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PROVINCIAL ELECTION—

A PROVINCIAL ELECTION has been called for June 7th. The announcement didn't come exactly as a surprise. There had been talk about it by all opposition parties in the legislature for several weeks. The issue, according to Premier Drew is for approval of the 600 Million Dollar expansion program of the Government, which begins with the hydro change-over from twenty-five to sixty cycle current in south western Ontario.

The issue is probably of sufficient import to seek a mandate from the electors but it seems to us that the voters are going to have a difficult time reaching a sound conclusion on an issue of such tremendous importance now and June 7th. It is a technical question upon which only the experts are qualified to judge. The Hydro policy was endorsed by all parties in the Legislature by unanimous vote. That in itself can be the only guide to the electors and if the Party Leaders in the Legislature are supported the Government will be returned with a thumping majority on June 7th. Consequently we fail to see the issue.

The Drew Government is facing the coming election with supreme confidence. The Record of administration over the past three years provides little, if any, opposition upon which the opposition parties can make an effective issue against Government support. Probably the strongest argument against the Government is the decision to call an election now instead of waiting until the present legislative term has expired.

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JUST IMAGINATION ?—

IT SEEMS TO US that our leaders have been trying to impress upon us for some time that there is a very real danger of another war. And when it comes — if it comes — it will surpass in fury the two previous conflicts of this century.

The great problem of the leaders in a democracy is to keep the people in a state of mental preparedness for such an eventuality. We cannot, or will not, let ourselves believe that there can possibly be another war. We tell ourselves that surely the people of the world have better sense than to again be drawn into battle. But it is wishful thinking.

Hon. Louis St. Laurent recently said that if another war does come "we should all have to fight for our survival, to prevent the disappearance of our institutions and our liberty and that all democratic nations would be in the same boat. All would be obliged to defend themselves." It seems to us Hon. Mr. St. Laurent would be the last person in the world to make a statement like that if he were not seriously concerned about the possibility of war with Russia.

We guessed wrong that the Kaiser's Germany didn't really want war. We guessed that Hitler wouldn't push matters too far, and were wrong again. Guessing that Stalin might, we were very possibly be wrong again. But we would be a lot better to prepare for that one and waste our preparations in peace, than to take the chance and pay the dreadful costs of guessing right and doing nothing about it.

We must remember that Mr. Stalin does not need to hold a plebiscite to find out whether or not his people want to declare war.

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THE POWER WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ?—

(Pilot Mound Sentinel)

IT SEEMS TO REQUIRE a fearful, awe-inspiring crisis in human affairs to impress upon one's mind with more than passing effect the magnitude of man's folly in imagining that he, with the aid of material forces alone, can conjure up power enough to meet and overcome any possible emergency.

It is only when brought face to face with a menace that he realizes his strength to cope with that man reaches the utter futility of trying to erect barriers that will shield him and his dependents from the onset of every danger.

Caught in the path of swift-moving events which he is powerless to control, heading toward disaster, he is like one of the fowls caught in a frail craft being borne headlong on a swift-moving current towards rocks or waterfall which will mean his certain destruction, unable to stem the tide, or turn his craft, he knows what futility means.

From the cave-dwellers of prehistoric times, down through the centuries, man has discovered to his cost that man-made barriers are not enough; great walls, maginot lines, league of nations — none of these man-made things have been bulwark enough to serve when the swift-moving tide of events smashed through and carried man who put his faith in them to certain destruction.

One of the most timely reminders that man made defences alone never will be powerful enough to prevent further bloodshed and destruction is given in an editorial in the London "Graphic" — thoughtful peoples, every where, will do well to heed its warning:

QUOTE FROM YESTERDAY—

Talk not of wasted affection! Affection never If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters, returning Back to their springs, like the rain, shall fill them full of refreshment: That which the fountain sends forth returns again to the fountain.

—Longfellow

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

Judge Helen Kinnear finds the costumes Canadian Judges are required to wear a bit uncomfortable for a woman. We would think for a long time. We would think for a long time. We would think for a long time.

We received a note from Jack Horne in the mail today and just as we feared he attended the By-Line hall at Toronto on Saturday — we had planned to go with him — but alas, Oh well, if we had we would have had to labour the fore part of the week with that week end condition that generally follows most newspaper get-togethers.

"Someone is criticizing your work, your appearance, your speech or your ethics," someone is saying to you. Why are people so free in repeating opinions about others? Why must they pass on rumors they have heard? Why must they gossip about their neighbors? The person you think is queer is probably not half as bawny as you are — the people you run down to day may do you a favour tomorrow.

The gossip you spread may brand you as a rumormonger, a shallow worthless person. (Shilo Observer)

According to Sam Morris a Dover-ite, he is the Liberal Party Candidate for the Haldimand-Norfolk riding. Mr. Ivey is a former Port Dover Councilor and as Sam says has been much in the spotlight of late in connection with Harbor development at the Lake side town.

A local merchant had his faith in mankind completely restored one day last week. A young man of disheveled appearance entered his store and asked if an old job was available. The merchant said that he had a pair of socks from his shelf, wrapped them up and presented them to the young man. He said that the young man — along with the socks, farewell, imagine his surprise, when, after he had touched the socks, he appeared and advised the merchant he had been able to pick up the old job he had been looking for.

Many happy returns to J. J. Parsons, who is celebrating his Eighty-fourth birthday on Saturday.

In the Local and Rural section of a neighbouring weekly we note the following: "LOST—Wedding ring; own or needed."

We would suspect that the owner of a wedding ring would like to recover it if it was lost. We could imagine one would be most desirous of having a lost wedding ring returned if anyone found it. But, we utterly fail to understand what need the return of a wedding ring would be to the owner. What need may be a need that we don't understand.

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— By Haldimand Harry —

Haldimand hog producers have reason to be very proud of the very enviable record which they have again set up during March. The total markings for the month were 3,127 as against 1,987 for the same month a year ago. These markings included 1553 A grade carcasses or 49.6 per cent. This is an increase of almost three per cent in the producers increasing their total markings but they are making a marked improvement in quality.

There is one observation, however, that can be made. A breakdown of shows that too many carcasses sold still going to market. There are too many 2B's and heavies in the one direction. If producers of these hogs were careful in getting the right weights the percentage of top grade hogs would be even higher.

It is interesting to note that in first in the Corn Contest was held in Haldimand last year according to an announcement which has just been issued. Mr. Otterman had a yield of 72.06 bushels of shelled corn per acre. This is the equivalent of about 120 bushels of oats and a yield for a year that admittedly was not a very good corn year. Other test were Milton McCune, the same corn, 61.45 bus.; H. J. Eubank, Hagersville, 50.37 bus.; Earl Slater, Jarvis, 50.13 bus.; and Jas. W. Rutherford, Hagersville, 49.51 bus. The average of 62 entries in Ontario was 66.13 bushels.

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