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

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Forging Ahead

The Mother Country is courageously forging ahead in spite of adverse circumstances. Mr. Herbert Morrison, British President of the Council was able to give an encouraging report on the progress in the export drive.

Boy Scout World Census

Latest active membership of the Boy Scout Movement throughout the world is 4,409,774 in 41 countries and one emigre association. The 1939 total was 3,305,149 in 46 countries and two emigre associations.

The 1947 total includes the latest known figures received from member countries of the Boy Scouts International Conference. It does not include the numbers of Scout Groups among displaced persons nor of Scouts in countries where associations have not yet been registered.

The present member countries of the International Scout Conference are: Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Italy, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., and Venezuela.

Loan To Denmark

The Kingdom of Denmark became the third member country to obtain a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development when a loan agreement calling for a commitment of \$40,000,000 was signed last week by Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann on behalf of the Danish Government and by President John J. McCloy for the Bank.

The loan is designed to hasten Danish economic recovery by making possible imports of agricultural and textile machinery, machine tools, trucks, steel products, textiles and chemicals. With its national budget in balance, production increasing and price and wage levels under control, a degree of economic stability appears to have been reached and Denmark is in a position where the assistance afforded by the Bank's loan can become quickly effective.

Previous loans made by the Bank were the \$250,000,000 loan to France for which an agreement was signed on May 9th of this year and a \$195,000,000 loan to the Netherlands, signed August 7th. Denmark did not suffer war damage to her industrial or agricultural areas comparable to that of her less fortunate neighbors.

At the war's end the Danes lost no time in

taking measures to restore economic activity. The country has returned to a balanced budget and has maintained control over purchasing power which have prevented inflation. The people have shown a willingness to limit imports strictly and to accept a program of national self-denial in order to put as much of their savings as possible back into restoration of national earning power.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tickets are going well for the Bracken-McLure banquet Saturday evening.

The Sons of England will be in Conference here this week-end when it is expected some hundred and fifty delegates will be in attendance.

The United Nations seem helpless both as regards Yugoslavia and Indonesia. In both instances U. N. intervention has proved of little avail.

Welcome news for beauty-parlor clients if a new development in hair driers. The idea is to use dry rather than hot air in the process.

By shipping high quality registered swine the Island is doing much to raise the standard of swine breeding in the Prairie provinces and in Canada generally.

New Brunswick anticipates ample markets including South America for this year's potato crop, though "keen competition may lower the price." It was ever thus.

Nature has a way of equalization and compensation that tends to wonderment. Just when we had about despaired about sugar shortage for preserves, etc., along comes word that honey production this summer has been the best ever—an increase of some 40 to 50 per cent.

It seems that the explanation of Col. J. Monroe Johnson's embargo on U.S. coal shipments over C.N.R. lines is that the Colonel was in the habit of basing American transport companies by that means, and simply forgot about a detail like an international boundary.

It is a new departure in Federal policy to make the Borden-Tormentina crossing a "guinea-pig" for the benefit of discovering the strength and adaptability of our new Car Ferry for the purpose of running the course of the St. Lawrence in Winter from the Atlantic to Quebec City. But they are far-sighted these Quebecers—looking far ahead.

The whole philosophy behind Canada's Criminal Code has been altered with little fanfare. Offenders are no longer criminals to be punished but patients to be cured of their maladjustment. Recent high appointments in the Commission of Federal Penitentiaries are in line with the new policy. So far, however, only repeaters are so treated. Casual crime is still subject to old fashioned punishment.

Festival of St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the greatest Christian Saints, held on about equal reverence by Catholics and Protestants. Calvinists especially have resorted to his writings for sympathy and authority. His works are very voluminous but some stand out—his Confessions, the De Civitate, in which he repels the attacks on Christianity made by paganism, his De Trinitate and commentary on St. John. His work has probably had a larger influence on the Church than that of any other single saint or theologian.

Department advice given by Major General Burns, Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs for the guidance of Civil Servants in serving the public, the tax payers, who are their employers: "What the civil servant should do, is be friendly, courteous, obliging and understanding. Show level-headed interest, assume the taxpayer is honest, flatter him—slightly—and send him away satisfied." Summing up the argument, it's the taxpayer's money that's keeping things running and he should get the idea that it's being well spent.

Leigh Hunt, poet, critic and essayist, died this date 1859. No man more fully answered to the appellation of "A Man of Letters". As a political writer, he stood at one time almost alone in a resolute advocacy of independent and enlightened spirit of journalism as distinguished from mere party-scribbling; as a critic of poetry and art, he contributed much to the overthrow of the pedantry and narrow maxims of the Johnsonian era, and, as an entertaining and popular writer, he figures in the van of that illustrious army, which has since, with such singular success, fought the battle of the people.

A Canadian-wide survey of grocery wholesalers and retailers shows that housewives are encountering few difficulties in buying what food they like today; but they are running into price advances in nearly all lines, Canadian Grocer reports. Salmon, tapioca, rice and canned corn are still scarce but they are rapidly catching up. Ontario retail grocery prices are found to be up about 6 p. c. over last year in voluntary chain stores and about 13 p. c. in a corporate chain. Biggest gains are in jam, tea, coffee and shortening. Many of these increases are due to removal by the government of subsidies which formerly supported the market and kept retail levels down, the grocery business paper points out. If these formerly controlled items were omitted from the list, increases in other lines would be scarcely noticeable.

Notes By The Way

That King George VI no longer is an emperor will detract little from the prestige. — New York Sun.

A dog trainer says it is dangerous to run away from an attacking dog. That may be true, but we are inclined to think it less dangerous to make the animal take a flying bite than just to stand there and let it select the portion it wishes to chew on. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

One silly move in cutting off shipments of coal from the U. S. to Canada because of an alleged shortage of coal cars, did not justify another silly move in threatening to cut off shipments of newsprint from Canada to the U. S. because of an alleged shortage of box cars. Happily things have been straightened out without great harm being done, but it is out of such friction that international, diplomatic sore-spots develop. — Montreal Times.

Inflation always seems to be the other fellow's fault; a game of musical chairs set to pretty mournful music. A plain letter that explains the situation, a man of letters, is a higher cost to another. No one, quite naturally, sees why he should be picked as a martyr in accepting less money in the present than he would have usually got at the same thing from a national standpoint and looks with understandable sourness on lecturing sources that seem to have grown fairly fat on the sins they ascribe to everyone else. — Hamilton Spectator.

An acquaintance of ours was having a taxi at the corner of Park and Sixth one recent afternoon when a large English bulldog, presumably in the custody of a chauffeur and a French poodle, suddenly went for each other, tugging at their leashes and raising a tremendous racket of barks and snarls. According to our man, an apartment-house doorman hurried up to them and called out: "Gentlemen, please" whereupon the two dogs fell silent and went off in opposite directions without so much as a backward glance. — The New Yorker.

Two thousand years have elapsed since the Jews were bidden to "seal up" the nations. A lot of nations don't want to be taught. Do we need a "Christian Front"? Has the time come for a holy war? God and the spirit of the sword and the sword of the spirit and the spirit of the sword. Some say it is imprudent, dangerous, foolhardy for the Church to take sides in political matters. But is it any more imprudent dangerous and foolhardy to strike a blow for the oppressed? This is the Church's duty but not impossible choice. — Vancouver Sun.

On this continent conspirators and agents of the Kremlin have poured into labor unions on the holy protest that anyone who criticizes them is "anti-labor" or "anti-union." This is what has happened through the agency of some say they have sold their lingo cleverly and well. And the old bromide about "unity at all costs" has paid rich dividends in befuddling those who would have no part in communism and its intrigues. They have set up for themselves a fine stone wall of inviolability on the tumbling uncertainty of those who should speak out against the present conviction about our own free institutions. And more than that, do something about defending them. — Hamilton Spectator.

So much has been said, written and sung about sunsets that one is apt to cast them aside as trite, forgetting that regardless of eulogies and eulogists, sunsets are the present glorious actuality, says The Montreal Gazette. One thinks perhaps of twilight in terms of color. The change and interchange of reds and golds and purples. One may recall a sunset painting in the image on some northern lake, when the woods lay dark and still and only a lone had the temerity to laugh. Or one may think of it as blending with the ocean in an exquisite loveliness, the making of a background for church domes and college spires; or, as a great bird spanning the prairie with glory in its wings. But sunset is more than color. As one watches twilight deepen to amber radiance, fading into tints of rose and opal to lose itself among the evening stars, one is conscious of a deep sense of peace. It were as though the Giver of day left His benediction in the quiet skies, and with it sweet promise of renewal.

When the first batch of British settlers landed in Ontario, one of the necessities which they required was a long-termed acquaintance with the banana. This fruit has been a banus quantity in the United Kingdom since the beginning of the war. Those who appreciate it can well sympathize with the folk who have had to do without it. We like toward Island into Confederation in 1827 the Federal Government assumed responsibility for Maritime quarantine and for the supervision of sanitation of ships and other means of common carriers. Quarantine hospitals were built and maintained there and incorporated them in a at Charlottetown and Souris. It was not until 1908 that the province had a Public Health Act yielding part of its own. It provided for a provincial board of health throughout the province, and other various components, and the formation of a local board of health throughout the province. The local board areas were created in a general way by the townships, and the chief health officer also served as chief supervisor of vaccination. This law remained in force, with some amendments, until 1927, when a more comprehensive Act came into force. — Windsor Star.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

P. E. I. COAT OF ARMS

Sir,—I was interested in reading in your last issue the controversy at the opening of the cocktail bar in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. A customer opened the argument by criticising the Prince Edward Island coat of arms by saying that "the Prince Edward Island emblem is a little tree under a big one and not a whole forest as you have it there on the wall." The designer of the room's decor who was present took issue with the critic and said that the arms of the Province were absolutely correct and authentic and they were three oak saplings under a large oak.

Mr. A. Hardy, librarian of Parliament, produced a book in which the arms were registered with the Royal College of Heraldry in 1905 as follows: A large spreading oak fructed; to the arms thereof, three saplings sprouting. Of course this is not the complete coat of arms, as on it is superimposed a lion rampant with the motto below: "Parva sub ingenuis" (the small under the great).

This is the Island's coat of arms as registered with the Royal College of Heraldry, London. I do not know who was responsible for this abomination but whoever the culprit was, he was greatly in error. The original coat of arms minus the lion rampant was in existence long before Confederation—that is when we were a Colony. Anyone interested can see the original coat of arms on the great seal of the Province in the Provincial Building. It can also be seen stamped on wax seals attached to parchment deeds.

These seals show one oak sapling under a great oak. The sapling's trunk is shown in two parts, dividing the trunk into three parts to represent the three Counties, Prince, Queens and Kings. The same is shown on old Island coins. The present coat of arms mistook the corrugations as representing three trees, and accordingly placed three oak saplings under the great oak instead of one.

The Poet's Corner

FROM: FARE WELL

Look thy last on all things lovely, Evermore no night, Seal thy sense in deathly slumber Till to delight Thou has paid thy utmost blessing. Since all things thou wouldst praise Beauty took from those who loved them. — Walter de la Mare.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

EARLY HEALTH LEGISLATION

In the year 1832, in the reign of William IV, an Act was passed by the Legislature authorizing the erection of an Asylum for the insane, and other charities. In the same year an Act was passed to prevent the importation of infectious diseases into the Island and their spread. An official bearing the title of health officer was appointed at this time. Further legislation relating chiefly to asylums, was enacted in 1840, 1842 and 1844. In 1851 legislation was passed providing for the establishment of hospitals, with particular reference to the treatment of infectious diseases. It was required that the health officer should be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, and on May 1, 1851, Dr. W. H. Hokirk was appointed. Little progress was made, however, in implementing the legislation. The occurrence of several small epidemics of smallpox during the ensuing ten years served to arouse public opinion and resulted in the passing of a Vaccination Act in 1862.

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HONOR CHINESE FAIR

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MEN'S HATS 1/2 PRICE Sale Commences Thursday Morning HENDERSON & CUDMORE WHERE QUALITY IS SURE

Maritime Trade And Prospects

(Bank of Nova Scotia) Though conditions in the Maritime Provinces reflect the high level of activity which prevails generally in North America, the economic picture is more spotty than in the other major regions of the Dominion. The impact of transition to peace on an area cleared so thoroughly to war depends on Nova Scotia has been quite severe, particularly since peacetime alternatives in industry have been more limited than in Ontario and Quebec. More-over, the four-month coal strike, which resulted in the loss of between 1.5 and 2 million tons of coal, affected steel production and of course aggravated the problem of unemployment in the adjacent industrial area. While conditions have improved following settlement of the dispute in June, the need to shift workers to the labor-shortage areas of central Canada still exists. In addition, port facilities with regard to fish and apples has also complicated the outlook.

Graduates' English

The suggestion, so often offered in these columns, that the schools or the pupils, or both, should pay more attention to English is not just a local obsession. For proof of that see the report of the Bureau of Technical Personnel, Department of Labor. This Bureau is making a survey of professional openings in Canada and in its second set of findings it says that one of the top fifteen employers of university graduates in this country, expresses dissatisfaction on the score that many graduates cannot express themselves properly in English, either orally or in writing. For this failing there is no excuse, although it is evident on all hands. While it would not be true to say that only a few graduates can speak English properly, it is true that many of the young men and women turned out by the high schools and higher centres of learning in Canada apparently are not competent to write a good letter, let alone spell all the words correctly! What is the cause of this rather common short-comb? Is Ontario, at least, the prescribed textbooks in English literature and composition seem to be the cause? Certainly, the English literature and composition courses in the high schools and colleges say that they find many pupils uninterested in these subjects. Is this because of a belief that everyone knows English and that, consequently, it is not an important item in the curriculum? Certainly, judging from the young hospital workers who apply for jobs nowadays, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that they have not had nearly enough drilling in the rudiments of grammar, composition and spelling. Perhaps that is in keeping with the notions of some of the educational psychologists who seem to think school should be a place for fun and games, with little education thrown in on the side. But it does not satisfy employers who demand a fair knowledge of English on the part of their employees. Of course, if the present trend continues long enough, the day will come when most employers won't know much English, either, and then the current complaint will cease.

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COAL The Coal Question is one of the most important you have to solve every year. On it depends your comfort during the cold winter weather. May we suggest that you purchase your supply now, while coal is available and careful delivery can be made.

A. Pickard & Co. PHONE 240 are expected to be satisfactory. The apple crop of Nova Scotia is estimated at 3.7 million bush, compared with the big harvest of 6 million bush in 1946. Market prospects are clouded by the decision of the United Kingdom to curtail her purchases because of the dollar shortage.

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