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A Red-Letter Week

Charlottetown has been the scene of many memorable celebrations, but certainly none which has been carried out more successfully, or on such an ambitious scale, as this week's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the historic Confederation Conference. Not only are all our citizens and visitors in agreement on this point, but the Province, as a result, has received more front-page publicity from coast to coast than on any other occasion, not excepting the Royal Visit in which, naturally, we shared the spotlight with other provinces. This week's programme was unique in the history of Canada. There were no other outstanding events to detract from the interest with which it was followed, and the significance of the anniversary was brought home to all our fellow-Canadians.

With regard to one of the features—the fine historic pageant staged on the opening evening of the celebration—there has been general concurrence in the suggestion of Mr. J. R. MacNichol, M. P., of Toronto, that it should be presented right across Canada as an inspiration to national unity and patriotic sentiment. Among those so expressing themselves have been Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of National Resources in the Dominion Government, and Hon. John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba, while equally favorable comments have been received from Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of National Revenue, and Hon. J. W. Estey of Saskatoon, Attorney-General and Minister of Education for Saskatchewan.

Contributing much to the success of the week's celebration was the presence here of these and other distinguished parliamentarians, as well as the Army and Navy units, the U. S. destroyer and French cruiser, the Massenet Choir, and the gallant Firemen from all parts of the Maritime Provinces

Warmest congratulations are due to Mr. Justice Arsenault, convenor of the central committee; Premier Campbell, chairman, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, vice-chairman, Messrs. J. M. Murley, director of publicity, A. R. Cooper, entertainment committee chairman, P. W. Turner, reception committee chairman, and all others concerned in arranging the many details of the programme and carrying it to such a triumphant conclusion.

Paving The Way?

Are coming events casting their shadows before?

The well-known initials "J. F. W.", presumably those of Mr. J. F. Whear, Campbell Government representative at the New York World's Fair, appear under a remarkable letter in yesterday's Liberal organ containing the following statement with regard to the advantages of open sale of liquor at the Fair:

"In regard to liquor-selling there is no doubt the laws here are most liberal. Liquor is just as easy to obtain as any other beverage or commodity. The bar and the tavern or inn are in evidence everywhere, and if the World's Fair reflects truly the 'World of Tomorrow', then the sale of beer, ales, wines and liquors will be even less restricted than today. Almost every restaurant or eating place has a bar and in several instances the bar is wide open to the public view and located alongside the public walk or street. There is no obstruction and no secrecy at all and no person seems to bother as to who is having a drink, or as to how many girls or women are in the company, and still with all this publicity and open selling I have yet to see the first person on the 'Fair' grounds showing the slightest signs of intoxication."

Further on in the same letter we read:

"I have often sung an ode which contains these words, 'It's a pleasure in life, go wherever you will, to meet as we travel by day or by than the rest," so it was with that feeling that I greeted H. H. Brown, formerly of Charlottetown, and his brother, Mervyn Brown, now of London, England.

Oh boy, what a feeling!

Central Provinces Sceptical

Quebec has abandoned its unemployment-relief projects and responsibility for this action is laid by Premier Duplessis and Labor Minister Tremblay at the door of the Mackenzie King Government. In the Quebec Premier's opinion, the federal bill providing for a Dominion contribution of 40 per cent of the cost of unemployment relief is just a political dodge, intended "far less to relieve unemployment than to foster the Government's electoral aspirations." Quebec wants "productive public works" rather than direct relief, but the policy at Ottawa is declared to be one of "maintaining direct relief at all costs."

Meanwhile, Ontario has turned down a second proposal from the King Government for assistance to municipalities in undertaking unemployment projects. The reason given is the same, namely, that the Ottawa scheme is just a vote-catching proposal. Premier Hepburn's attitude on this question is strongly supported by the more-or-less independent *Globe and Mail*, which says that this effort to bribe the municipalities into spending money on the eve of a federal contest will simply result in more municipal debt and taxation.

"If the Dominion Government is as frightened of its record in Ontario as its sudden generosity suggests," the Toronto paper says, "let it do its own vote-buying. . . Dressing the manoeuvre up to represent an unemployment relief scheme does not disguise it. It is no less an election bribe on this account. If Ottawa has money to spend for that purpose, if it is genuinely disturbed about the jobless in Ontario, why did the Government fritter away a whole session of Parliament without making some effort at a practical, worthwhile remedy?"

The same question is being asked in other Provinces, where alluring baits have been held out with the object of getting the municipalities to join in a pre-election spending spree of unprecedented proportions, whose chief value right now, in the words of the *Globe and Mail*, is as a "sweetener" for the votes soured by the dole.

Editorial Notes

Wellington defeated Napoleon Salamanica this date, 1812.

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Jewish Disabilities Act passed in Britain, tomorrow's date, 1858.

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We have had King's weather for Confederation celebrations anyway.

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The unanimous verdict of visitors during the week is: "We have had the best time ever."

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Japan's wheat crop, according to latest estimates, is expected to amount to 55,000,000 bushels, which will be a record, and an increase of 21 per cent over last year. Should this forecast be fulfilled, the flour situaton in Japan, Manchukuo, and China will be eased to some extent.

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According to Mr. Robert W. Gordon, writing in Nation's Business, the entire profit made by the retailers and wholesalers is only a small portion of the cost involved in putting a head of lettuce on the consumer's table. In breaking down the costs on a case of lettuce (five dozen heads) shipped from California to Washington, D.C., which would sell for seven cents a head or $4.20, the retailer's margin is $0.95; the jobber's is .25; broker's commission is .065; the grower's $1.327; transportation amounted to $1.608.

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Welcome to Dominion Girl Guide Commissioner, Mrs. H. D. Warren, C.B.E., LL.D., and her contingent of Guides and Guiders who arrive on a visit here this evening. A splendid program has been mapped out for them including an official reception at the Provincial Building at 10 a.m. tomorrow, church service at St. James and the Basilica at 11 a. m., tour of the city, including Government House after luncheon, visit to Green Gables and Cavendish in the afternoon, and dinner and Camp-fire at Lakewood at night, guests of His Honour the Governor and Mrs. DeBlois.

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It is announced from Ottawa that the Federal Government may make new appointments of Lieutenant-Governors for Quebec and Prince Edward Island immediately before the anticipated dissolution. Whatever may be the case in Quebec, we can assert that nobody—well, hardly anybody—wants a change here. All are more than satisfied with Governor DeBlois, and if a vote were taken he would be returned to a second term by an overwhelming majority of Liberals and Conservatives alike. No one since Confederation has filled the high position with such adequacy as His Honor has.

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"Wheat in the grain is not used for animal feeding in the United Kingdom to anywhere near the same degree as it is in Canada," according to reports received by the Department of Trade and Commerce from its Trade Commissioners in the United Kingdom. "It is too expensive in comparison with other equally efficient foods. Oats are largely used, their well-balanced composition making them suitable and safe for most animals and their cost being within the limits of many buyers. Feeding barley has been found especially suitable for feeding hogs and is used mostly for that purpose. It is also used occasionally for horses and, mixed with cotton or other cake rich in protein, has been found excellent for sheep.

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The finer things in life are not usually popular with the moneyed classes or those having the wherewithal to pay. As the only means of insuring the continuance of grand opera in New York, plans are well under way for the sale of the Metropolitan Opera House by its thirty-five box-holders to a larger and more widely distributed civic group to be organized for the purpose of establishing a permament musical centre for the city. The Metropolitan Opera and Real Estate Company, through which the box-holders own the building, finds itself facing a critical situation because some of its stockholders have persistently refused to pay the assessments levied against them, and because more than half its stock is held by estates whose trustees cannot permit aesthetic and sentimental considerations to outweigh material ones.

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Women's dress must now be costing next to nothing considering the small coverage with which they are satisfied. Analysis of British import figures on women's garments (exclusive of knitwear) for March and April of 1938 and 1939, the two heaviest import months, shows an interesting trend of price-lines. The average value of imported American silk and rayon frocks fell from about $3.35 in 1938 to $3.10 this year. Though more American dresses are being imported, this increase is concentrated on slightly cheaper grades. On the other hand, the average value of German frocks rose from about $7 to $8.25, though the total of such imports declined greatly. The imports of American cotton dresses were about doubled for the comparative months, but the average value fell from $1.50 to about 85 cents. But the most remarkable figures in this category of imports are those concerning Japanese goods. Nothwithstanding international pinpricks and war-threats, Japanese cotton dress imports increased threefold during the year in question, but the average value fell from about 20 cents to 13 cents.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The one hope of yet causing the Axis partners and their ideological associates to hesitate — the one hope, therefore, of preserving peace —is that they should be left under no further illusions. Nothing would so convincingly demonstrate the grim change which has occurred in Britain's attitude to the position into which she has been forced as the inclusion in the government of men who never were blind to the menace and who at all times consistently pleaded for maintenance of what are now seen to be the policy and strategy necessitated by it. And nothing, it must be added, would so hearten our friends while steeling the united will of our own people. — Yorkshire Post.

Hon. Norman, A. McLarty, K.C., P.C., Canada's new postmaster general, was invited to a grand affair at the Chateau Laurier, along with Mrs. McLarty, recently. The invitations sent out were marked "R.S.V.P." so, since they planned to attend, Mrs. McLarty wrote a message to that effect and gave it to her husband to mail. There was alarm in the McLarty menage when, a few hours before the time set for the party, the postmaster, looking through his pockets, came upon the letter Mrs. McLarty had written—which he had subsequently forgotten. A telephone call fixed things up, but it just goes to show that even the man who has charge of all Canadian mail sometimes forgets to post his wife's letters — even as you and I. — Brophey in Windsor Star.

"From a Windown in Fleet Street", a British letter in The Ottawa Journal, there is report of a revolt in the high command of the Italian army against Germanization. And the revolt is reaching down to the people. Gregory Clark of the Toronto Star, who covered the investiture of the new Pope in Rome told in a lecture, after coming home, how German guests in Italian restaurants displayed their arrogance to Italians, and how there was resentment even among Italian waiters. One cracking good defeat in war — something may happen before war comes—would split the Rome-Berlin axis wide-open. The alliance is a highly synthetic or artificial one.

A complete revival of the days of Charlemagne — a German Empire covering the whole of Central Europe! The above represents without any embellishments, what Herr Hitler, grown hysterical with the lust for power, is now seeking and gradually securing by methods of his own. And who is going to say him nay? Declarations of solidarity against aggression and against further coups by this excorporal of the German Imperial Army may sound quite impressive and give temporary comfort, but a calm and dispassionate weighing up of the evidence which has been accumulating since the German incursion into Austria points but in one direction — another terrible war as the only means to check the dream of world-domination which Herr Hitler plans for Germany. It was really unfortunate that the Prime Minister Mr. Neville Chamberlain should have become one of the innocent victims of Herr Hitler's messianic plans, for how else can the events which took place at Berchtesgaden and Munich now be construed except as a blind to lull the excitement and tension which had been created before the time was ripe enough for completing his coup?—Hong Kong Press.

From the second mate of a freighter which shoves her blunt nose in and out of the South American ports, picking up a bit of cargo here and there, we heard of the monkey Louise. Now, Louise, it seems was brought back by a seaman from his shore leave and tethered hopefully in the forecastle. The little animal was originally intended for the sailor's girl back in Brooklyn, but the ship was a long time getting home and Louise was sort of adopted by the crew. Well, she grew old and grey in service and her antics, which originally were looked upon as lighthearted capers became a little boring, particularly to the skipper whose cabin she invaded every so often. Louise, however, became a particular nuisance whenever the vessel was loading cargo. She'd slip her leash and go swarming over the slings, tearing at the hair of the men at the winches and in general endangering the lives and certainly the tempers of the crew. Finally, when it became apparent that Louise would have to go the way of all obstreperous monkeys a happy solution of her problem was chanced upon. A family, which had occupied the limited quarters for passengers aboard the freighter, left behind a rickety baby carriage and Louise, roaming through the cabin, chanced upon the equipage and adopted it for her very own. She screamed and fought when one of the men attempted to lift her out and just to avoid trouble she was left in the seat, where she rocked back and forth, squeaking to herself. They have never had any more trouble with Louise. She sleeps and eats in the carriage, which is moored for her on the well deck. While cargo is being loaded or unloaded the carriage is wheeled to a vantage point and from it Louise calmly watches the activity, never offering to take part. The mate says that the whole business is mighty mysterious but he offers to send us a snapshot of Louise to prove his story. — New York Sun.

Since U. S. paper money was reduced one-third in size 10 years ago, the treasury department reports a saving in paper, ink, labor and storage space of $18,000,000. By cutting out the remaining two-thirds, the treasury should be able to save enough to pay off the national debt. — Toronto Star.

Prof. Julian Besteiro, last head of the defeated Spanish republic, is being tried by a Fascist military tribunal on charges of "aiding rebellion." The war has been over for several months now, and one is inclined to forget who were the rebels—Sudbury Star.

Senator Farris is reported telling British Columbia people that "Canada's doctrine of neutrality is dead." Whether he said just that, or whether the phrase is merely an attempt to condense what he did say, the phrase is misleading. Canada has never had such a doctrine, except in a limited number of minds. — Ottawa Journal.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

CAUSES AND TREATMENT OF ASTHMA

I write often about asthma because so many suffer with it and because, as medical students, we were taught that the cause was unknown and there was no cure. Relief from an attack was affected by the use of nitroglycerine or amyl nitrite. The use of injections of epinephrine — adrenalin — is now more generally used.

To-day, while the cause of some cases is unknown, a cause for the majority of cases can be found if diligent search be made. Research workers are now agreed that asthma is not a disease but a group of symptoms with not one but a number of causes.

Drs. P. De Bersaque and A. Berat, in Archives of Medicine-Surgery, Paris, stress the importance of the "constitutional" factor as an underlying cause of asthma and show that effective treatment can be realized only when the complex problem of the make-up or constitution of the asthmatic is clearly understood. They examined forty asthmatics thoroughly. They found that asthmatics were of the high strung, nervous type, much like sufferers with hay fever. There was often rapid heart beat, neurosis (thinking an ailment present when none exists), and also emotional disturbances.

Their studies of these forty cases showed that there were three factors in the cause of asthma all of equal importance: (1) the respiratory (nose, throat, lungs) factor, (2) the instability (easily upset) of the nerves controlling the organs of the chest and abdomen, and (3) the liver factor.

Having these three causes in mind they proceed to treat asthma from the three different standpoints. For the respiratory (breathing) they use epinephrine (adrenalin) and ephedrine; for that part of the nervous system controlling lungs, heart and digestion, they use a "quieting" drug such as belladonna and phenobarbital; for the liver or hepatic system they recommend diet methods and liver preparations.

In cases where the asthmatic is allergic or sensitive to certain substances, tests for these substances are made. Among the new methods of treatment are the breathing exercises — blowing all air slowly from the lungs — and the use of short wave treatments.

Remember, the patient's general make-up, obstructions of nose, and sensitiveness to various substances, can each and all be the cause of asthmatic attacks.

The Poets' Corner

SNUG HARBOR

The westward star above us, we turned home,
Leaving the wind behind us and the sound
Of the sea's laughter lifted into foam
To reach Snug Harbor, where no breakers pound
Blue into thunder. Suddenly we saw
The leeward island and the twinkling town,
The headland stretching like a golden paw
And the white lighthouse with its gleaming crown.

The quiet dusk fell round us as we came
Swinging beneath the sunset, drowsily
We moved into the harbor lit by flame,
Leaving behind the outposts of the sea,
The leaping water and the kelp-strewn bars
To come to port beneath a cloud of stars.

—Harold Vinal in the Christian Science Monitor.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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MASSED CHOIR AND PAGEANT

Sir,—I would like to offer some friendly praise and friendly criticism on the Pageant "Romance of Canada", staged on Monday night.

I am sure that this outstanding presentation, for general balance could not easily be duplicated by any other city in Canada and Mrs. Roper must be warmly commended upon her ability in achieving the much desired success rightly due to her efforts—at no point in the stage work were there any low spots, and the choice of players was without a doubt an inspiration —special mention must be made, however, of that part taken by the Goddess of Fame—I can't imagine anyone else who from the standpoint of ability and voice declamation could have surpassed Miss Gaudet, and while having many friendly rivals, she was not at any point eclipsed.

I did feel, however, that the work of the supporting choir and orchestra was not generally on the high level of the stage performance—this defect was certa... due to either the choir or ... tral directors, who are two of the best musicians, individually, one might care to hear but rather, any defect was due to a fault inherent in large choirs picked from a somewhat small city—talent is not so diversified and in my humble opinion a small orchestra and a picked choir of about 50 voices would have brought the general level up much higher. From my position in the choir I could not help but notice that but few of the orchestra really paid much attention to the tempo and spirit, and there was a noticeable tardiness in the attack from the wind section—everyone seemed to be keeping their eyes glued on the music and the directors attempts to set the pace was unavailing. This defect is common to amateurs and I felt also that the orchestra would be improved by the use of less violin and a doubling of bass and alto section—the music was much too light.

The same defects were noticeable in the choir—the director strove in vain to shade the selections as marked—but that touch of individuality which mars many musicians in the city was strongly to the fore. Until those who follow music in Charlottetown have a clearer understanding of the requirements of group singing, no great advances will be made in that direction. Tone is the alphabet of music and choristers who sing with only a thought of out singing their immediate companions are a drug on the musical market.

The Massanet Choir was a good illustration of my point—no one voice outstanding—a perfect attack, a perfect tone control, and a perfect shading. The result was beautiful harmony—this is the end and purpose of all good music.

I am, Sir, etc.,
A MUSIC LOVER.

EXPECT 15,000 WITNESSES

MONTREAL — (CP) — With intense interest in the mass marriage of 100 couples here Sunday, July 23, when a congregation of 15,000 is expected, Bishop Co-adjutor Gauthier has approved change of place for the ceremony from Notre Dame Church to the Montreal Stadium.

Two strains of bedding dahlias may be grown from seed as easily as zinnias, and will give flowers from midsummer to frost in great abundance. They are the Coltness, single, and the Unwin, double, strains. The flowers are attractive in the border and fine for arrangements indoors.

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