkling as to the cost of skilled labor in those far off days. However, the volume fulfills the purpose for which it was written, and it deserves a very wide circulation, especially so, as all profits from the sales of the book are being used for the cemetery fund of the church.

The season's first snowstorm is reported from Colorado and there have been light falls of snow in the foothills in Alberta. As there was snow in parts of England and Germany a few weeks ago, this seems to be a mixed weather summer on both sides of the Atlantic. — Montreal Gazette.

J. Edgar Hoover's "G-men" laboratory now ranks with the Washington Monument and the Capital as an attraction for sightseers. Visitors in far this year have averaged 1,140 daily, compared with 735 a day for the same period last year. No shrinking violet, Mr. Hoover had added glamor to his bureau by fingerprinting such celebrities as Shirley Temple, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Walt Disney, Noel Coward, Ginger Rogers and "Amos and Andy." — Christian Science Monitor.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Berlin, M.D.

WHEN THE HEART BEAT SLOWS DOWN DURING SLEEP, GOTIRE IS NOT LIKELY PRESENT

Now that so many readers know that one of the outstanding symptoms of gotire is rapid beating of the heart, there is an increasing number who have stopped worrying about heart disease but are wondering if they have an early gotire.

As a matter of fact, no one should wonder or worry about heart disease or gotire as both conditions can be readily detected by the family physician. The use of the electrocardiograph when he gets a case is suspected, and of the metachrom (rate at which body processes work) test for suspected gotire, help the physician when he finds it necessary to get more complete information about the case.

This symptom of rapid beating of the heart is often the first clue the physician obtains in gotire, and yet now that this symptom is so well known, it might cause many individuals to worry unnecessarily.

They count their pulse frequently during the day and perhaps the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. The heart rate seems to be "always" fast.

Some reassuring information comes to us from Drs. C. E. Belsby and J. C. McClintock, Albany, in the New York State Journal of Medicine.

"One of the most helpful findings in learning whether or not gotire is present is tachycardia (rapid heart beat). In doubtful cases, the pulse rate should be studied while the patient is in bed and resting over a period of several days. A persistently high pulse (one that is high during sleep) is very likely to show that gotire is present, while a heart rate that drops to normal after a few hours of rest in bed, and goes up rapidly after slight exertion, usually means that gotire is not present."

There are, of course, other signs and symptoms present in gotire—nervousness, trembling, indigestion, sleeplessness. However, this knowledge that absolute rest for hours (or days sometimes) will not slow down the heart rate where gotire is present but will slow it down if gotire is not present should be worth much to all those who are shot, though how the cause of a rapid heart beat.

THE SELKIRK SETTLERS AND THE CHURCH THEY BUILT AT BELFAST

(By Rev. D. L. Griffith)

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The above is the appropriate title of a large one-of-a-kind booklet which was placed in my hands, while spending a few days this week among hospitable friends in the Belfast district. It is from the pen of Mrs. Ida MacLeod Putnam, one of the children of the Belfast church.

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The authors deserves to be complimented among other things for her perseverance in the difficult task of obtaining photographs of all the ministers up to the present time.

We are given also a list of the names of ministers who have gone into the Christian ministry from the church. Two ministers and one foreign missionary.

If at any future time a larger volume will be written, the cover of this book will be glad to find back for some facts to be found only in this new booklet.

The Belfast Church has sent out into the world some very worthy sons and daughters, who have made for themselves a name in the pulpit, in the medical profession, in educational and political circles.

They all come back as often as possible, to visit the homes of their childhood, but they do not forget the beautiful sanctuary where they were first taught the ways of Zion. Their sentiments might be expressed as follows: "Where'er we may wander, in fields far assunder, We'll always remember, That Church by the Grove."

PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE DUMP

Sir,—Would those in authority take a walk or drive past the dumping ground at the East end of the City. It is the only approach to Hillsborough Bridge, where hundreds of our young people have to pass to go swimming. The stench from this dump is so dreadful that most people exclaim "what is that dreadful odor, and why is it allowed?" Why beautify Charlottetown, and allow conditions like that to exist? I am, Sir, Etc. RESIDENT

ON SHOOTING FOR SPORT

Sir,—I consider it a privilege through your Forum to express my ideas with regard to shooting for sport. And first as a pretence a quotation from Wordsworth. "Never to blend our pleasure or our pride With sorrow for the meanest thing."

The being that is in the clouds and air maintains a deep and reverential care For the unfading creatures which he loves."

And we think if this sentiment prevailed in the minds of men and boys they would not shoot God's business creatures in sport. For we cannot but deplore the decreasing number of so called "game birds" with their multitudes in the past. Take for example the Golden Plover, a handsome bird and swift of wing, which when the writer was a boy came in large flocks to the island where they wild whistling was a delight to hear. They were scarcely scolded in the pastures when men from all quarters came running to shoot them. Now they rarely are seen, perhaps a few westward.

As for the wild geese they are becoming scarce. In days gone by it was pleasant to hear their honking as they flew over, heralding the coming spring, but they come no more. And the ducks are being shot by degrees. Especially is this true of the wood duck, the most beautiful of all its tribe. It is almost extinct. All sorts of commercialism is entrap ducks. Commercialism is their undoing.

However in particular we wish to speak about the Hungarian Partridge and though it was misjudgment indulged, yet being introduced they should be treated with indulgence. The winter is too severe and many perish from cold and hunger. The farmers feed them when they come to the barnyards but when they are shot at they become very shy. Two winters ago we fed a covey which came up to the house and were quite tame, but last winter they appeared wild and flighty. However they frequented a stack in the field and grain was placed nearby for them but they suddenly disappeared. Probably they were shot, though how any man with a gun could shoot the forlorn little birds passes comprehension.

Possibly it is not fair that the farmers should be asked to feed partridges through the winter for sportsmen to shoot in the summer. Certainly there is a difference between shooting for sport and shooting to live, or the "pot". As for example Indians, prospectors and men who live in the regions of the north—but even there the government has to extend a protecting hand over the wild denizens which migrate and nest there.

Certainly there is a difference among sportsmen—sport are true sportsmen who would disdain to

DOMINION OF CANADA PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN THE PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of John M. McLeod late of Charlottetown in said Province, Clergyman, deceased, testate. To Ruth McLeod and Archibald Johnston, Executors of the Estate of said deceased and others the heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of said deceased and to all others pretending interest in general. Take notice that a Citation has been issued by the undersigned under the seal of said Court dated the 1st day of August, 1939, whereby you and everyone of you are cited to appear before me the undersigned at the Probate Court to be held in Charlottetown aforesaid on Monday the 11th day of September, A. D. 1939, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon to show cause if any they can pretend why a certain instrument dated the 13th day of January, 1939, purporting to be the last will of the said deceased and codicil thereto bearing the same date should not be proved in Solemn Form of law and to see proceedings thereupon. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this 1st day of August, 1939. (Sgd.) H. L. PALMER, Judge of Probate. L-1021-B-5-41

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