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

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Press, Radio, And Governments

Speaking to an Empire Press Union gathering in London, Hon. Richard Butler, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said something that governments, and even some newspapermen themselves, don't always understand, (says the Ottawa Journal.) This:

"The press is steadily increasing its function of communicating the people's sentiments to the government as well as the government's to the people."

"In that sentence Mr. Butler put his finger on the difference between newspapers and the radio in the matter of a government's relations with the people. Time and again we have heard the claim made that a government can reach more of the public through the radio than through the press; that ministers, in keeping in touch with the country, should use the radio more and the newspapers less.

"The trouble with that argument, as Mr. Butler shows, is that the radio is a one-way channel. Over the air, a minister may tell the public what the government is thinking; there is no way over the air by which the government can find out what the public is thinking. The radio doesn't talk back.

"Newspapers do talk back. They not only permit the government to tell the public what the government thinks should be done for it; they tell the government as well what the public thinks the government should do for it.

"That, in a democracy, is vital. Actually, it would be impossible to have a democracy without it. Of course in countries where the government tells the public what it must think and where journalists and even press photographers are put into uniforms, only a one-way channel of communication is needed. Only the government speaks; the public is not supposed to answer, must be mute. But in a democracy, where the importance of what the government says to the people is no more important than what the people say to the government, radio is simply not enough. It certainly cannot perform the function of keeping the government in touch with the citizens.

"With a general election in the immediate offing, this is a truth our public men might keep in mind."

The Scottish Gathering

The annual gathering of the Scottish Clans Province is always a matter of keen interest. This year the gathering takes place July 5, on the beautiful grounds John McLean at Caledonia. For a number of years past the residents of this picturesque district have been extending an invitation to the members of the Club to hold celebration there, and at the last meeting it was unanimously decided to appropriate choice could be made, Caledonia is not only reminiscent of Scotland, but the view from the grounds is gently to the south is typical of the valleys and the ancient homeland. There are also many attractions, both for visitors and Clansmen. The highways to and from the grounds pass through some of the finest farming districts in the Province, while in close proximity are two of the Island's best trout fishing streams. The selection of the date is also a fortunate one, as it will be the first Wednesday half-holiday of the season.

The Caledonian Club has gone to much pains to provide an excellent programme of Scottish dances, Highland games, Pipe music and other attractions. Meals will be provided by the ladies of the district, who are noted for their proficiency in the culinary art. Best of all will be the hearty Highland welcome awaiting the guests on their arrival.

Floating Holidays

Last year, notes the Financial Post, thousands of Canadians were unable to enjoy a week-end because Dominion Day fell on a Friday. This meant their responsibilities forced them to be back at work on Saturday thus sacrificing a long week end. This year retail stores were the chief losers. In some communities an effort was made to see if the statutory holiday could be evaded, and a holiday given to employees on Monday so as to avoid disruption of one of the most important business week-ends in the year. Furthermore, thousands of wage-earners were restricted in their holiday plans compared with what might be possible were Dominion Day to be celebrated on the first Monday in July.

"Despite important representations to Parliament from every part of Canada and despite almost unanimous endorsement of the press," says the Toronto paper. "Parliament continues to cling to the outworn fetish that great occasions should be remembered as 'dates' rather than as 'days.' Our legislators have failed to realize that the commonsense revision of statutory holiday legislation would be to observe Dominion Day as the first Monday in July. Similarly Empire Day should be the third Monday in May. Such a move would permit ample expression of loyalty to the ideals of Confederation and of Empire. It would permit equal opportunity and

enjoyment for all. It would permit the previous Sunday to be set apart for observance of the spiritual aspects of the memorial. It would end once and for all the confusion and disappointment that must come to thousands of Canadians so long as these important anniversaries shift up and down the week to suit the vagaries of an obsolete calendar system."

There is so much common sense in the foregoing suggestion that it requires no further comment.

Fat Commission Fees

Commenting on the rumored replacement of Finance Minister Dunning by Colonel Ralston, an exchange notes:

"Mr. Dunning's health is known to be poorly and Col. Ralston was the Liberal financial expert when the party was in opposition. Col. Ralston did not run in 1935 because, as he announced, his finances were such that he considered it would be more profitable to return to private law practice. Col. Ralston, however, has served as a lawyer attached to several Royal Commissions initiated by the government and his finances may now be in such shape that he is preparing to return to active support of his party."

Editorial Notes

Be prepared. Independence Day, U. S. A. 1781.

Road work in the West is at length underway.

Hope Wednesday half holidays will see a repeat of the uniformly excellent weather of last year.

There would be a brief respite from politics were it not that the King Government seem so anxious to have it.

The deaths at all ages from certain specified causes in this province during 1938, just published are: Typhoid fever 1, Measles 1, Influenza 13, Tuberculosis 80, Cancer 136, Cerebral hemorrhage 28, Diseases of the Heart 142, Diseases of the Arteries 96, Pneumonia 101, Diarrhoea and enteritis 17, Nephritis 81, Puerperal causes 5, Suicides 3, Auto accidents 6, Other violent deaths, 26, Other specified causes 262, Unspecified causes 17.

Claiming that their cost has not been justified by sales, Variety Daily, of Hollywood, quotes advertising agency and radio network circles as predicting the passing of Hollywood glamour shows from the air next Fall. It is further alleged that the glorification of film stars has lessened very seriously the box-office receipts at radio theatres right across the country. "The film stars walked off with all the gravy," comments Editor & Publisher.

Live births in Canada during the fourth quarter of 1938 numbered 53,542, giving an equivalent annual rate of 19.0 per 1,000 population compared with 51,214 births and a rate of 18.3 in the fourth quarter of 1937. Deaths totaled 26,228 with a rate of 9.3 as compared with 27,310 and a rate of 9.8. The natural increase for the quarter was 27,314 giving a rate of 9.7 as against 23,904 or a rate of 8.5. There were 25,389 marriages giving a rate of 9.0 as against 24,686 or a rate of 8.8 in the fourth quarter of 1938.

It is announced at Canberra, Australia, that that Dominion will soon be in a position to construct all the autos they need, the Government having decided that motor vehicle engines and chassis are to be manufactured in Australia and that there shall be no undue delay in establishing the industry. The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies), in making this announcement, said, the Government desired that any company undertaking manufacture should be Australian in character and policy, but no manufacturing monopoly could be granted to any single company. It was essential that the price of the Australian product be reasonable and the public interests protected. Proposals which are under consideration embrace the following:

- 1. A company with all Australian capital.
2. A company with Australian capital subscribed by an overseas motor vehicle manufacturing organization.
The Government, however, has not yet decided what proportion of the capital of any company it would desire to be Australian, subscribed.

Dividend payments declared on stocks traded on Montreal stock exchange and Montreal curb market totaled \$58,799,933 during June, a decrease of \$5,146,402 from June, 1938, total of \$63,946,335. For the first half of this year payments will total \$124,884,084 against \$130,981,621 in the corresponding period of last year. Payments this month are being made on 74 issues compared with 75 in June, 1938. Sharpest drop is shown in the oils which is accounted for by the payment of an extra of 25c by International Petroleum against 50c last year. Decreased payment in the base metals is due to Noranda mines paying a quarterly dividend of \$1 during the month as against a half year payment of \$2 in 1938. Of the seventeen classifications paying dividends this month seven registered gains, three remained unchanged from last year and seven show declines. Groups to show losses are banks and financial companies, base metals, miscellaneous industrials, oils, other equipments and utilities. A slight increase in the gold mines is attributed to disbursements by Macassa, Central Patricia and Hollinger as well as an initial dividend of 10c by Pato Consolidated. Other groups to show small increases are breweries and distilleries, food industry, milling and grain, retail trade, textile and clothing and transportation.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The people of "Sunny Alberta" are sun-worshippers. Drought and winds may crack their hides and cover them with dust, alkali, dandelion seeds, cottonwood fluff and grasshoppers' legs, but a little rain at one time is enough. Fortified by few bright, clear, warm weeks it is possible to go unflinchingly into another long drawn out Winter. But we don't like to be deprived of our Summer-time break. A month's drizzling at one time is a bit too much for the Alberta spirit. Now let's have our sunshine back!—Calgary Albertan.

There's joy in Southern Saskatchewan, in North and South Dakota, in Montana, in Southeastern Alberta all over the hard spring wheat dust bowl country. In a word, it has rained. There has been plenty of rain in practically all that great area. At Climax, Sask., for instance, there has been 12 inches of rain since the first of April, more than that country has seen for almost a dozen years. Everywhere the grain and the grass are green and the soil is staying in place. And so the songs of joy for the farmers who have persevered and have had it proven to them that their country is something other than just a large dust bowl.—Lethbridge Herald.

Two items in the news inspire the above stating it not entirely original thought. The Census Bureau, preparing to count the population of the United States next year, estimates that it will use 389,196 pencils, 6,472 pints of ink, 3,900 pounds of paste, 2,000 typewriter ribbons. And the Treasury Department reports a saving of \$18,000,000 in paper, ink, labor and storage space since paper size just 10 years ago. It has printed 9,339,917,777 bills in that decade—the denominations ranging from \$1 to \$100,000—and saved nearly 100 million sheets of paper. New York World-Telegram.

Perhaps the secret of the work and simple Queen's complex ornament of "Royal" America can be found in the exclamation of the dowager Queen Mary when her son married a plump and jolly Scotch girl 16 years ago. "Thank God she's not one of the modern girls!" Or perhaps her secret lies in her power to evoke such an expression as this, from a wounded British Tommy, convalescing in a camp in the United States: "The girl is a beauty. But she wrote about the special powers of another wise Scotch girl in his play, 'What Every Woman Knows.' It went like this: 'She has that charm that is a kind of magic. If a woman has it, then it doesn't matter what else she has. If she's got it, she doesn't need anything more.'"—New York Daily Mirror.

All prudent housewives stock up their larders when there is a threat to future supplies. What applies to the housewife applies to the nation. In time of foreign war one of the greatest difficulties confronting the neutral is to insure normal requirements of raw materials. It is difficult to get channels of trade are closed by blockaders, and the needed materials are in such demand by the belligerents that even when supplies are available, prices are apt to shoot sky-high. This is the reason that so much attention in the United States has been turned of late to the acquisition of a national stockpile in the event of government war purposes. The Senate already has appropriated \$60,000,000 for the acquisition of such a stockpile. But the sum is altogether inadequate. America draws a heavy weight in the maintenance of its industry and its living standards, and the extent of the dependence is coming to be realized. The War Department already has compiled a list of importable materials under sub-headings of their degree of importance to the American economy.—Christian Science Monitor, Boston.

The rules which Oxford keeps its undergraduates in order—in college by midnight, no visits for two or permitted, and no one is not usually found irksome and can always be evaded. But they do mark Oxford off from the Continental universities and most of the matters are common to the women. They do not like the ancient academic dress, which sits horridly on their shoulders; they want to be able to get up in the morning until midnight with no questions asked and the right to have their friends from the men's colleges to tea in their own rooms. Their restlessness is by no means inconsistent of the college rule for women undergraduates. In 1926 and liberal Lady Margaret Hall many of the desired reforms have been granted, but in other colleges, dark Africa, the young women still "like little mice peep in and out". The problem really becomes difficult on the rare occasions when a woman student is tempted by the scholarship to go from one of the liberal colleges to a stronghold of conservatism. Who, even for honor and a hundred a year, likes to leave a place where fragrant teas for two are permitted, for one which allows only clamorous, crowded gatherings in formal common rooms?—Manchester Guardian.

Another thing that the historians might agree upon is a uniform rendering of the name of the battle which was fought to the east of Morrisburg on November 11, 1812. The obelisk erected by the Dominion Government at the site about 45 years ago says that the battle of "Crysler's Farm" was fought there. But a tablet of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada placed on one side of the same obelisk and commemorating those who lost their lives in the battle calls it "Chrystler's Farm". Curious to ascertain which was correct, we examined various works relating to Dundas County and the War of 1812 and ran into more versions of the name. Both Crill and Carter, the historians of Dundas, prefer "Crysler" as it appears on the original inscription on the monument, but the latter reproduces a list of patents in Williamsburg township which mentions "Christer" as well as "Crysler". The old U.E. List has both "Chrystler" and "Crysler". To add to the confusion, a sketch of the battle appearing in Bouchette's

Deck-Chair Conversation

(Carlyle Allison in the Winnipeg Tribune)
The Scene: A verandah on "A" deck of an ocean liner. A man and his wife are reclining in deck chairs. The wife is speaking. There, we can still see the shore-line.

Yes, I see, and I almost fancy I can still hear the shouting. It has been wonderful here. Wonderful. Just think, we've seen two countries as no other people ever saw them before, and may never see them again. I hated to go... still have a lump in my throat... but I am glad of the rest.

Did it take you that way, too? I thought as we were saying goodbye: It can never happen again, not just like that. It's been so moving.

Oh, no, not yet! Why, it will take me weeks and weeks just to sort out my recollections of this trip, all the little things, all those cheering faces. What did you like most?

Wait now, that's rather a tall order.

But you must have some general impressions.

Oh, general impressions... that's easier. I liked the way the people took to you, the way the children, the smiles of children, chanted 'We want the...'

Hush, you mustn't say that...

But I mean it... That's what makes me happy, and you know you enjoyed every minute of it. And I liked that chap from Texas who said to you: 'Cousin you're a times prettier than your pictures.'

There you go again. But don't forget he added: 'You're never so pretty as the blue-bonnet girls of Texas.'

But he meant that as a compliment, too. We've never been to Texas, you know.

I know, I was only joking. Now let's be serious. Just close your eyes for a moment and tell me what pictures you see.

I'm still a bit dizzy, but let me see... Of course I liked that little St. Lawrence, after all that fog and ice. And the Plains of Abraham... I don't quite agree with Wolf when he said about Gray's Elegy, something like, 'I'd rather have written that poem than take Quebec.' I liked the circles of 'Vive' and Montreal, that thrilling crowd in Dominion Square... Remember when we stepped out on the balcony... that great roar made my spine tingle. Ottawa, Ontario, of pomp and circumstance and all that, but remember how we gave the party the slip and mixed with the old soldiers around the corner. Then on each you recognized the drummer boy from Delhi was beyond me... And I liked the walk we had on the road outside Ottawa... 'Playing Hookey' they called it. I wonder if that boy we spoke of came back for his fishing pole?... I liked the little groups of people standing on quiet country roads... The horse race at Toronto. The lakes of Muskoka and Northern Ontario. Wish there had been time to fish... The man who shouted 'Hi-yai'... The wheat fields and the tall elevators... Brandon at night with the flood-lights... The Indians and their encampments... The Mounted Police at Regina and everywhere... The ten-gallon hats and colored shirts at Calgary... The Rockies at Banff and Jasper and the walking we did when we should have been resting... The trees in Stanley Park and the sight of the sea again, and the ships that followed us to Victoria... Glad to return visit to Winnipeg... Glad we didn't miss those Deer Lodge Hospital men... Niagara Falls... Interested watching you... Over the border and The Star-Spangled Banner for a change... Wonderful people, the Roosevelts, so easy to talk to, so thoughtful... The swimmer at night, the president were lifesaver after the winter heat... 'Cotton Ed' Smith... Glad I remembered his name... and 'Cactus Jack' Garner, the man who slapped me on the back. I was surprised, I suppose, but rather pleased... The World of Tomorrow... The swimming secret service men were amusing in numbers... mean... Forests gain and orchards... The Maritimes, and the sea once more... But here, how about you?

Well I liked the Highlands and pipers, of course, and the people who sang Auld Lang Syne... Will we no come back again... And the tiny tot who put the hem of her plaid skirt in her mouth when her mother urged her to curtsy... And the little flower girls whose hats fell off, though I did feel so sorry for them... The home we had to ourselves at Victoria... The clothes I saw at the state dinners and garden parties... The way you walked when you reviewed your guards of honor... You looked such a soldier, and I was so proud. I was delighted at the way you took movies whenever you could... I knew you were thinking of the children at home... to wish they could have been with us but the telephone was the next best thing... Our children will see something of the kind some day, I hope... The millions of children we've seen... But really, we must get up for our homecoming...

Yes, homecoming. But there's still Newfoundland, you know!

PLUMSTEAD, Eng.—Frederick William Beardsley, one of the founders of the Woolwich Arsenal Football Club, is dead here at the age of 82. An amateur Beardsley played for Notts Forest.

Mirror Of The Nation

By "Commoner"

OTTAWA—Although the Prime Minister persists in keeping the country in the dark as to when he proposes to bring on the general election it is reported that he has been passing the word privately to his parliamentary followers that they should get busy in their constituencies and be ready for the contest at an early date. This course of getting the government's election campaign started secretly while the country as a whole is left without information on the Prime Minister's plans is designed to give the government an advantage over its opponents. It is the old dodge of the contender lacking in self-confidence trying to beat the starting gun at the commencement of a race.

Through various channels Canadian business interests are voicing their disapproval of the refusal of the Prime Minister to take the country into his confidence regarding the time of the election. General elections invariably cause a certain amount of dislocation in business and if they are to restrict the effect of this dislocation business men have to know in advance approximately when to expect it. In the present situation the government's unofficial speculation to guide them. There are indications that business interests are letting the government know of their resentment. Liberal Party strategists and political advisers to the government are now urging that the election be brought on with as little delay as possible. A few business men felt that it could be postponed until next year because of the failure of the administration to present to parliament at the recent session a program designed to assist the country toward economic recovery. They felt that the government would be "sticking its neck out" if it went before the people immediately after such a failure. Now, however, these strategists and advisers recognize that the administration is losing ground daily and they have concluded that the best plan would be to have the election in the hope of having something from the wreck. Apparently the Prime Minister is giving ear to this counsel.

Hon. R. J. Manion, Leader of the National Conservative Party, having scrupulously refrained from political activity during the period of the Royal visit, is now active in the country. In the last few days he has made a number of public appearances and his book of speaking engagements is rapidly filling. In his home constituency of Fort William he was accorded a great reception. At Fort William he delivered a local broadcast address and he spoke before an enthusiastic Conservative rally at nearby Kakabeka Falls. There he told the Conservatives of the constituency that he hoped to be their candidate in the impending election and that his name would go before the nominating convention. At present Dr. Manion holds his seat in the House of Commons from London.

After several years' engagements in Ontario—including the great Dominion Day picnic at Queenston Heights—Dr. Manion goes in to Quebec for a number of meetings in the eastern part of the Province.

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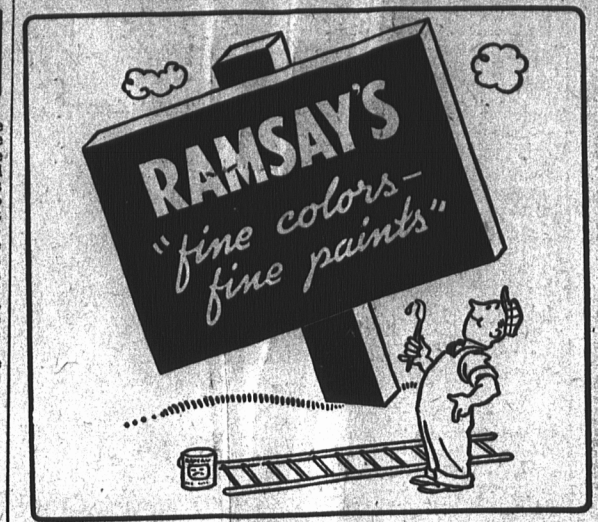
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ince. The Conservative Leader is receiving rousing and encouraging welcomes wherever he appears.

Reports from the West indicate that the anger of western farmers at what they regard as their betrayal at the hands of the Mackenzie King government in connection with the wheat legislation put through at the recent parliamentary session is spreading like a prairie fire as both the harvest season and election time approach. Wheat-growers' committees' treatment at the hands of their government with the treatment accorded their neighbors in the western states by the United States government. In Canadian wheat-growers have seen the initial price for their wheat cut ten cents a bushel from the price for their 1938 crop while the corresponding guarantee to United States wheat-growers is increased over that for the 1938 crop and American wheat-growers will receive 17 cents a bushel more for their wheat than Canadian farmers. In connection with the mounting indignation of the western farmers it is now expected that among the casualties of the administration on the prairies in the coming election will be the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

TANBOYN MASS, Wales—Rev. Owen Meakin, 78, has completed 50 years as a preacher of the Presbyterian Church of Wales.

The Poet's Corner

NOCTURNE The wind, like fluttering birds, has left the trees, The sunset colors die along the bough; Fields blue with buttercups and brooms with bees Deepen and darken; called the eager plow. A rabbit's eyes, quick in the night, Start from the stubble; corn; In shadowy patterns where the dew lies light As silence over the valley where the flowers. Like a slow silver dream a shepherd herds His sheep into the dark and listens Moonlit their bells' trail music, the shepherd's words. Soft pollen from the trodden flower. The vast numbers; quiet calls like rain; And the man has given God his world again. —Daniel Whitehead Hick in the New York Times

100th Annual Meeting of the P.E.I. Auxiliary BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY Wednesday, July 5, 1939

At Geddie Memorial Church French River 11 A.M. Meeting of P.E.I. Executive. 2.30 P.M. Public Meeting, speakers, The Rev. J. A. Nicholson, The Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall. Treasurer's Report Dr. H. D. Johnson. President's Report Dr. J. H. Ayers. 8 P.M. Public Meeting, speakers, The Rev. I. E. G. Davies, H. O. T. Burkwall.

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