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

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Dominion Day

There is special significance this year in the celebration of Dominion Day. It is only a few weeks ago that King George VI, wearing the Crown Imperial, presided at a sitting of the Parliament of Canada, and every Province in the Dominion has been personally visited by Their Majesties. The impetus which this visit has given to Canadian patriotism will be felt for years to come. As the London Times stated in a special number devoted to Canada's place in the Empire, it was in this country that what we now recognize as the essence of the Imperial idea was first made manifest, and Canada in the political geography of the twentieth century seems destined to be the natural bridge between the Empire and those foreign countries which are its closest friends. This is a role of even greater importance than anything visualized by the Confederation Fathers.

The seventy-two years which have passed since the Dominion of Canada came into being have witnessed a great many epochal changes, but none more remarkable than the progress we ourselves have achieved from a few scattered provinces to our present status as one of the great nations of the British Commonwealth. The pioneering effort which went into this achievement, familiar to every Canadian school child, is a greater heritage than even the vast material resources of which we are possessed, and of which we are only now becoming fully aware. No better commentary on this fact has been made than by His Majesty the King in his speech at Victoria, B. C., when he recalled the experience of his journey across the old, settled parts of the Dominion, with centuries of history and tradition behind them, to the newer parts, of which the first settlement is still within the memory of living men. The vastness of Canada was impressed upon the Royal visitors by the fact that at the British Columbia capital they were actually as far from Ottawa, as Ottawa is from London. The sight of our broad planes, changed by the pioneers to the uses of man, and the mighty mountain ranges through which they cut their roads, gave them a truer understanding than anything they had read or been told of the qualities of the Canadian people.

But it was to Canada's future, rather than to the past, that His Majesty directed attention. We have still before us, he emphasized, the rewards of pioneering and the prizes of exploration. We have only touched the fringes of the great north, where there is scope, right up to the Arctic circle, for the enterprise of Canadian youth which will take generations to exhaust. And this is not all. Our Atlantic windows, he reminded us, look to Europe, our Pacific windows to Asia and the Far East. "As science reduces the barriers of space, this country will become a thoroughfare between two hemispheres. Some day the people of the world will come to realize that prosperity lies in co-operation, and not in conflict. With the dawn of that brighter day, I look to Canada playing an increasingly important part in furthering friendly relations between the east and west. With the widening of her role of international interpretation will come corresponding benefits to mankind."

No Dominion Day should be allowed to pass without recalling this magnificent tribute from our Sovereign. It should be engraved on our Parliament buildings at Ottawa, and enshrined in the pages of our school books and anthologies. Provincially the present occasion is also a memorable one, falling as it does on the 66th anniversary of our entry into Confederation, and on the eve of our celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference. Many distinguished Canadians will be here on the week of July 16-31 to participate in the coming celebration, and the programme is one which should attract Canada-wide interest, not only in this Province as the birth place of Confederation, but on its own account as the Garden of the Gulf and paradise for summer visitors.

Chamberlain Policy Justified

Premier Chamberlain's caution in dealing with the Japanese crisis at Tientsin finds justification in Japan's agreement to discuss terms of settlement at a conference to be called at Tokyo. While there are important differences of opinion between the two governments as to the scope of the discussion, the fact that it is to be held at all is a victory for British diplomacy. For that reason it is likely to provoke further jeers from Nazi Germany, whose leaders would like nothing better than to see Great Britain involved just now in war in the Far East.

This fact is of vital importance. One of the first to credit the Chamberlain Government with recognizing it has been the Government's erstwhile strongest critic, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, who in a speech quoted in yesterday's Guardian declared: "I am glad that the Government have not been provoked into taking their eye off the target. The Japanese attitude might well be a trap to lure us away from seas where any major trouble which might arise would be decided. We ought not to send out fleet to the

Far East until we are sure of our position in the Mediterranean, and then probably it wouldn't be necessary."

Mr. Chamberlain agreed with Premier Deladier of France as to the gravity of the present European situation. The storm centre is the Free City of Danzig, in which Germany for months past has been fomenting trouble, obviously with a view to repeating its coup in Czechoslovakia. According to the constitution of Danzig, it is Poland's right and duty to intervene in the event of disturbances that cannot be quelled by the Danzig authorities, first with police forces to support the Danzig police, then with Polish troops. If Poland abstains, this is capitulation in the face of terrorism, and amounts to the renunciation of the Polish rights in Danzig. If, on the other hand, it intervenes—and this is said to be the crux of the Nazi plan—it offers the Nazi leaders the desired opportunity to proclaim that Poland is attempting to subjugate the Free City by violence. This would afford Hitler an argument which he has not yet been able to use in order to unleash an explosion of national feeling and general enthusiasm for war in Poland.

It is during the next three months, in Mr. Churchill's opinion, that the tension will become most severe. Hence the need of proceeding with the utmost caution so far as the Japanese trouble is concerned. The most reassuring sign at the present time is the alertness of the British Government to all the factors in the situation, and its refusal to be stampeded, on any pretext, into a position where it would no longer be able to enforce its guarantees against further Nazi aggression in Europe.

Credit Where Due

Credit for one of the most outstanding achievements of the Royal Visit to Canada goes to one man, Mr. Walter S. Thompson, director of publicity for the Canadian National Railways, who served so efficiently and successfully as chairman of the press committee. Covering the Royal visit was a tremendous undertaking in which every newspaper in the Dominion had its part, but it was through the directing genius of Mr. Thompson in planning, weeks ahead, every detail that the press was able to present each day such complete reports and such lavish illustrations. And it was not only Canadian newspapers which benefited. Correspondents from the United States, Great Britain and elsewhere received the same co-operation from Mr. Thompson, with the result that Canada has received most favorable publicity on both continents.

Editorial Notes

Tomorrow Dominion Day.
 Elizabeth Barrett Browning died 1861.
 Dollar days are bringing large crowds to the stores.
 Today represents the usual Saturday so far as stores and other places of business are concerned.
 New Yorkers claim Their Majesties' visit to the U. S. A. took, for them, the "s" out of Kingship.
 To the end of this month all records have been beat regarding the number of conventions, delegations and visitors generally coming to the Province.
 As anticipated in these columns, Prime Minister Mackenzie King is making use of the Crisis in Europe to delay announcement regarding a general election.
 The Harvard Phi Beta Kappa Society ended a ninety-year "dry spell" Saturday when it voted to repeal a rule prohibiting the serving of liquor at the annual dinner. The rule became effective in 1847 and had been rigidly enforced.

Grasshoppers apparently have had their fill of poison in Oklahoma County. Farmers reported to agriculture officials that they had seen hardly a grasshopper, which was surprising because the insects were reported scattered through other counties.
 May exports of meat totalled \$3,171,020 in comparison with \$2,086,687 in the previous month and \$3,821,830 in the corresponding month last year. Purchases by the United Kingdom totalled \$2,937,283, of which bacon and hams accounted for \$2,800,507. The United States was the next largest buyer with a value of \$105,642.

With the announcement by radical Republicans that they proposed to hold a big parade to the grave of Theobald Wolfe Tone, Protestant apostle of Irish republicanism the de Valera government took swift action under the recently enacted Offences Against the States Act to suppress the Irish Republican Army. Under the terms of this act, signed by President Douglas Hyde a few days ago the army automatically became an unlawful organization since it maintained or attempted to maintain a military or armed force in contravention of the Constitution but the government went a step farther with a suppression order which declares, "that organization styling itself the Irish Republican Army, also the I. R. A., is an unlawful organization and ought in public interest be suppressed."

Following this government action Police Commissioner Kinnane, Dublin, prohibited the holding of a public meeting or a procession by the Republicans at Bodenstown on Sunday. Radicals from all parts of Ireland had planned to travel to Wolfe Tone's grave and hear an oration by Count Plunkett, father of Joseph Plunkett who was executed by the British after the Easter Week rising in 1916.

The Municipal World calls attention to a curious situation which now prevails as a result of the legislation recently adopted in Toronto requiring that every candidate for elective office in Ontario municipalities to take the oath of allegiance before they sign their declarations of qualification. It appears that although this stipulation applies to all officers who are elected, the same does not hold true of appointed officers. Accordingly, there is now a possibility of a candidate for an appointed office such as high school trustee, clerk, treasurer, auditor, assessor, collector, road superintendent, constable, fire-viewers and members of appointed boards such as library boards, taking the oath of allegiance. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Ontario farmers can help themselves to better times by growing more and better fruit. Higher quality fruit attractively priced will increase the sales of Canadian orchard products. Incidentally, rural and urban citizens could raise the standard of health conditions with the consumption of more home-grown fruit. It is time that the farmers of Ontario did some thinking about the condition of their orchards. If they would better cut down on firewood. Whether or not they can be saved for a few years by pruning, it would be a wise move now to think about setting out a new orchard. — Amherstburg Echo.

It was a remarkable tribute that was paid Hon. Dr. W. R. Motherwell at Abernethy. The Abernethy "celebration" was different. Here were gathered a group of people who knew him best, the folk who had lived sort of next door for half a century. Here were men and women who knew him when they were youths together, here were the sons and daughters of these first settlers; here were the grandchildren who knew Dr. Motherwell only as a venerable figure in the community. But they all had the same thing to say; that he was a fine man, a good neighbor, a real friend, and an untiring community builder, a church, school, agriculture, for a strong social life — Regina Leader-Post.

The tornado is among the most terrifying of natural phenomena because of its unpredictable nature. No one knows when it will come, nor how it will follow once the whirlwind is generated. Generally speaking, it is a scourge of open plains, although it is not unknown to strike even mountains. — Baltimore Sun.

Now we have a practical example of the "getting out on a limb and saving it" principle. This story is about a man who decided to raise chickens and built a fence of wire netting. Every week he would see some means of entrance or exit except a small wire gate, he discovered that his trailer had been left inside. — St. Catharines Standard.

For seven years 24-year-old Gwynllyd Ford, of Quebec, has been trying to make a movie. But he finally succeeded in a novel way. A banquet was held in Hollywood, and the young man was disguised as a bus driver. He was loudly and loudly shouted insults at the guest of honor and all others, and so impressed film experts present that he was given a movie contract. — Windsor Star.

The new Airways building in Birmingham Palace Road is said to be the largest air terminal in the world. Apart from the question of size, it certainly incurs one facility that air travellers have not found in this country before, that is, the special railway platform which makes it, in effect, an annex of Victoria Station. Social trains are to run from this platform to the Southampton docks. The building itself is of Portland stone, in a long crescent shape that is faintly reminiscent of County Hall — Manchester Guardian.

Maybe this Summer has brought a more aggressive species of black fly being around here, but it is enough to know that the species are uniformly venomous and sneaky, in contrast with which, mosquitoes with their warning buzz and their annoying manners, are not bad fellows. Entomology has a name for black flies. So have we—but the columns of the local daily journal are distinctly not friendly to its publication. — Timmins Press.

One who has bought the Advance has thought for a long time. It is several years ago that the Advance made strenuous objection to the taste of horses and the licking of postage stamps, the occasion being the issue of a special series of postage stamps double ordinary. Now, it is announced that the United States is planning to issue postage stamps with special flavors. It is easy to imagine a man going into the local post office and saying: "two three-cent stamps, Erie, with pineapple flavor, and two two-cent stamps for the wife, strawberry flavor." — Timmins Advance.

The other day in the Presbyterian General Assembly two divines argued in plain language about another denomination. Immediately there came requests from certain delegates that the present should not mention the incident. The clergyman in the chair thereupon "spoke words of wisdom as The Ottawa Journal put it. "The other day in the press is to stop saying them," he told the delegates. And that goes for those who would blame the press for reporting cases and rows in meetings and indiscreet remarks made on the political platform. If you don't want them reported, don't break the law and stop saying the things you don't want reported. — Lethbridge Herald.

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That Body of Hours

By James W. Borison, M.D.

ORDINARY SYMPTOMS OF INDIGESTION MAY REALLY BE DUE TO CANCER OF STOMACH.

With cancer of the lip, mouth, breast, and uterus—all parts that can be reached readily by operation or radium—there is always excellent chance of recovery. But, "it is a melancholy fact that over one-half of all cases of cancer of the stomach are past any hope of treatment by the time the condition is known to be cancer. Another twenty-five percent will die on the borderline; that is, although the growth in the stomach itself can be removed, secondary growths (which are the result of the growth and have been carried to other parts) are probably already present in glands and other organs. This is the case with about twenty-five percent of all cases in the diagnosis (definite knowledge that cancer is present) made early enough to allow any chance for cure."

When we learn, then, from the above statements from Handbook on Cancer, published by the Canadian Medical Association, that but one of every four cases of stomach cancer is curable when discovered, we can realize why this and other organizations are making such tremendous efforts to teach us all that "early discovery of stomach cancer means a cure and late discovery means no possible cure."

Dr. Sarah M. Jordan, Boston, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, discusses results in her study of 251 cases of stomach cancer. "Cancer of the stomach is found twice as frequently in men as in women, but all persons more than 30 years of age should be suspected of it when certain symptoms are found."

The symptoms are pain or distress, loss of appetite, loss of weight, loss of strength, vomiting, belching and hiccups, difficulty in swallowing, pallor, nausea without vomiting, diarrhoea and constipation.

There are some cases, of course, 10 percent or less, where there are apparently no symptoms present until it is too late to operate, but these investigations would likely reveal "slight" indigestion, "slight" loss of appetite, and, perhaps, "slight" loss of weight, any or all of which might go unnoticed by the patient.

If, then, as pointed out by Dr. Jordan, all persons past 30 years of age should be suspected of having cancer of the stomach when above symptoms are present, the patient must be educated to the idea of early and repeated examinations—not stomach contents, X-ray, or gastric tests, but a simple test for "slight" indigestion, "slight" loss of appetite, and, perhaps, "slight" loss of weight, any or all of which might go unnoticed by the patient.

Hay Fever

(Winnipeg Free Press)
 According to Dr. Charles H. A. Watson, in the current issue of The Manitoba Medical Journal, hay fever is being non-fatal and funny (like seasickness) has not been of much concern to anyone—except the sufferers, and the medical profession, by any means. It is estimated that at least one in 50 persons on this continent has hay fever, that about 10 percent of all hay fever patients will develop some degree of asthma, if not treated. And asthma is pretty distressing stuff to tangle with.

Dr. Watson's article on the history, description and present methods of treatment of hay fever therefore has interest. Timely interest, too, seeing that the greater percentage of cases are due to pollen allergens, now floating, or preparing to float, through the air with the greatest of ease.

Dr. Watson is quite graphic on this aspect of the disease: "Seasonal hay fever and its related seasonal asthma have been conclusively shown to be constitutional diseases due chiefly to pollen reaching the patient through the nose and occasionally through the eyes. Pollen allergens as fungoid spores, parts of insect, etc. The offending pollen must of course reach the patient's nose, and it is the cause of trouble, and the only way in which it can constantly do so is by means of the wind. That is, the only pollen that is really important to these patients is wind-borne pollen, or as the botanists call it, anemophilous pollen. . . . Thus, the rose, goldenrod, and dandelion with their bright flowers long accused of causing hay fever are really and necessarily innocent. It is astonishing how difficult it is to get patients and sometimes doctors to realize that these bright and conspicuous flowers are not responsible for their troubles. The pollen of the grasses and flowers producing its clouds of poisonous pollen. Pollen grains have been shown to be capable of travelling many hundreds of miles and to reach a height of at least 10,000 feet in the air. Thus the much publicized local weeding projects designed as a public health measure are not likely to help much. Besides, one would hardly recommend an attempt to eradicate all grasses and flowers, because their pollen causes hay fever."

construction, abandoned, presumably for technical reasons. It is said that the Dominion Government is willing to put this outfit to some community use, rather than to sell for private exploitation, something which cost at least \$21,000, a mere \$750—Kirriland Lake News.

The Ottawa Journal, basing opinion on Washington information, says that a military highway, the proposed road to Alaska is not taken seriously by United States military leaders, and that interest in the projected enterprise is confined chiefly to Canada, anyway. This is misleading. It presents an inaccurate picture, so far as the west is concerned. British Columbians who have travelled in the states of the Pacific coast agree that in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, and elsewhere, interest is sustained and keen. It is viewed, perhaps more from the tourist, than from the defence standpoint, —Prince Rupert Empire.

Japan's Economic Position

(Hamilton Speculator)
 The Japanese authorities do not attempt to conceal the fact that their hostility to Britain is inspired by the belief that China is being encouraged by the Mother Country to continue her opposition to Japanese ways. Foremost of these is the support given to the stabilization fund, by which Chinese currencies are helped to hold their own against the yen, which Japan is desirous of making the only legal tender. It is realized that when it comes to a battle of currencies the side having the sympathy of the British Empire and all its resources is placed in a position of great advantage. Japan is economically weaker, and would be vain to join the prophets who pronounce the inevitability of financial collapse, for they have so frequently been shown to be wrong. According to the Tokyo correspondent of the London Times, "the signals indicate danger, but the danger is not immediate." He thinks Japan can go on for a year or two more yet.

The difficulties arise from the fact that Japan has no reserves on which to draw. She lives from hand to mouth; her gold supplies have dwindled to a fraction of what they should be to constitute a healthy situation; her export trade, to which she is forced to rely, has declined most seriously and it will not be possible for many years to reap the benefit of her military conquests. As for Manchuria, at the present stage it is more of a drain than an asset, because of the necessity for expensive development, but she has set the example to his subjects of disposing of gold ornaments and other jewellery for the enrichment of the national treasury. Her exploration and exploitation of gold mining prospects are not bringing adequate returns; though wages are higher, because of war conditions, the cost of living has risen higher still. Japan has nowhere to look for financial support, since her European allies are similarly in a predicament. The Times correspondent sums up the situation thus: "Life will become more straitened, business more difficult, the struggle more tedious. The gains of the venture will still dwell in the land of to-morrow, and only its losses in the land of to-morrow. Every week sees some new fetter clamped on business enterprise. The struggle is forcing Japan step by step into a totalitarian system of control from which when she emerges, victorious but impoverished, she will hardly be able to extricate herself. It must be expected, at some point in the ruinous process peace will seem more desirable than victory with exhaustion."

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While Lord Cecil approved the use of the word "Oxford" in the group's title, Bishop Hensley Henson, as well as Mr. A. P. Herbert, M. P. for Oxford University, and many others, opposed it.

Bishop Hensley Henson wrote: "Criticism of the Buchmanite adoption of the name of Oxford is not limited to hostile students of Dr. Buchanan's movement. In his own camp there are searchings of heart, for his insistence on absolute honesty is not easily harmonized with his advertising methods. Thus Mr. H. Calmer, Bell, who is a keen Groupist and, by a rather unusual combination, also an advanced Catholic, has just published a candid little book entitled Catholics and the Group Movement, which merits the attention of all who desire to appreciate this singular essay in religious method. He is discussing the insistence on 'absolute honesty,' and he points his arguments thus:

"It would not be honest to leave this subject without some reference to what seems to some of us a blot upon the fair escutcheon of the Group Movement. Its adoption and use of the name Oxford. It is urged with complete truth in defence of this that the name became attached to the Group by accident and without any prompting on the part of the adherents or their leaders. Beyond all question the use of it is misleading. 'Oxford' has a special

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significance which no other place-name has except Cambridge. This is well known. A young man may be born and brought up in the city of Oxford, his home may be there, and he may have been at school there. If on going out into the world he describes himself as an "Oxford man," although in the strict meaning of the phrase it is true, as a statement it is misleading. An Oxford man means not a native of the city or a resident, but a member of the University. The "sons of glory" of the Group was Keswick; an earlier scene of its activity than Oxford was Cambridge. Its present headquarters are in London. It is to be feared that the adoption of (a) accidentally conferred title is an instance of the sacrifice of truth to a sense of its value as publicity. It would pass if we were not so particular about "absolute honesty"; but in the face of the Group teaching the title should be quietly dropped."

Britain Sticking

(Sydney Post Record)
 Great Britain has made one point clear in the Chinese-Japanese situation. It is simply this: The British are not pulling out of China. The present rumpus has been caused by the refusal of the British to hand over prisoners of war to the Chinese, who are wanted in connection with the murder of an official. But that is only a detail in the general argument.

Japan wants the British, French and Americans to fold their tents and silently steal away from China. The Japanese want to secure all the trade with China and Tokio is anxious to put the squeeze on Britain, France and the United States to withdraw.

The world is being given an exhibition of power politics in the Far East, with Japan trying to win a bloodless war by commerce. The Japanese can fight battles against the Chinese and win them, because of their superior equipment and training. Tokio hopes to win against the democracies because the Japanese can fight battles against the Chinese and win them, because of their superior equipment and training. Tokio hopes to win against the democracies because the Japanese can fight battles against the Chinese and win them, because of their superior equipment and training.

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to Japan that Britain is not getting out of China. There may be discussions and negotiations, but Britain makes it definite that regardless of what may happen in the row over the four Chinese prisoners, Japan needn't think for a minute that the British are through in the Orient.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)
 Toronto, Montreal and New York Stocks sharply lower.
 Winnipeg—Wheat up 21 3/4 cents.
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