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

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The Vote in Newfoundland

With final results from all but three districts, including Labrador, the Newfoundland referendum showed 77,295 in favor of Confederation and 71,374 for Responsible Government.

"Baby bonuses" and old age pensions were said to be drawing cards in the Confederate campaign. But there were other inducements, which to these Maritime Provinces at least seem to have been pretty generous.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King recently stated that this country would only initiate action toward a Canada-Newfoundland union if a decisive majority was registered in its favor.

Meanwhile the Prime Minister has apparently decided to ignore the protest of Premier Macdonald of Nova Scotia, to the effect that Canada's nine Provinces should be consulted before Newfoundland is brought into Confederation.

College Exams

Prince of Wales College is not the only institution of learning with regard to which complaints are heard from time to time about the alleged excessive number of students "plucked."

The Post cannot see what the furor is all about. Educational people do their students, the parents of students and the whole community no good service, it maintains, when they have weak and pliable examination standards.

"Whatever value they have, examinations do three things which are vital lessons for life. They impose discipline of mind and body, something of which humanity is notoriously short.

Great Telescopes

Britain's Royal Observatory, when it gets settled in its new home at Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex, is eventually to possess a super instrument for the conduct of its observations.

Up to now the most ambitious project of the kind belongs to America, in the two hundred inch instrument through which the heavens will be surveyed on Mount Balamor in California.

An immense amount of scientific knowledge and mechanical genius is needed to produce such an instrument. The work of producing the telescope and the great disc for Herstmonceux will be done in Britain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Governor-General in residence.

Unexpected death lurks on the roads as well as at the beaches. Likewise in the air.

Active interest is now being evinced by the rank-and-file of the two major political parties in the selection of leaders. This is as it should be, for the future of our great and growing country is at stake.

This was supposed to be Canada's century but it is almost half over and we are still a long way behind the United States in population and in wealth.

The Regional Employment Commission has offered Islanders good advice for maintaining employment and wages at a satisfactory level.

"G. B. S." has made a specialty of saying things which arouse the wrath of his audience but this time he may have gone too far.

Before national conventions became popular it was the members of Parliament who selected their respective leaders.

The Province is entitled to 35 delegates and 18 alternatives at the forthcoming Liberal Convention at Ottawa, viz., 4 M.P.'s or candidates, 3 Senators, 9 Provincial representatives, 1 National and Provincial President, 3 women Liberals, 3 Young Liberals, (6 alternates). The election of Leader takes place Saturday, August 7.

Hilaire Belloc, English poet and miscellaneous writer. His work consists of poems, satirical novels and books of travel.

"When I am dead, I hope it may be said: His sins were scarlet, but his books were red."

According to MacLean's Magazine, a sum of \$200,000 was promised in Montreal to provide a fund for a pension for Mr. Bracken on his retirement from the Conservative leadership.

It was with considerable satisfaction old Rover Sea Scouts learned of the success of the snipe "The Four Bells" at Shediak Regatta.

Those who predict a continuing large volume of total production and distribution for the remainder of this year, or longer, base their conclusions largely on unflinching demand for capital goods, reports The Wall Street Journal.

After the political fight in Newfoundland, the disputants are now concentrating on the problem—how much, and for how little, can they get out of their proposed new relations with Canada? This certainly is the time to settle the issue.

Tomorrow the Province of Quebec goes to the polls after six weeks of hard, vituperative campaigning. The Duplessis Party has been vigorously attacked in every constituency by the Opposition Liberals led by Mr. Godbout.



Communism Versus National Sovereignty in Eastern Europe

(by W. N. Ewer)

The Cominform's excommunication of Marshal Tito and his colleagues and its call to Yugoslav Communists to revolt and remove their present leaders opens up a conflict decisive for the future of Eastern Europe.

There has, ever since the war and the creation of the Soviet Bloc, been a deep contradiction between avowed Soviet policy and avowed Communist doctrine.

The Soviet Government has again and again protested its belief in national independence and national sovereignty. At Yalta, it solemnly affirmed "the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they live."

So the head of any Communist-controlled government is, since his state is "sovereign and independent," fully entitled to act independently, of and even contrary to the wishes of Joseph Stalin, as head of the Soviet Government.

Until now the contradiction has been resolved simply enough. Communist leaders have used their freedom in faithful obedience to the wishes of the Kremlin. They have voluntarily embraced servitude in the full exercise of their "sovereignty and independence."

The Cominform communique is vague and deliberately confusing as to the real issues which brought the rupture. Almost certainly Tito's project for a great Balkan Federation under his own leadership was one. Very probably his desire—dictated by Yugoslavia's urgent needs—for closer economic relations with the "capitalist world" was another.

And so the picture takes its true character. The Cominform's role is incidental—a mere tactical episode. The real conflict is between the Soviet Government and the Yugoslav Government. The real issue is whether the Yugoslav Government can retain any shred of "national independence and sovereignty" or must in all its poli-

From Arizona To The Maritimes By Motor

(By Eben Hugh Murray)
(Concluded from yesterday)

Although our way across North Carolina seemed a continuation of mountains, it has been rendered exceptionally scenic by the Blue Ridge Parkway which follows the crest of one of the ranges of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

In old Virginia our highway carried us over considerable part of its varied topography. While the nickname of "Old Dominion" still clings to this alluring state it is as rich in natural scenery as in geographical interest.

Several historical places well worth the attention of travelers are omitted here, because they belong in the category of our former tours but we cannot refrain from mention of our recent side trip to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

After spending a few days in Washington, D. C., we proceeded northward, first through Baltimore, thence over one of the routes for the inland in order to bypass the large cities of the northeast.

The estate here contains both the residence long in the possession of the Roosevelt family and the library more recently established. It is mostly around the latter that the interest of the thousands of visitors is centered.

A short distance from Hyde Park is the large estate of that millionaire Frederick Vanderbilt, grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt of nineteenth century fame.

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Notes By The Way

Of an aged man we read that he took a cold bath daily until he was 80. The cold tube got him down finally, but he must have had a lot of fun bragging about them.—Toronto Star.

The bald truth is that the present administration has been in power so long that it has become autocratic and careless of the proper procedure of parliamentary government.

We strongly urge and advocate that all taxi drivers who accept calls for Chatham General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital should be compelled to take course in short deliveries, because so many are caught before the doctor and nurse are procurable.

The fall ceremony of lowering the colors marked the passing out of commission at Portsmouth of the battleship Queen Elizabeth. Royal Marines bands from the Royal Naval Barracks and HMS Excellent beat retreat on the slip jetties in the dockyard to which the Queen Elizabeth had been made fast for removal of stores.

Driving along the causeway at Long Point, Lake Erie, at dusk, a Toronto amateur naturalist stopped his car to watch a turtle wading to a sand pocket, solemnly attending to her egg-laying function.

When the late well-known writer, Albert Payson Terhune, was a boy, and at that particular age when a youngster can be pretty ruthless in pursuit of the things he most desires, his mother was stricken with tuberculosis.

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian, does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

NEW LEADERS TO BE YOUNG

Sir—This is a non-political club and this is a non-partisan club directed to both old parties, which are about to choose new leaders.

One more step northward, and the pine forests and blueberry "barrens" of Maine reminded us of former days. This was the twenty-second State at length in our 5000-mile tour.

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