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

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The First Democrats

As a contribution to the recurrent arguments for and against the value of classical education in modern democracies, an exchange submits the following quotation. It is from a speech delivered by Pericles in 431 B.C., in the course of a eulogy to the men who died in defense of Athens:

"We cultivate refinement," said Pericles, "without extravagance, and knowledge without effeminacy; wealth we employ more for use than for show, and place the real disgrace of poverty not in owning to the fact, but in declining the struggle against it. Our public men have, besides politics, their private affairs to attend to, and our ordinary citizens, though occupied with the pursuits of industry, are still fair judges of public matters; for, unlike any other nation, regarding him who takes no part in these duties, not as unambitious, but as useless, we Athenians are able to judge at all events if we cannot originate, and instead of looking on discussion as a stumblingblock in the way of action, we think it an indispensable preliminary to any wise action at all."

To the utilitarian, it may seem a waste of time studying classical literature. The value of the classics is, however, that they are timeless. Pericles' speech over two thousand years ago is in line with the latest concept of enlightened democracy. What a world of trouble might have been averted if men like Herr Hitler had had the advantage of classical training and all that it implies!

A Scathing Reply

The controversy which has arisen between Dr. Manion and Premier King over the question of unemployment and relief in the Province of Quebec is attracting widespread interest across Canada. The trouble arose a couple of weeks ago when the Premier of Quebec and Mayor of Montreal headed a delegation repreentative of the Provincial Government and the Municipalities of that Province, met Premier King and most of his Cabinet, and had a discussion on the unemployment situation. The proposal put forward by Mr. Duplessis, supported by the Mayor of Montreal, was that the municipalities should be relieved entirely of the burden, and that relief measures carried on should be financed on a "fifty-fifty" basis by the Dominion and Provincial Governments. Mr. King rejected this proposal, and told the delegates that unemployment appropriations could not be increased, as Parliament was not then in session. Premier Duplesis replied that the situation might be met by the issue of Governor-General's warrants by the Dominion Government to provide the necessary funds. In rejecting this proposal Mr. King declared that Governor-General's warrants could only be issued in unforseen emergency cases, and that unemployment relief did not fall within that category.

A couple of days after the close of this conference Dr. Manion issued a statement in which he criticized the Prime Minister strongly, declared that the rule he laid down with respect to Governor-General's warrants was too narrow, that it was a rule the King Government had not observed, and that as a matter of fact millions of dollars had been authorized by Governor-General's warrants for unemployment relief in Western Canada. Dr. Manion's participation in the discussion angered the Prime Minister and he attacked the Opposition Leader in unmeasured terms, declared that he was fomenting trouble, creating disunity, and exploiting sectionalism for political purposes. Dr. Manion's most recent letter is a withering commentary on Mr. King's whole political record. A quotation of the concluding paragraphs of this letter is well worth repeating here.

"Surely," writes Dr. Manion, "Mr. King, in his ill-temper, spoke without thought, or, perhaps it was with full thought and remembrance of that occasion in the House of Commons when, amidst cries of 'Shame!' Mr. King said he would not give a five cent piece to any Province of Canada controlled by a Government opposed to his. That was probably the most shamefully partisan statement ever falling from the lips of a Canadian statesman.

"Is he merely carrying out that threat in regard to Quebec Province, which so recently cast out in disgrace the completely discredited Provincial Government which had so long played machine politics of the most blatant kind to keep both itself and the King Government in power? Is Quebec suffering from Mr. King's desire for revenge against that Province's declaration of freedom from Liberal misgovernment?

"Mr. King ought to cease voicing his old, worn-out political humbug about 'the supremacy of Parliament.' Parliament is, and always has been, supreme, as he well knows. At any time the majority in Parliament can run out a Government,—though his 180 members are so well controlled by their whips, and so fearful of the result of an election, that they are unlikely to turn him out, as they should.

"To show how little such words as 'supremacy of Parliament' really mean to Mr. King, a Governor-General's warrant for the C.N. Railways for $13,000,000 was issued on January 11 last.—the very day before the meeting of that Parliament to which he pays such lip service.

"Canada's only hope is that he may screw up sufficient courage to face the electorate this year, and give them a chance to pass upon his hopless and helpless leadership,—to wake him from his four years of sleep at Kingsmere,—to show its opinion of that address of one hour and five minutes at Toronto, full of reminiscent platitudes and memories of the past, but empty of any recognition of the present or the future, —an address which showed how completely he has failed to realize any of Canada's urgent and frightening problems of today.

"That speech, voicing as it did not one word of hope for our youth or our unemployed, and indeed no constructive word of any kind, was the climax of Mr. King's four years of complete and dismal failure to measure up as a leader of initiative, vision and courage. As a result of that failure, Canada is today suffering not only from discontent and hopelessness, but from more than its share of that dissension and sectionalism promoted by Mr. King and some of his followers for the purpose of attaining and staying in power, which promotion of dissension Mr. King now brazenly and unjustifiably tries to attribute to me."

No effective reply to this crushing indictment has been forthcoming from Premier King. He now no doubt regrets having drawn Dr. Manion's fire, and must feel that in the circumstances "silence is golden."

Misunderstood

An exchange carries the following story, for the accuracy of which we cannot vouch. The moral, however, requires no elaboration:

The editor of a Kansas paper picked up a Winchester rifle one day recently and started up the street to return it to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads he was on the warpath and a number of them he met insisted on paying him what they owed him. On his return to the office he found a load of hay, 15 bushels of corn, 10 bushels of potatoes, a load of wood and a barrel of turnips had been brought in.

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

Richard III died this date 1485, defeated by Henry Tudor at the battle of Bosworth Field.

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Will the Hitler bluff actually land us in hostilities? Having succeeded twice will Hitler attempt a third time, to his undoing?

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A visitor from New York was surprised and delighted with the beauty and weather we provide for tourists and holiday makers. Asked if he brought snow shoes, he said no but admitted he had included several pair of thick woolen stockings and an overcoat in case of emergencies.

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One of the passengers killed in the Pan-American Airways crash in Rio de Janeiro was Professor James Harvey Rogers, Professor of Economics, Yale, an original member of the famous "Brain Trust" which President Roosevelt instituted when first elected, and which produced the "New Deal" policy which has been the thorn of contention in the Democratic party ever since. He was described as possessed of an "extraordinary wide personal acquaintanceship" with foreign bankers and industrialists and it was to visit some of these friends that he went to Brazil.

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The 1939 crop of maple sugar and syrup is slightly above average despite a short, late season. It was short of the bumper crop taken from the maple trees in the spring of 1938. Distribution of production by provinces with the corresponding estimates for 1938 in brackets: Maple syrup (gallons)—Quebec, 1,810,400 (2,353,800); Ontario, 479,000 (570-800); New Brunswick 8,800 (23,300); Nova Scotia, 4,000 (7,400). Maple sugar (pounds) — Quebec 2,715,400 (3,212,100); Ontario, 66,200 (79,000); New Brunswick, 82,400 (118,200); Nova Scotia 36,200 (44,600).

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Regarding exports of metal to Japan, U.S.A. and elsewhere, it is well to bear in mind, Canada furnishes about 90 per cent of the world's annual production of nickel, according to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. With the exception of small quantities recovered from the silver-cobalt ores of Northern Ontario, the entire Canadian output of nickel comes from the nickel-copper deposits of the Sudbury area, also of Northern Ontario. Other deposits of nickel-bearing minerals are known to occur in Northern and Northwestern Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia and on the west coast of Hudson Bay in the Northwest Territories.

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The official news which issues from the British Foreign office has for long been prepared by an Australian journalist, Mr. W. A. Leeper who has just been promoted to be British Minister to Roumania. Mr. Leeper was at the height of his effectiveness during Anthony Eden's regime at the Foreign Office. More recently he had been kept from daily contacts with the correspondents and had been working instead on British propaganda in foreign countries. He served at Riga, Istanbul and Warsaw before joining the news department and at times acted as chairge d'affaires. His successor as head of the news department is expected to be Mr. Charles Peake, who has been the heart and soul of the department ever since Mr. Leeper withdrew to other duties.

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A thousand volunteers are to be enrolled in Bombay to assist the police in enforcing prohibition and to carry on "missionary work." A census is being taken by the Excise Department of the Government of Bombay of the number of persons who will lose their occupations in consequence of the introduction of prohibition in Bombay city and suburbs. A committee will later be set up to endeavour to provide them with employment. Permits will be given to non-Asiatics to buy liquor from shops and hotels which are licensed, and also from bonded warehouses. In Ahmedabad a fee of Rs. 10 ($3.60) is collected from every permit-holder. In Bombay, however, the fee will undoubtedly be higher. Non-Asiatic tourists will be allowed to purchase liquor without restrictions.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The direct route toward restoration of national prosperity is the exercise of political leadership in eliminating waste and political expendiency in public business and in the balancing of public budgets. With this as a starting point the way would be clear for political leaders to facilitate and co-ordinate job-making opportunities in private enterprise. Such policies would give more jobs for unemployed; would create more wealth and prosperity for the country as a whole than could ever be achieved through continued, debt-creating expansion of public spending. — Toronto Financial Post.

Men of the sea always affectionately, refer to a ship as "she. To those who love ships, they are alive. They are made of dead lumber and steel, but once articulated into a whole, they take on personality and life. At Antioch, Calif., lay the Hesperides, a three-master which had outlived her usefulness and was condemned to be burned as a menace. The other night she broke her moorings, drifted up the San Joaquin river channel without a pilot, poked her tall masts into high-tension wires, caught fire and burned to the water line. Suicide, the old men along the waterfront called it, no less. Nonsense, rejoin we landlubbers from our fireside chairs. And yet —there is something about a ship —more than planks and plates. These are the very things we lump together and call coincidence. —New Glasgow News.

In Europe today there is a determined drive to improve physique, and it is significant that chief among the agencies set up for the purpose are food councils and committees. In Great Britain a Nutrition Committee has been at work since 1935 and one of its major achievements has been to alter the nature of the agricultural problem. While previously emphasis was laid on the economic interest of the producer with safeguards for the consumer, now the problem is to meet the needs of the consumer while adequately safeguarding the producer. Thus the problem of nutrition is really part of the great agricultural problem which many countries are trying valiantly to solve. —Exchange.

Japan has apparently realized that her plan could hope to succeed only if she obtained complete control of China's trade with other countries, and could bring the foreign exchange supplies so captured to the support of the yen. Tientsin appears to be a tentative step in that direction. If Japan, in violation of treaties to which she is a party, persists in this direct challenge to the rights of other nations in China, it would appropriate for them to retaliate with economic measures. After two years of floundering in the Chinese mire, Japan's position is particularly vulnerable to such measures, the more so as it is her external economic situation, rather than domestic conditions, which gives her grounds for acute anxiety. Tremendous demands upon the country for army supplies, for development in Manchoukuo, and for attempts at industrial reconstruction in China have been met, but not without cost. — Exchange.

The other night we had the pleasure of listening to a very fine address on the subject, "What Would You Do with a Guy Like That?" An unusual subject most of our readers will agree and we fancy many of them will wonder just what kind of a guy our speaker was talking about. Well, he is the man, or woman for that matter, who goes about with a long face and is always ready to speak and believe ill of his fellows. If a citizen is trying to do something for the advantage of his community, this kind of guy is looking for a hidden and selfish motive back of the good act. If a man is successful in business or in sport our guy refers to him as a "lucky stiff" instead of cheerfully giving him the praise that his success merits. Every community has guys of this kind. What would you do with them? Like our speaker we confess frankly that we do not know. They are a class of citizens who do not help very much and often do a great deal of harm, but what are we going to do about them.—Orangeville Banner.

A propaganda film exhibited to young soldiers in French barracks shows five Germans fighting two Frenchmen. No, it is not intended to demonstrate the superior fighting qualities of the French. It seeks to drive home the fact that the future proportion of Germans to French will be five to two if the present low birth rate in France continues much longer. — Edmonton Journal.

It is an ugly word in our language—sabotage. Originating from the French 'sabot" for wooden shoes, and applying to the damaging of an employers property by throwing wooden shoes into the machinery, it now embraces a far vaster field of malicious destruction. It is the menace of an enemy within the gates who, distored by a spirit of vengeance, or working for an enemy, makes it his business to frustrate the co-operative workings of other men. It is the more ugly in that the spirit of its depredations is confined to no age and to no land. — Hamilton Spectator.

Many a Summer theatre troupe is rolling its customers in the aisles with revivals, played with straight faces, of such old melerdrammers as The Farmer's Daughter, The Drunkard and Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model. "Unhand her villain!" "Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake" ...."Aha, me proud beauty, I have you in me power"! — the threadbare lines seem screamingly funny when declaimed, in all seriousness, by 1939 actors. But the same lines, spoken in the same way, weren't funny at all, but genuinely thrilling, to audiences of 1899 and years thereafter. — New York World Telegram.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

RECOGNIZING TENDENCY TO TUBERCULOSIS AND SO PREVENTING IT

When we learn that the death rate in 1900 from tuberculosis was 160 per 100,000 of the population and in 1936 it was but 36, it would seem that our tuberculosis specialists would be satisfied. As with all research workers, however, we find that they are not satisfied but believe the day will come when there will be no cases of active tuberculosis in our midst. And their reason for believing this is logical as we study the report of the work done by Dr. William Ogden and nine associates at the Toronto Western Hospital as recorded in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Instead of waiting until there are definite signs of tuberculosis present as found by examination of the chest and Xray, these workers during the past fifteen years have been making tests of cases which have been in contact with cases of tuberculosis and whose test by tuberculin is positive. The blood serum of these "positive" cases is now tested and they are grouped as in the case of the Wassermann test (for syphilis), that is from 4 plus down to 1 plus, doubtful and negative

What happened in these cases thus tested? Tuberculosis signs and symptoms were found at some time after the tests were made in 43 percent of individuals who had given a positive or questionable reaction to the blood serum test. "Heretofore, without these tests we had no means of discriminating amongst the contacts unless or until they showed positive sputum, positive Xray, symptoms or signs, and then actual disease is present and it is too late for prevention."

Dr. Ogden points out that as long ago as 1911, Dr. A. H. W. Caulfield, one of his associates, advocated the examination of the blood serum which would detect a stage before tuberculosis actually occurred.

By giving advice as to food and rest (mental and physical) to these "positive" acses, a great number of cases of active tuberculosis was prevented.

"In an observed and large controlled series of 1300 contacts in 15 years, the number of cases of tuberculous disease was 4 percent compared with 20 percent in uncontrolled series."

"In an observed and largely controlled series of 400 normal individuals, not a single case of tuberculosis developed."

The Poets' Corner

WILD ROSES

Against the dim, hot, summer blue
Yon wave of white, wild roses lies,
Watching with listless golden eyes
The green leaves shutting out their view;
The tiny leaves whose motions bright
Are like small things of emerald light.

White butterflies like snow-flakes fall,
And brown bees drone their honey-call.

—William Sharp.

EVEN SERIES

HANTSPORT, N. S., Aug. 21—(CP)—Halifax Cardinals easily defeated Hantsport 7-1 here today to even their best-of-five series in the first round of the Nova Scotia baseball playdowns at two games each.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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"TO HIM WHO WA.TS"

Sir,—Some years ago I made an appeal through your Public Forum column for the beautification of Victoria Park, and especially the little pond, known as Deadman's Pond. The work is going ahead, and soon we shall have a lovely lily pond, in place of the mosquito hole which has been concealed there for many years.

Congratulations, for somebody!

I am, Sir, etc.,
A. CAROLYN BAYFIELD

Aug. 21, 1939.
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

TROUBLE IN THE CAMP

Sir,—Why did Mr. Lester Douglass, M. P., make such haste returning from the King boosting carnival at Ottawa

Was it because he had his advices that another nomination was a critical danger point. At the last convention he scored a win, not because of his own popularity, but because of the unpopularity of his opponents.

Now his own barren record at Ottawa is in evidence against him, while those defeated before, with others added are liable to leave the local sinking ship, and bid for the job. And so he had to get home quick, and get busy.

I am, Sir, etc.,
WHIRLPOOL

ELECTION DODGES

Sir,—Is any one fool enough to imagine that trotting out the railwary warf repairs is not an election dodge on its very face?

They take the opportune time to moot the prospect. Simultaneous with the advent of an election certainty, the Grit organ announces the movement. Parliament voted the money last April. Why was the purpose of Parliament ignored, and the project shelved till now,

We are told the Minister Cardin, at instigation of Mr. Douglas, and Premier Campbell, has issued orders to make a gesture. What kind of a Minister does the King Government retain in office, who disdains the orders of Parliament, to be wheedled into line by designing politicians? Was not the vote of Parliament his proper mandate to proceed with the work? And is he the puppet of local election strategists to do their bidding, when demanded?

And why Mr. Lester Douglas and Premier Campbell? Would it not have been better to consult the Board of Trade, if outside advice was needed? Must public business be subordinated to the objective of buying votes for indigent politicians?

Then what is the proceedure? We are told plans are being prepared, then tenders will be called for, after which the work will be proceeded with. How wonderfully neat all this synchronizes with the prospective voting day? Purposely made to groove into almost the exact hour. Being of genuine "Cabbage" type, by holding it to the nose of needy voters, it will do service in promising work for 50 men, for everyone man's work there will be on the job. This only up to voting day after which the elector may warm his frozen feet somewhere else.

As a job, let by tender, the work will be in the hands of the contractors, and, in the more than probable defeat of the Liberal promisers, whatever work there is will be at the disposal of the Manion Government.

I am, Sir, etc.
CONSERVATIVE.

Parson Picks A Wife

(Stratford Beacon-Herald)

It is a fine thing to have, or to cultivate, an imperturable spirit in playing the game. Winning or losing a game is less important than the manner in which one loses or wins. It is a valuable index to character.

A short time ago we read of a young clergyman who was watching two girl friends of his playing tennis. He was "interested" in both of them and was turning things over in his mind. One was good looking and the other was what is called "homely." The good looker won easily and left the court with a look of contempt for her opponent. The loser walked off with a wide grin on her face. That decided the matter for the young minister. He felt that the girl who could take a beating with good grace was made of the stuff which could measure up to life's difficulties—and he married her.

A good "sport" is likely to be a "good sport" in everyday life.

KILTIES TO INDIA

SINGAPORE— (CP) — The 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, stationed in Singapore for the last two years, are to be stationed at Mhow India. They will be succeeded here by the Black Watch.

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CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY PLANNED

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 21—Plans are being made to establish a co-operative dairy here towards the end of the year. A committee for the council of National Labor Unions has announced it will meet with two dairies that have signed agreements with the union to discuss the co-operative plan.

FEED INFANT SHAVING LOTION

CHATHAM, Ont., Aug. 21—Mrs. Phoebe Christian, 29, Wallaceburg, was committed today to the Ontario hospital at London for mental examination. She was arrested Friday night and appeared in court today on a charge of feeding her four-day-old baby shaving lotion.

NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

SOUTH MELVILLE

POLL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

AT 8.00 P.M.

AT THE COMMITTEE ROOMS AT ERNEST HOLMES, DeSABLE

TO APPOINT DELEGATES TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

GEORGE INMAN, Charman

National Conservative Association

There will be a meeting of the National Conservative Electors of

SOUTHPORT POLL IN

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL

On Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

for the purpose of appointing the delegates to attend the Queen's County Annual Meeting.

F. S. REEVES, Chairman.

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