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

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Pussy-footing Again

A subject carefully avoided at the Mackenzie King banquet in Toronto was any reference to the question uppermost in the minds of the Prime Minister's listeners—the date of the next general election. Indeed, while there was a plethora of speech-making, concrete statements of any kind were conspicuous by their absence as were "Mitch" Hepburn and the whole Ontario Liberal Cabinet. Mr. King even went out of his way to declare, with regard to Canada's foreign policy, that he "would not now or at any future time make a statement of Canada's stand toward a hypothetical situation that might arise in some other part of the world."

What was Mr. King thinking about? Obviously about the present European situation and the crisis threatening to involve Great Britain. A few months ago, in the House of Commons, Mr. King indorsed Laurier's dictum that "If England is at war we are at war and liable to attack." He also made this point: "In times like these there is a special recognition of the fact that Great Britain has no territorial ambitions, no designs on any other people's land or liberty, and that her influence is the main force in the world for maintaining peace. A world in which Britain was weak would be greatly worse for small countries than a world in which she was strong. Finally there are the historical and political ties—the allegiance to the same king; the common human interest in the holders of the crown; the free association in the same commonwealth. With Britain's strength is also associated a sense of our own security. Particularly at a time like the present, where there are evidences of a desire of world domination by force, have we reason to feel that an act of an aggressor aimed at the destruction of Britain would constitute a menace to the freedom of every nation of the British Commonwealth?"

That was after the Munich settlement, when war seemed less remote than it does today. A similar statement from Mr. King at the present time—indorsing Britain's peace efforts and stressing Canada's bond of unity with the Empire—would consequently be of more significance and of more value to the British Government than when it was delivered in Parliament last March. Instead, Mr. King now chooses not merely to say nothing, but to underline the fact that he has nothing to say.

Only recently Mr. King cited the impending European crisis as the reason for postponing any decision on the election date. This same crisis he now dismisses as "a hypothetical situation that might arise in some other part of the world"—words which imply Canada's aloofness to an extent making a declaration of policy unnecessary "now or at any future time." It is all very confusing, even to Mr. King's party followers. What the outside world thinks of such statements we can only imagine. It must be very encouraging to the Nazi leaders, to Japan and other trouble-makers, to be assured that a "hypothetical situation" involving the fate of democracy in Europe, and possibly of the whole British Empire, is regarded by the Prime Minister of Canada with such philosophic detachment.

Canada's Election Machinery

The active preparations to set in operation Canada's Federal election machinery are in full operation at Ottawa, notwithstanding Premier King's repeated statements that polling must await the arrival of more stable conditions in Europe than presently exist. If the international tension should suddenly relax and the general situation become reasonably settled and reassuring, everything is evidently going to be in complete readiness for Canada's next big political event—a Dominion general election.

Dominion election officials at the Capital estimate that 6,500,000 Canadian men and women will be entitled to vote at the coming election. Out of this total, it is calculated, about 4,875,000 will actually mark their ballots on polling day.

In the last Dominion election, held on October 14, 1935, there were 5,918,207 names on the voters lists, and of these 4,452,675 went to the polls and voted. This was approximately 75 per cent of the total.

The running of a Dominion election is a big and costly job. Approximately 110,000 persons will be employed in connection with the election machinery, which will be under the general direction of Jules Gastonguay, Chief Electoral Officer of the Dominion. To prepare the voters' lists and complete the necessary arrangements for the 32,464 polling stations into which the whole country is divided, will cost the taxpayers the sizable sum of approximately \$2,500,000.

U. K. Silver Fox Market

Shipments of Canadian silver fox skins to the United Kingdom market constituted 54.5 per cent of Britain's purchases of fur from the Dominion in 1936 and 54.3 per cent in 1937, according to a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce from its Trade Commissioners in the United Kingdom in the current issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. "Norway is the only country which at present seriously

challenges Canada as a source of supply of silver fox furs. The rise of the industry in that country, which was originally and mainly founded on the basis of Canadian breeding stock, is comparable with its early development in the Dominion." In naming the advantages of Scandinavian producers over their Canadian competitors, the report states that in the first place their pelts reach the United Kingdom more promptly. Secondly, their pelts are thought by some to reach prime condition at an earlier date. Another advantage, which may be temporary, is the preponderance in Norway of the full silvery and paler types. Scandinavian producers, moreover, have impressed the United Kingdom trade with the standard of quality of their pelts, which compare favourably with the bulk of the Canadian offerings. This applies to colour rather than texture. They have also shown more willingness than Canadian shippers to accept current market prices and to sell according to prevailing conditions of supply and demand.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another fine half-holiday to be filed for record.

Chevy Chase combat between Douglas and Percy at the battle of Otterburn, this date, 1358.

The Oddfellows, as might have been expected, are loud in their praise of the province and the hearty reception they have received while in conference at Summerside.

While the Liberal monthly deprecates the idea of a Fall election it issues a reminder that "the Federal Liberal office for Ontario is now operating." This means that the Federal Liberals in that province and the Hepburn Liberals are not using the same office.

Many people are arriving for the Exhibition. Notwithstanding other attractions, big and little, the patrons of that great Island event of half-a-century's existence without interruption, continue loyal in its support and come here as a matter of course.

It is reported that a summer visitor at one of the north shore hotels, blessed with abundance of wealth, who entertained frequently, noisily and late, when settling up prior to departure paid the hotel proprietor a fortnight's board of six boarders who left on his account. He also handsomely remunerated the maid who called him early on the morning he was leaving. Needless to say all concerned wished him bon voyage and a happy and frequent return.

Still strongly averse to a Dominion general election this year, the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) concludes a lengthy editorial on the subject with the following significant warning: "A Liberal government campaigning for votes in the later months of 1939, unless the international situation is vastly different from what it now is, will have a lively time finding the arguments that will meet the questioning attitude of the electors."

It was noteworthy in the speech of the Rt. Hon. William L. Mackenzie King in Toronto that he laid under tribute or exploited his grandfather and the other early rebels, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the ultra loyalist, Fielding, whom he supplanted in the leadership, and lastly His Majesty the King. But notwithstanding, there was a hollow ring in the Prime Minister's oratory which, to mix metaphors, smelt of the midnight oil.

Perhaps it was not generally observed, but at his last conference with the Press before his banquet, the Prime Minister intimated that there were still a number of important appointments to be made by the Government, including the lieutenant governor of Quebec, but with no mention of Prince Edward Island. Can it be that the powers-that-be have come to the conclusion it is better to stick to a good appointment when they have got it?

"In seeking a Federal general election at this time the opposition parties are simply looking for trouble for themselves," the Canadian Liberal monthly declares. Evidently officially the Liberals want to discourage attempts at forcing the Government to a Fall election. The Prime Minister says he will be guided by the state of Europe, while his mouthpiece insinuates that he is simply trying to avoid "trouble for the opposition." Such consideration indicates a thoughtfulness for others rarely or ever, found in the Liberal leader's make-up.

The Prime Minister's banquet was magnificently staged and successfully put over. As might have been expected between 3,000 and 4,000 diners at \$2 per head worked themselves into the necessary enthusiasm to greet the honoured guest. Applause to begin with during the Prime Minister's speech was loud and frequent, but as it began to dawn upon the diners that the speaker was to reveal nothing to them that they did not already know, the applause became less frequent, and when the Right Hon. gentleman concluded with the rather hackneyed, and in the circumstances, incongruous phrase "I thank you," he was allowed to resume his seat with merely a modicum of applause. The enthusiasm had petered out.

The Hon. Mr. Lapointe who presided at the Prime Minister's banquet, made no bones about returning in kind the compliments which Mr. Mackenzie King paid him at his banquet in Quebec. He quoted at length the nice things the Prime Minister said about him on that occasion, and then started to out-herod Herod in quantity and quality of the nice things to say in return. But it was significant that Mr. Lapointe laid more stress upon the guests' mother's influence than that of his grandfather. And when all is said and done, Mr. King failed to tell his expectant hearers (1) what his policy is, (2) when the election is to be, and (3) what his intentions are regarding his own future. Instead of concluding with the "I thank you," Mr. King might well have been scriptural and Scottish, and asked his admirers "What came you out for to see (or hear)?"

NOTES BY THE WAY

What Congress does next January depends largely upon what Japan does in the meantime. There is today in this country strong sentiment in support of an embargo on shipments of scrap iron, oil and other war essentials to Japan, and for restrictions on imports that have caused Tokyo to alter Japan's financial credit. Such a step would be a very serious blow to the Japanese. It would also be a very grim undertaking for this country. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this plain warning will cause Tokyo to modify its "new order" in the Orient to such a degree that American resentment will diminish. — New York World-Telegram.

The Canadian Geographical Journal has done a splendid job in its July number of presenting in pictorial form the visit of the King and Queen to Canada and the United States. The scores of pictures are accompanied by an article by Gustave Lanctot, Dominion geographer and official historian of the tour, making the book a neat and thorough keepsake of a great event. The best of the pictures taken all along the route are here assembled, formal and informal. It is a feather in the hat of this still youthful publication. — Ottawa Journal.

Old Man Sol is being put to work to supply hot water for residents of low-rent housing projects in the U.S. Housing authority loans the money-saving experiment is to be tried out first at Edison Courts, in Miami, Fla., where "solar heaters" are being installed on the roof of each dwelling. The heaters are double-glass-covered tanks, through which run a series of copper pipes. Water therein will be heated to a temperature of 180 degrees Fahrenheit within a few hours. The hot water will be drawn off and stored in an insulated tank on the roof. Although the initial cost of the solar heaters is somewhat greater than the cost of conventional types, maintenance expenses are practically nil. The expected life of each heater is about 30 years. Use of the solar heater in Sarasota, Fla., Hawaii and another project in Miami. — Christian Science Monitor.

Ted Warren, A J C Club Pacific Coast Fieldman, sends us the following set of rules prepared for a recent milk-making contest at Caldwell, Idaho. They were prepared by B. E. Kuhns, county agent: (1) All contestants must submit to search and examination of their clothing before the contest. (2) Contestants must be clean and show evidence of having been trimmed during the past two months; bright nail polish is banned. (3) Cows facing north must be approached and milked from the east side. (4) It shall be considered unfair to milk or to attempt to strike, swear at, or in any manner tantalize his opponent's cow to such an extent that such opponent's cow is inclined not to "let down" her milk. — Jersey Bulletin.

The Herridges are coming in pairs for the next election, but there seems to be political division among them, judging by a news item in a recent issue of a British Columbia C.C.F. paper. The Federalist nomination organ announces the nomination of E. W. Herridge as "unanimous choice for C.C.F. candidate in West Kootenay, B. C." This Mr. H. W. Herridge in B.C., it is carefully explained by the Federalist, is a relative of Hon. W. D. Herridge, whose overtures for joint nominating action have been rejected by C.C.F. conventions in the West. The British Columbia Herridge is a member of the C.C.F. national council, also of the provincial executive of the B.C. Legion, farms on a large scale in the West Kootenay district, and is active in agricultural societies. — Winnipeg Free Press.

In the early days of the present century, Tom Greentree located beside the Red Deer river on a flat stretch of land surrounded by oddly-shaped hills. Here he ran a bunch of cattle, with some reasonable success. In those days the rich grass, which in those days grew two feet high, Greentree and his neighbors ran their cattle and waited for the railway to come through. The business of waiting entailed some hardships; they had to travel to Gledchen and Crossfield for their supplies. They might have endured this drawback with more patience had they known that they were sitting on one of the world's great coalfields, and that the district around them was some day to measure its wheat crops by the millions of bushels. Greentree's ranch is broken up into small lots today. It is called the city of Drumheller. Which goes to show that, in Alberta, a lot of things can happen in a reasonably short time. — From the Calgary Herald.

Roger Lapham, president of the Cypress Point Golf Club at Monterey, took three prominent New Yorkers to Cypress Point for a game. He told them they were very apt to see elk, deer, porcupine, and sea lions in the course of their game. He was subjected to the usual chaff regarding the tendency of Californians to exaggerate. This was what actually took place: On the second hole, there were three deer on the green, on the third hole a herd of several elk had to be shooed off the fairway; quail scurried to cover on the eighth hole; at the fourteenth, several pelicans were making their daily rounds between Bird Rock and Pebble Beach and the com-

That Body of Hours

By James W. Horton, M.D.

CAUSE OF SEVERE ATTACKS OF ASTHMA

It is interesting to see how the knowledge of asthma and its treatment has progressed in the last twenty to thirty years. There was no known cause in my student days and treatment was by amyl nitrite (inhaled) or nitroglycerin. Then came the knowledge that some stoppage of the passages of the nose was the cause and removal of spurs and straightening of the septum (division between nostrils) certainly helped a great many cases.

When it was later found that sensitiveness (allergy) to various foods, dusts, pollens and other substances caused attacks of asthma, it was felt that all about the cause of asthma had been discovered.

These physicians believe that the formation of these little plugs (which close or partly close the little tubes carrying air in and out of the lungs) is of equal importance with sensitiveness in causing attacks of asthma. Most of these cases start with a swelling of the little bronchial tubes due to the substances to which the patient is sensitive, just as the lining of the nose and throat swell when attacked by these substances. A later stage of the disease occurs in the nose and throat and bronchial tubes and this leads to the formation of mucus and puslike material which forms plugs. It is the plugging up of the little bronchial tubes which cause attacks of asthma.

Future Of The North

(The Canadian Geographical Journal) The question facing the administration of this region is this:—Supposing the mineral deposits to be important and a number of mines are developed, for what condition of the country and its people must we plan? All mines ultimately become exhausted and with limited forest resources can the life of the people be based when the mines are worked out? That is the question that faces us, and it is the question of all mining fields in the Far North.

In so far as the mining population is concerned and those dependent on this industry, the people will tend to newer mining fields in the Territories as these are discovered, and they will start over again.

In so far as the native population is concerned, whether white or Indian, those who consider this north country as a permanent home, the answer to their problem, we believe, lies in the preservation and cultivation of their indigenous natural resources, game, furs and fish.

rants on Bird Rock were indulging in their usual activities; on the sixteenth green the roar of the sea lions interfered with the putting of the players, and to cap the climax, a coyote crossed the eighteenth green as they stood on the tee. — Monterey (Calif.) Herald.

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"WHY THE DELAY?"

Sir,—Editorially you ask, "Why the Delay?" in implementing the April 15th, 1939 promise of work for the starving in harbor improvements. You Sir, I am sure was not deceived by that and the many other bribes held up to the unemployed to help save the face and fate of the Campbell Government, at that time on the verge of defeat. Nor did it fool the intelligent labouring men of the City, as the voting proved.

But the election over, the "cabbage" was shelved into the reserve, to be resurrected, as it surely will be, when the Federal Government opens. And there is good ground for believing that rural labor will also become wise to Girl deceptions and join City labor in punishing false promises and labor betrayals.

There is nothing new in this. It is Liberal routine from top to bottom. It is not too far back to remember when Sir Robert Borden, after giving us the car ferry, voted the money for harbor improvements, and actually commenced the work by completing the dredging for "Dry Dock" to be constructed at Southport, west of Hillsboro Bridge. Unfortunately the war broke out, compelling suspension of the work, and still greater the mistake when the King Government came into power, and knocked the whole project in the head. And not this alone, but every other proposal for harbor facilities of any kind.

Another phase in "why the delay" announcing the election date. The King excuse is that he is only a smoke cloud. What he is really watching and studying is the fate of Mackenzie King and his party when elections get the chance. "Whether to bear those ills we have, and dying old than; or to risk another year, and fly to others that we know not of." You can bet dollars to doughnuts that the Hepburn-Duplessis-Aberhart-C.C.F. battle fields are receiving more of his attention, and watchful eyes than any or all of the war fields of the Old World. I am, Sir, etc., CONSERVATIVE

By the river old and gray The enchanted Long Ago Murnured and smitten anew. On the way to Kew, March had the laugh of May, The bare boughs looked aglow, And old immortal words Sang in my brain, like birds. Coming up from Richmond As I used to do.

With the life of Long Ago Lived my thought of you. By the river old and gray, Plowing its appointed way, As I watched I knew What is good to know— Not in vain, not in vain, Shall I look for you again Coming up from Richmond On the way to Kew. —W. E. Henley.

as reproduce themselves annually. To this end, the Administration of the Northwest Territories has set aside for the preservation of the game and fur-bearing animals, vast tracts of country aggregating some hundreds of thousands of square miles in which only natives and other permanent residents can hunt and trap. In addition a beginning was made last year of a programme of muskrat and beaver cultivation with a view to increasing the number of these fur-bearing animals in suitable locations. Such a policy, we feel will assure the future of those who are permanent residents of the Northwest Territories.

Not A Solution

(Sydney Post-Record) The call for a coalition to solve the big public problems of the moment comes almost exclusively from those newspapers, economists and publicists, whose main goal is to bring about some kind of a merger between the two great railway systems of Canada. Over every portrayal of the blessings that would accrue to Canada from the

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formation of a National Government, falls the shadow of railway amalgamation or unification. This appeal for a National Government, coupled with a warning that unless the railways are consolidated the country will be financially ruined, implies clearly that those who issue it are convinced that the people would not support amalgamation of political groups, under leadership of low repute, and in consequence are proposing a coalition of parties, or at least a number of political groups, under leadership which will not scruple to force its solution of the Canadian railway problem through without consulting the people at the polls. How does such a project differ fundamentally from the scheme which gave Nazism to Germany and Fascism to Italy? Of course neither of these odious systems could ever get a toehold in Canada. Nevertheless the Fascist idea undoubtedly does run through all these proposals to steal a march on the people, and to put through a policy which is admittedly unpopular, by the wily process of setting up a "National Government" so buttressed by the interests and backed by the accepted, organized party leaders, as to render impossible any effective opposition to its programme.

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