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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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L'Affaire Ming Sung

Underground rumblings in Ottawa and elsewhere indicate that the last has not been heard of the Ming Sung affair which broke into the headlines in the dying hours of the last session of Parliament.

According to Mr. Diefenbaker, the Ming Sung Industrial Corporation, operator of the Canadian-registered ships running from Hong Kong into Red China, was exempted by order-in-council from payment of all but \$100 in income tax in 1950.

Charlottetown continues to be featured in the Ming Sung affair, despite the mystery which surrounds the whole business locally. The Ming Sung Company, according to Mr. Diefenbaker, was incorporated in Prince Edward Island, although its solicitors were in Montreal.

It may be that when the House resumes its sittings in the fall, the Government will have some perfectly satisfactory explanation for the secrecy and mystery which, up to now, surrounds the Ming Sung affair.

(a) Why was no action taken by the Government to protect the interests of Canadian taxpayers when the Ming Sung Company defaulted in its payments to Ottawa on April 12, 1951?

(b) Why did the Government of Hong Kong deem it necessary to ask the British Government to pass an order-in-council to cover what it considered the unlawful purpose of the Canadian order-in-council authorizing the Ming Sung Corporation to operate its ships with Chinese rather than Canadian crews?

(c) Why, on November 17, 1950, did the Hong Kong Government object to the crews on the Canadian-registered Ming Sung ships?

For The Nation

Through the efforts of the I.O.D.E., the beautiful carpet made by Queen Mary now will be hung in the National Gallery at Ottawa. A sum exceeding \$100,000 obtained through exhibiting the carpet, represents dollars earned by Queen Mary as her gift to Britain.

The carpet now in the permanent possession of Canada originally was intended for her family but the great need of Britain for dollar exchange led to Queen Mary's decision to dedicate it to earning dollar exchange for her country.

Tariff Board Operations

Among the functions of the Canadian Tariff Board is the hearing of appeals by business concerns against rulings of the Department of National Revenue on customs and excise matters.

ruled against the Department; this means, broadly speaking, that the latter has been restrained from charging as high a rate of duty as it would like.

The Board's most recent decision, which went against the National Revenue Department, was not in itself a momentous one, because it dealt with a situation which no longer exists. But a considerable amount of money was involved.

Among other successful appeals by importers was one affecting table glassware. In another case, five different chemical materials used in the treatment of furs were involved; the Board found the Department was wrong in three of the five instances.

In many cases, of course—probably the majority—the Tariff Board finds in favor of the Department upon the evidence presented. Nor are its decisions always final, as there is provision for appeal to the Exchequer Court.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow the 10th Sunday after Trinity.

A mountain peak in the Rockies in the vicinity of Banff is to be named Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of Her Royal Highness' visit in October.

One thing that this country obviously needs is a Summer capital. Ottawa does very well during the greater part of the year but in the summer heat public servants, as well as the people's representatives, would like to be elsewhere—preferably on a breezy island.

Berlin is to have a typical English garden planted with trees and flowers from Britain. The project is sponsored by the British Commandant Major General Geoffrey Bourne and will be for the use of the German community in West Berlin.

Robespierre, French revolutionist, one of the chief authors of the reign of terror, was guillotined this date 1794. His resolution that no member of the Constituent Assembly should be elected to the forthcoming Legislative Assembly stultified that body and shifted power to the political clubs.

An attempt is to be made when Parliament reassembles to form a Maritime Block to further the interests of the four Provinces when matters affecting them come before the House.

Mr. V. W. Scully, a member of the Federal Government Brain Trust is retiring from his position of Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Taxation branch. He successfully (and successfully) headed War Supplies Ltd. and Victory Aircraft, Ltd., then (in 1945) became Mr. Howe's right-hand man as deputy Minister of Reconstruction and Supply.

On Monday a B.O.A.C. Strato-cruiser will land at Dorval airport with twenty-six British newsmen aboard. These newsmen are the cream of the British Press and Motor Trade Publications.

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Lambs Into Lions

(Ottawa Journal)

Men who normally wear glasses are to be accepted as air crew by the R.A.F. This concession follows experience during World War II when the dim-visioned (without glasses) and the one-eyed performed deeds of skill and valor quite as well as the Adonises with the eyesight of eagles.

It is pleasant to see that our most formidable weapons are being fitted more and more to our frail capacity. There must have been many disappointed dare-devils in the days of knighthood who could not stagger about in armour or swing a six-foot sword and disappointed hordes of would-be frontiersmen never trod the North American forests, flintlock in hand, because they had gone too fat or suffered flat feet.

Thus far it has seemed that the exploration of the limitless sky and the surging currents of jet speed must be left to the very cream of clear-eyed youth; now happily, we see the opportunity for the ordinary man, complete with glasses false teeth, falling hair and the paraphernalia of civilization to take his place in the forefront of this last great exploration that may lead, who knows, even to the moon and to the stars.

For many a veteran of aerial ventures, the emphasis on perfect eyesight has seemed a bit overdone, and there will be those to recall that Wop May, an Edmonton flier who did as much as anyone to rick the Northern air routes and traced his neck in many a dangerous mercy flight, was discovered to have almost no vision in one eye when he was performing prodigies of flying achievement.

Then there is the legend of the R.A.F. examining board after the first war which decided only the best pilots should be retained. They had this delicate little man, thick glasses stuck on the end of his nose, who became dizzy when they spun his chair (as they did in examinations in those days) and finally jumped out the surgery window when they fired a blank shot to test his nerves.

So they took him back into the R.A.F. glasses and all, and he will be pleased to know that others with the appearance of lambs will be allowed to display the spirit of veege lonsook b kran a lions.

Classical Study

(St. John Telegraph Journal)

Mention in recent newspapers of the classical association of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland reminds us that there are still plenty of educationists who cling to the best in the tried methods of the past and refuse to catch up new ideas simply for the sake of novelty or to discard the old ones merely because our ancestors found them good.

It need not be surprising that many ordinary people are puzzled by the teaching of "dead" languages. Nobody talks in Latin or Greek nowadays; why not put them out and teach the children something "useful"? The point is that they are not truly dead, they are actually very useful. They live on in many of the languages spoken today and anybody with a good grounding of Latin will make short work of learning French, Spanish or Portuguese and will be greatly helped in English itself.

However, the practical utility of the classics does not end there. The student who is well versed in them has been through a course of mental discipline that can hardly be equalled. He has toned up his faculties to cope with pretty well any task of learning. So equipped, he can grapple more easily with subjects quite outside the scope of languages. It helps him in any kind of learning.

Another advantage the classical student has is that through languages, living or dead, he learns to know the people who speak or spoke them more intimately than by any other means. The classical student becomes acquainted with the very foundation of our present

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Notes By The Way Baby sitting is becoming a social menace. Too many parents are either entrusting their children to the care of other children, or are allowing their children to be baby sitters at too early an age. Children as young as twelve, ten and even seven years of age are hiring out — or are being hired out by their parents — to cope with responsibilities their elders are shirking. Some of them are kept on the job until midnight and later, alone in other people's houses with other people's babies. What run-of-mine child of twelve, ten or seven is competent to meet such emergencies as fire, accident, illness and burglary? — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

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