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

Family Allowances

12,129 families including 30,467 children are in receipt of family allowances in Prince Edward Island, according to a return tabled the other day in the House of Commons.

What is lacking to complete the picture is figures showing the amount of income taxes that are paid into the Dominion Treasury on account of family allowances.

"No Justification"

The Winnipeg Tribune, staunch Liberal newspaper of Western Canada, observes that the letter rate was increased from 3 to 4 cents as a "wartime revenue measure".

Henry Ford

The death at 83 of Mr. Henry Ford recalls one of the most fabulous careers of this or any other age. He was probably the wealthiest man in the world, though the exact extent of his personal fortune has never been disclosed.

Stories about Henry Ford are legion. Here is one vouched for by the Associated Press, indicating that he could hold his own as a financier as well as an industrialist.

The "best thing" the great industrialist ever did, according to his own statement, was to marry Clara Bryant, a farmer's daughter, to whom he referred as "the believer" who helped him in his early kitchen and coal shed experiments with his first engine and car.

soil, and he long advocated the closest possible linking of the farm and the factory. "The farm and the factory," he said, "are common allies; one is incomplete without the other. They never should be separated, for each has the power to heal the other of any economic ills that may befall."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Welcome to our Provincial teachers attending their Convention.

As was to be expected, latest reports indicate the completion of our Car Ferry is making slow progress.

Henry Ford's name will be remembered in connection with the autos like Bell's in connection with the 'phone—you can hardly think of the one without the other.

A ten per cent increase in rentals is no surprise. The surprise is that tenants have to get a week's, month's or year's notice, according to terms of lease, before the increase can be demanded.

Nova Scotia is unable to comply with the conditions required for the supply of 5,000 tons of potatoes for the British market.

German troops invaded Norway, landing at Oslo and several other Norwegian ports this date 1940. The Government and the Royal Family moved into the interior, and Germany announced a "National" Government under Major Quisling.

Cost of living in the U. S. A. is almost imperceptibly on the down grade. The consumers' price index went down 2-10ths of one per cent during the month ended Feb. 15—the second minor decline since December.

There has just passed away in London, Lady Foster, widow of Sir George Eulas Foster, so well-known here, and one-time Canadian Minister of Finance.

Here is a sample of the civic power a small municipality would like. The town of St. Laurent, a Montreal suburb, is promoting a bill in Quebec legislature to have authority to prohibit circuses, carousels or other public performances of the same nature or to permit them only on the payment of a license fee of up to \$1,000 a day.

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Notes By the Way

Immigration in the most vital public necessity in Canada at the present moment, says a resolution sent to members of Parliament by the Canadian Corps Association.

Always some man seems to arise to lead at Britain's most grave crises. Moreover, Britain may lose everything but heart. When the British people themselves slowly realize that their prestige and capabilities are threatened or doubted, they will again prove their obstinacy.

In Minnesota it is against the law to tease a skunk. In Pennsylvania it is against the law to kill a snake unless it bites you.

Among some 600 weekly newspapers in Canada but nine have a readership in excess of 4,000 copies according to the latest release of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

From Roy Welts' self biography of the Pacific Northwest, comes word of the first golf course in those regions—one that probably antedates any others on this continent.

We exist in a curious tushy age. No work is done in a hurry. No work is done on the stage of literature today without first timidly rearing forth from the side of the process.

Sir Ian Fraser's claim that blind persons make good justices of the peace because they are not influenced by watching the faces of prisoners or witnesses might not have convinced Bugge-Jones, who as an artist, put greater trust in his eyes than his ears in appraising character in court.

In the matter of dress and decorum what is done at London's Gaiety may surely be received as the very pick (or, in this case, perhaps, the very blue) of courtesy.

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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.

BACHELORS vs. SPINSTERS

Sir,—The discussion on bachelors vs. spinsters is interesting, and may be instructive. There were some notable bachelors in the history of the world, Elijah, Paul, John the Baptist, and in recent times, our own Prime Minister McKenzie King, and ex-Premier Bennett, and a host of others.

A SOBER PROVINCE

Sir,—Hon. Mr. Wright and Mr. George Saville have again raised objection to the last Amendment made to the Prohibition Act but their remarks failed to show that any change is desirable.

Has it been effective? I believe every unbiased person will say: Yes. Boot-legging has been curtailed and the sale of illicit liquor has been greatly lessened.

APPROVE

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OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR MACDONALD

Sir,—In the recent past there has been considerable discussion in our "Tight Little Island" about closed seasons for game. It seems that ducks, geese, pheasants, plovers, prairie chickens, crows, hawks, eagles, rabbits and several other kinds of wild life are all afforded legal protection at certain seasons or at all times.

morning, noon and night. The bad manners and flagrant flouting of our traffic laws is not surpassed anywhere. I thought New York and London taxi drivers were bad but that was because the custom here was unnoticed by me at the time of my youth.

I will concede we have jay-walkers aplenty but why blame them when the intersection affords no protection? I think it is high time for our police to get to work and to stand at or near some of our busy intersections. They could see it from their place in front of City Hall without having to stir.

Our natives are accustomed to these conditions and it may be that life is cheap to many of us. Surely, however, we do owe some consideration to the tourists who will crowd our streets during the coming summer months.

The worst offenders are our taxi companies but they are by no means alone. Many citizens have fallen into offensive habits without realizing it and it might be well if they were asked to realize just how dangerous the situation is.

Please, please, please, please Mr. Mayor consider this at length. Will you see that the traffic laws are enforced, that the reasonable speed limit is not exceeded in our City, that stops are observed at intersections and could I suggest that a stop be made compulsory before right hand turns are made? Nearly all cities have this law.

THE SALES TAX MUST BE ABOLISHED

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In the middle ages Spain levied a sales tax. Then she was the most important trader in the world. Her ships were in every port and she was a great naval power.

The cost of the "Sales Tax" to the Government is not limited to the actual expense of the "Sales Tax" department. It seriously reduces the profits from all business so that the Government's turns from the income tax and the



THE LITTLE CREATURES SLEEP

The little creatures sleep The long winter through; They have no trust to keep; They have no work to do.

They lie too deep for sound To reach like sleeping rain; Wind, the bolterous hound, May bay and bay in vain.

Hunger will not gnaw The woodchuck in its hole Nor can the red fox's claw Unearth the gentle mole.

Skunk and chipmunk know The appointed hour for sleep; Secure beneath the snow, Their dreams are dark and deep.

—Harry Elmore Hurd, in The Washington Star.

excess profits tax in many cases is nil and the total is much reduced. Notwithstanding all the efforts to simplify the collection of the sales tax and avoid duplication, it does pyramid Advertising is an essential part of the cost of goods sold and the sales tax on advertising adds to the cost of delivering goods to the consumer just as surely as does the sales tax on the finished product.

It is obvious that the immediate repeal of the sales tax will so reduce freight volume as to make increased freight rates less necessary. It will reduce the cost of living and increase the demand for labor. The loss from sales tax will be greatly reduced and other revenues of the government will so increase as to more than offset the loss of the sales tax.

The sales tax is an attack on civilization at its source. The larger the revenue the government gets from it the worse is its effect on general business and on all other sources of revenue of the government.

The sales tax is immoral. It is a "strait" violation of the laws of God. It is robbery by force and gives no just equivalent. It is a violation of the command "Love your neighbour" and "As you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them."

It is unjust. It is an attack on civilization. It produces no net revenue to the government. It violates the fundamental laws of sound economies. It produces inflation. It keeps track of the tax and makes the necessary government revenue necessitates an increase in unproductive labor, costly to industry.

It has driven many small businesses into bankruptcy. It has nothing to recommend it. It must be abolished.

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NEW LONDON SETTLERS (2)

The precise spot on which some of the early New London settlers lived may be pointed out at the present time. John Delaney was living where Albert Stewart is now, and James Duff, where John MacLeod is now. John Cousins was living at Cousins' Pond where some of his descendants are still to be found. James Brander was living to the west of John Cousins and on the land occupied later by the Hon. William Campbell. John Crowley's home was on the spot where Daniel MacKay is living now. John Poor occupied the land that is now in possession of Hugh Campbell. James Warren pitched his tent alongside of Poor, Mrs. Rice lived where Wm. A. McDonald is at the present time.

John Townsend was living on the east side of Campbell's Pond. He came to New London in the year 1775 with his wife and five children. He named the place where he settled Park Corner after the name of his native place in Bedfordshire, England. Mr. Townsend was a trader. He supplied the early settlers with groceries. He also supplied them with alcoholic beverages, such as rum, whiskey, brandy, etc. These beverages were regarded as necessities of life in those early days. Prohibition had not been dreamed of at that time in Prince Edward Island.

James Townsend died at his home in Park Corner on the 25th of December, 1806, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His wife, Elizabeth Townsend, died on the 17th of April, 1796. Both were buried on their own property on the east side of Campbell's Pond.

Heath Montgomery is now in possession of the property once owned by James Townsend. John Cousins married James Townsend's sister Mary and they had seven children, James, Sarah, Eliza, John, Alexander, William and David. All the Cousins in New London are the descendants of this family.

It is impossible to give details of all the original settlers of New London North, but we might speak of one other, Alexander Anderson. Mr. Anderson was born in Scotland in the year 1769. He came to New London Bay and on the land that is now occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Lucy Ferguson. In the year 1790 he married a lady by the name of Christina McWilliams. James Anderson, one of Alexander's sons, settled at Anderson's Creek on the east side of New London Bay. Another son, Charles, settled near James Anderson's Creek. Charles takes his name from these brothers. Alexander Anderson's son George succeeded his father on the original homestead at Spring Brook. He married Elizabeth McKie of Campbellton, a lady well remembered and highly esteemed by the writer.

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