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

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Toronto Still Critical

No doubt about it, our wealthy Toronto contemporary, the Globe and Mail, is worried about our account. Though it has somewhat modified its language, it still grieves to see us "firmly opposed" to any suggestion to relinquish our Provincial autonomy.

While they (the briefs) made out a strong case for the Island's incapacity to maintain a Government without continued and generous assistance from the Federal Treasury they differed chiefly in degree from appeals made by some other Provinces.

And again: "We have said that Prince Edward Island set its own affairs, and we had hoped a lesson for other Provinces might be found in its briefs. Instead, it has pleaded poverty. The Canadian people cannot keep up all their Governments, and only those have a right to exist which can get along without permanent assistance after an equitable adjustment is made such as is contemplated by the Royal Commission's investigation."

The point which our Toronto friends do not seem to grasp is that until such "equitable adjustment" has been made, comments on our "right to exist" as a Province are irrelevant and impertinent. If we were criminals in the dock, British law would safeguard us against having our case prejudiced in this fashion.

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The suggestion of the Charlottetown Board of Trade is that for the purpose of equitable adjustment, all collections of income taxes should be made by the Federal Government. This is a strong point, but the Globe and Mail ignores it. Indeed, we understand that the Ontario Government is actively opposed, and is preparing to urge before the Rowell Commission its right to collect all income taxes.

Another example of inequitable adjustment is the exorbitant freight rates on Maritime products into the Central Canadian markets. We thought we had settled this question when, on the recommendation of the Duncan Commission, 1926, the Maritime Freight Rates Act was passed; but our Central Canadian friends exerted their influence to offset the advantage of this legislation. This matter was not dealt with at the Charlottetown sitting of the Rowell Commission because it, along with other transportation handicaps, will be presented by the Transportation Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade, which is supported by each of the Maritime Provinces.

At Ottawa

"Looking over the copies of Hansard as they come from Ottawa," says the Monetary Times, "one is struck with the fact that of the 245 members elected to represent the people in parliament there are relatively few who make any real contribution to the discussions or are heard of during the session. It is realized, of course, that a man's value is not always to be judged by the number of times he speaks, or the length of or eloquence of his addresses. Some men might make a very poor speech in public and

yet give very sound advice in a round table conference. But the fact remains that these men as a group are elected to look after the business of the country, and yet when any difficult problem arises it is considered necessary to appoint a commission to deal with the matter. Members of these commissions are often public officials in some other capacity and if they draw double salary while doing one job it is obviously unfair to the public.

"Members of parliament especially during the parliamentary session should be available for work on commissions, committees, investigations and what not without extra pay. Otherwise the whole procedure is not in accordance with sound business principles.

"In an industrial company if an executive were taken from the production department and sent to another to make an investigation or to co-operate with that other department in finding new ways and means of getting business, he would not draw extra salary or allowances and there is no reason why government business should be done differently from ordinary business.

"The sessional allowance for members of the House of Commons is \$4,000, and is less, of course, in the provincial legislatures, but in the aggregate the amounts do run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"With 245 members of parliament and several hundred provincial legislators, the wonder is that commissions are necessary. If the session is too short let it be lengthened.

"Or is it that too often we are not sending the right type of man to Ottawa?"

Editorial Notes

"The ground hog" was no false prophet this year.

"Father of Day Light Saving", William Willet, died this date, 1915.

These good, brotherly-loving communists certainly know how to make short shift of opposition in their ranks.

West Quoddy Head, on the Maine coast, is the most easterly point of continental United States, according to The Associated Press.

First she would, then she wouldn't, and now she has capitulated, "horse, foot and artillery," or at least entered the sanctum sanctorum. We refer to Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P. At last election she decided to accept C.C.F. nomination and then ran as an independent labour candidate in a farming district. Since the election she has ignored the C.C.F. but now it is learned she has agreed to accept the nomination of the C.C.F., whip, and will attend the C.C.F. caucus.

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The Indian Governments of Bihar and the United Provinces have taken a further step in their plans for the control and development of the sugar industry. Their decision to appoint a joint committee to consider the use of the thousands of tons of molasses available in sugar factories is welcomed by the industry. The committee's terms of reference are wide and include the devising of ways and means of starting the manufacture of power alcohol, consideration of the best method of manufacture and the mixing of power alcohol with petrol, and exploration of other possible uses for molasses. The Government of India have expressed the view that the conversion of molasses into alcohol or petrol would be uneconomical and this possibility has so far been ruled out by the Sugar Committee of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, but sugar industry associations have continually protested against this decision, and may be expected to make the best of their case during the progress of the Bihar-United Provinces inquiry. Other commercial possibilities for molasses which have been under consideration for some time are its use as cattle food and the manufacture of acetic and other acids.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"The more we get together," declared Miss Cicely Hamilton, the stupider we are. The most intelligent people come from small countries. Had Miss Hamilton substituted "owns" for "countries" in her comment we might have heard something about those "more brains to the square inch" of which Johannesburg has long boasted; but Africa cannot, by any stretch of imagination, claim to be a small country, we must accept Miss Hamilton's devastating remark and turn to the question of snobbery. England, probably, can produce the finest and most varied selection of snobs in the world from the case of King Edward VII's nominee being black-balled by a club on account of his being in "trade," to the famous female who was recently convicted for fitting a hoister to her motor car with the identical note of that reserved exclusively for the King and Queen.—Johannesburg Times.

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One of our very 13 persons in the lesson of this experience (the Italian conquest of Ethiopia) — the reply that it effective sanctions had really been applied to the delinquent nation, a raid must have been launched and Halle Selassie would still be ruling in Addis Ababa. Perhaps. But the experience we are referred to in practice, never be applied unless the leaders in the sanctioning effort are fully ready to see the sanctioning nation give birth to a "waiting game" in the Far East can only exaggerate the militaristic evil which Americans are depicting.—New York Herald Tribune.

Many and varied have been the names given to the village of Arthur where a 93-year-old resident attributes his length of days to his wife's good care. We would say that his placing honor where honor is due.—Oshawa Times.

The "White knight of Geneva" may be an idealist, a visionary. Yet that he speaks the authentic accents of the British heart, the British tradition of no surrender whatsoever from any quarter whatsoever, no one need ever doubt. The terrific upsurge of public opinion which came with the Hoare-Laval

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MOTOR HORNS

Sir.—It occurs to me that a few years ago you carried on a campaign through your columns protesting against the unnecessary blowing of automobile horns on our streets, and that as a result conditions became very much improved.

This nuisance has again become manifest in the case of the bus service which operates in the city. The drivers seem to hold their hands on the horn at intersections and when approaching their terminal on the main street to the great annoyance of the public generally.

Possibly a word to the wise is sufficient. I am, Sir, etc., CITIZEN.

GEOMETRY FOR THE COMMON SCHOOLS

Sir.—One year ago in discussing the subject of mathematics "New Teacher" of such lofty ideas regarding the use of this subject in the common public schools, did nevertheless admit that astronomy more aptly than any other subject geometry, revealed a principle of "inalienable truth" in the starry heavens; and recently she has again revived this idea in an expression of her opinion, submitting that the chief value of it is a transcendental one. Forty years ago, Sir, on Prince Edward Island, even from old folk who had never studied a proposition of Euclid's, and they would consider that such an attribute as Mrs. Frank conceded to geometry was itself a significant one. It should hold a respectul place in our curriculum.

Today, we find leaders in educational movements are inclined to the critical of such lofty ideas in connection with education, and insist that we should get down to mother earth, and get ourselves more aptly planted on her soil. We presume then that it is today comparatively useless to discuss the subject of geometry solely from a viewpoint of its sublimity. Mrs. Frank however has submitted that the study of geometry is a sublime one. Surely it should not be difficult to find a practical one. Take for instance that wonderful proposition of Euclid's that proved once and for all that in a right-angled triangle the square of the base plus the square of the altitude equals the square of the hypotenuse. Euclid's Mountain of Mathematics sorts daily apply this rule proved so beautifully and conclusively by Euclid.

Consider again the wonderful science that enabled tunnel-diggers to dig a tunnel, in a perfectly straight line, right through the Alps thereby connecting Northern Europe with sunny southern Italy. The science is mainly geometry. Consider that science that enables the mariner to lead our ships across boundless oceans, through storm and fog, and against disease, rack and rattle, straight into their desired havens of rest. Every mathematician knows quite well that the science is trigonometry which repeats itself in every branch of geometry. "A glorious triumph of geometry," one may well exclaim.

Let me get once again I ask, what subject is there in our curriculum that teaches pupils to reason soundly, and express themselves in logical language as geometry does? It should surely then be not difficult for the average reader to see that the study of geometry is a very practical subject and not far removed from the practical life of any boy or girl in Prince Edward Island. And already agreed in and day out, and because they are well informed people and the people who want to be informed.

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Thinking Canadian

(Illustration Nouvelle, Montreal) He who confines his definition of the Canadian fatherland within the limits of a tenth of Canada set up as a reserve outside of which we are nothing, works to perpetuate a stupid inferiority complex which has already done too much harm. He works for a criminal strangulation of the influence of the French-Canadians in the rest of the country. Our duty in our country is to cause the positive qualities of our race to shine as far as possible, to make use of them in all ways, to the advantage of Canada and of ourselves, as much in the practical and economic domain, Canada, over all its territory, has need of all the best its children can give. Every Canadian has the right and the duty of feeling perfectly at home anywhere in Canada, the French-Canadian perhaps more than any other, because he is the eldest of a great Canadian race which has pushed the longest roots into the Canadian soil, the one who has the most completely given it his heart, his love, his hopes.

Advertising Media

(Montreal Gazette) It is a great American privilege to criticize newspapers. Nearly every one has done so at one time or another. Still, it is only the scolding against a benevolent force, as an thinking reader knows that, without a free press, oppression would be rife. In the countries where dictatorship, even tyranny thrive there is no free press, according to Editor and Publisher, New York trade publication. In view of the fact that lesser channels of publicity, radio, newspapers, etc. have become the scampers of freedom of the press, the general opinions of one of the most successful journalists in the country are interesting. People in Chicago often violently disagree with Col. R.R. McCormick, but they read his Chicago Tribune and have made it one of the most prosperous newspapers in the world. Other newspapers of character which, by self-discipline and honest regard for the public welfare, have made good names for themselves, are the property of the people. The good newspaper never violates that freedom. Other agencies which reach the public with exploitation have done nothing to establish and maintain present sensible situations, but often overstep the bounds and then weep for the protection of a freedom they did not help build—a freedom they themselves ever undermine to gain monetary selfish ends.

Naturally Col. McCormick, as quoted in Editor and Publisher, discusses advertising, asking himself a pointed question and giving a laconic answer. "Before the newspaper came, how much business was there?" His reply: "There was none."

"The principal medium of advertising," he says, "is always going to be the newspaper. When an advertiser diverts some of his appropriation from the newspapers, he is defeating his own end, by making the newspaper less effective for him."

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The Poet's Corner

THE NETTLE

With seeds the sowers scatter The furrows as they go. Floor lads, 'tis little matter How many sorts they sow, For only one will grow.

AN OLD TEACHER

agreement of two years ago tells the proof of that. Outright defiance to Mussolini tomorrow — the defiance of a Palmersston: the ringing words of a British hero in the Atlantic crisis—would sweep the British Isles.—Ottawa Journal.

TRIPLETS AFTER TWINS

CAPE TOWN.—(CP)—After four sets of healthy twins a South African native woman gave birth to triplets, one of whom died.

DODDS KIDNEY PILLS

It thrives, come sun, come showers; Blow east, blow west, it springs; It peoples towns, and towers Above the courts of Kings; And touch it and it stings.

EYESIGHT EXAMINATION

Fitting and Supplying Glasses Etc. H. J. MABON OPTOMETRIST MONTAGUE, C. E. L. Office: Commercial St. With Druggists

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TREATMENT OF PEPTIC ULCER IS BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL

There is apparently fewer operations now for stomach or intestinal ulcer in proportion to the number of cases there were a few years ago. This is not because surgery does not give results in emergency cases but because medical treatment combined with treatment of the patient generally (not just the stomach or intestine) gives good results with less after-effects.

The thought in the minds of physicians now is that the ulcer patient is of the type who, if cured of one ulcer by medicine or surgery is quite likely to simply go ahead and "grow" another ulcer unless he changes his habits of life.

The patient with stomach or intestinal ulcer is usually of the nervous type and slender in build. While this, in itself, may not cause ulcer, it predisposes to ulcer so that it is like having paper and wood all ready to start a fire; the fire will not start unless a match, or some other cause, is applied. Individuals of different build or physique with the same irritation or infection would not be as likely to develop ulcers as these slender nervous individuals.

Thus when the ulcer patient consults his physician his own history and this family history is learned before the physical tests, including X-rays, are made.

"An attempt is made to prevent besides cure, peptic ulcer (as stomach and intestinal ulcers are called). Patients with an irritable stomach or family history of ulcer should be advised to live a "sensible" life and be placed on a mild, regular diet, bland diet, regular meals, thorough chewing of the food, a short rest (lying down) before meals, and a short rest after meals either sitting or lying down on right side."

This quietness of mind means less disturbance of the muscular walls of the stomach less chance of irritation and ulcer formation. The avoidance of infection from teeth, tonsils, sinuses or elsewhere, may also prevent the formation or reappearance of ulcer. What is known as the bland diet for peptic ulcer patients consists of avoiding fried foods of all kinds, salted spiced canned or preserved fish and meats, rough vegetables such as beets, onions, corn cobs, etc., tomatoes, raw vegetables, all coffee or malt drink, chocolate, alcohol, buttermilk, of fermenting drinks, condiments such as catsup, hot rolls or biscuit crumbs.

Patients may eat broiled, boiled, steamed or baked steaks, lamb or mutton chops, roast beef, chicken or fish with white fish, puree soups, cream soups, baked potatoes or mash potatoes, still water, tea, milk, apple sauce, puree prunes, orange juice, stewed apples, cereals, pears, lemons, bread, crackers, eggs, butter, clear soups, cheese, cereals (cooked only), ice cream, custards.

whatever pleasure one derives when reading the newspaper. Radio of the newspaper, the Tribune publisher points out, is the only form of publicity that has a continuing clientele. This is important to the advertiser, because newspaper readers are substantially the same day in and day out, and because they are well informed people and the people who want to be informed.

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