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

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Timely Resolutions

It may come as a surprise to many people in this Province to learn that the railway makes extra charges on freight from Summerside west and from Royal Junction east.

Other resolutions passed by the Association are also worthy of note. The delay in establishing the West Point-Buctouche ferry service, due to indecision as to the proper method of cutting through a short bar that lies off the West Point wharf, is regretted, and an appeal is made to both Federal and Provincial members to get behind this project wholeheartedly.

Recommendations of this kind are a welcome change from the old-time strictly partisan resolutions, and can be appreciated and endorsed by all sections of the community.

The 1946 Potato Crop

Interesting details of the marketing of the 1946 potato crop, including the big order of 75,000 long tons of P.E.I. potatoes for the United Kingdom, are given in the current issue of The Economic Annalist, an official publication issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Reference is made to the price support methods adopted early in the year, which included the buying of potatoes for processing. Potatoes bought by the Board for this purpose amounted to 664,599 bushels in New Brunswick and 100,975 bushels in Prince Edward Island.

Notwithstanding the large potato crop in the United States, exports of seed potatoes continued to that country as usual and even higher than in the previous year.

In Prince Edward Island during the months of March, April and May potato growers received approximately 86 1-2 cents per 75 pounds of Canada No. 1 table potatoes delivered at shipping points.

The "strike" or "lock-out" whichever one chooses to call the stoppage of production in packing houses, will benefit nobody directly, but will adversely affect the main producer, Mr. Farmer, who is already bitterly complaining about the price he gets for his butter and eggs.

Reliable information on prices for seed potatoes is not yet available, says the report. However, it is well known that prices were not as satisfactory as during the 1945-46 season.

Although Canadian production this year exceeded last year's production by 20,000,000 bushels the storage holdings at June 1, 1947, were only 1,150,000 bushels more than at the same date in 1946.

Although the prices realized for the 1946 crop of potatoes have been over the high prices prevailing since 1941 the large crop has been marketed at prices that will enable growers to continue in business.

for 1947 indicates that both Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick growers have reduced their acreage from the high figure of 1946 by about 10 percent whereas the acreage for Canada as a whole is 97 percent of 1946.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, and every Saturday thereafter, the Banks open at 9.30 a.m. and close at 11 a.m.

Welcome to the Sons of England in our midst for week-end Conference.

It will be possible to make preserves at a reasonable cost with three pounds additional sugar available for housewives.

The United States Congressional Commission visited Charlottetown this date 1868, immediately after we rejected Confederation proposals.

According to a London despatch, Britain's economic crisis may deprive many British soldiers serving overseas of home leave.

Labour Day this year combines the advantages of being both a Monday and the first of the month. May the weather be as good as in Old Home Week, though not quite so hot.

Mr. Bracken termed the seed potatoes of New Brunswick "the best in the World." That, of course, is not our opinion—we believe we lead, while N. B. follows considerably behind us.

Ladies from all over the Province in the City attending the C.W.L. are welcome guests, and have been holding a most successful convention at which a variety of important matters have been dealt with.

Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian dramatist, poet and essayist, born this date 1862; his writings are deeply imbued with symbolism and mysticism, the best known in English The Blue Bird, The Unknown Guest, and The Burgomaster of Stilemonde.

Premier Angus L. Macdonald waited until after the Halifax Federal election before signing the Taxation Agreement on the dotted line. On the head of the announcement of a big subsidy for N. S. apple industry he obediently complied. No one can doubt he made the most of his opportunities to obtain all he could from Ottawa in the way of finances over and above what was promised in the agreement.

West Prince Liberals have gone on record in favor of Mr. McNaught, M.P. being appointed Minister of Fisheries. Certainly this Province is entitled to representation in the Government of the Dominion, it being the only one left out.

In the past the Liberals have chosen to send M.P.'s like Mr. Dunning and Mr. Rolston to hold portfolios and why should this be? It is a serious reflection on a Province which has produced men capable of becoming Presidents of the United States were it not for the birth embargo.

Mr. M. J. Coldwell, M. P. addressing C.C.F.'s at Hamilton said: "To my mind the hope of future peace lies in the ability of countries like Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the democracies of Western Europe and the British Commonwealth, to lead the world-along the path midway between those two extremes. That is why, in my opinion, Canada should endeavor to give every possible support to the rehabilitation of Great Britain, which, in my opinion, is the only country that can give both the economic and moral leadership which the world requires."

Notwithstanding that Mr. Bracken has declared that taxpayers are being assessed four times the prewar level, and our national debt has multiplied four times above the 1939 level, the Mackenzie King Civil Service Commission proposes a general increase of pay for civil servants. They do not recommend a flat 25 per cent increase, as that would favour employees who have already received cost of living compensation, but sufficient to close the "still wide gap between salaries and living costs." Alas, that is what we all want, but have not got a paternal government prepared to grant it. On the other hand we have to pay to fill that "wide gap" between income and expenditure on the part of Senators, M.P.'s and Civil Servants.

The "strike" or "lock-out" whichever one chooses to call the stoppage of production in packing houses, will benefit nobody directly, but will adversely affect the main producer, Mr. Farmer, who is already bitterly complaining about the price he gets for his butter and eggs, and the price the consumer has to pay at the stores. It is perfectly evident Federal Government has fallen down dreadfully in its administration, and how could it be otherwise with its almost constantly recurring absentee portfolio-holders? The business, government or otherwise, has not yet been discovered, that can be run successfully by employees without a head constantly and vigilantly in the seat of control.

However Ottawa officials may minimize the U.S. dollar situation it is still acute and may get worse before it gets better. Heavy reliance is being laid upon the steadily expanding sales to South Africa and also to Latin America and the large dollar returns from a tourist traffic which is expected this year to set up a new record, but the problem of a large favorable trade balance held by U. S. against Canada continues obstinate. Devaluation of the Canadian dollar has been rejected by Finance Minister Douglas Abbott as an ineffective remedy, and there is just as much reluctance to attempt any overt cutting of imports from U. S. by means of higher customs barriers. The government has made it known that it will continue to crack down on the black marketing in this country of U.S. funds, and it is possible that should the adverse trend continue or even grow worse the rigorous writeme exchange control may be temporarily reimposed.

Notes By The Way

International loans are never more than stop-gaps. They solve no problem themselves. They merely buy the time in which the recipients themselves are given an opportunity to solve them. — New York Times.

According to an industrial health bulletin from Ottawa "high temperatures with high humidity is perhaps the most common cause of fatigue. Heat waves get along before we had this kind of research." — Hamilton Spectator.

Brook trout lose 2.8 percent of their weight to run, according to a report. This proves once again that (as the man) are veracious men; the little bit of stretching they do when they reach home is simply an earnest attempt to tell the true story. — Peterborough Examiner.

Recently we had occasion to attempt the purchase of a piece of land when the seller's price was high we investigated and found that he was asking just about twice what he had paid for the machine 11 years ago. He wasn't a man who needed money—he was a plain greedy.—Midway Gazette.

Those who blast the loudest about "imperialism" are—as recent years have hammered into the dulled head—generally political opportunists or agents of a new "imperialism." We may learn a lot in the next few months about what a fresh brand of freedom will do for India, and have already learned a lot about what it would do for Palestine or the Sudan. — Hamilton Spectator.

Whisky Gap. In South Alberta got its name 50 or 60 years ago when American whisky runners used a gap in the height of land on the U. S.-Canadian border through which to run their whisky to Indian and hunters on the Canadian side, says The Edmonton Journal. The present-day residents protested so vociferously a few years ago when the whisky was made to feel the name Parham on them, that the authorities backed down and it is Walkley Gap to this day.

Abandoning children to be discarded inner tubes to float around on the beach is a dangerous practice. At least one drowning this season has been attributed to a child playing in the water with an old tube. A puff of wind or the tide can carry the tube far out from the shore. It must be remembered too, that all such tubes are old and have been patched, some many times. At best the tube offers only a dangerous fun. — Boston Post.

The long sleeve of a Chinese gown is more than a tailoring creation, explains the Chinese. Two Chinese are sitting in a tea house, chatting about business. Their sleeves are joined. When one mentions that his goods will bring thousands of dollars, the other, beneath the sleeve, will grasp one of his friend's fingers, thus indicating his offer of \$3,000—ang so on. In this way, as dates can carry on a perfectly confidential transaction, the honest Chinese of outside places that a Chinese who has a million isn't called a millionaire. They say: "His sleeve is worth a million."

No nation was ever formed on a dollar and cent basis. National boundaries have never been determined by an accountant's or an engineer's calculation of value or profit. Would any Canadian argue for putting out of our Confederation any area, large or small, which does not seem to give a good account of itself on a dollar and cent basis? Would any Canadian argue for getting rid of any of our frozen north or drought threatened areas of the West, our "depression areas" of the Maritimes? Could not any Canadian argue that United States should take over the Yukon or northern New Brunswick? Of course not. The logic of geography, the logic of our common ancestry and allegiance, the logic of our common time on our federation. Perhaps her time for moving in with our Canadian family is now. — Toronto Financial Post.

Efficient indeed are some of the old legends, and it is refreshing to run across them in today's grisly grip of terrorism, warfare and atomic bomb threats. Coyote howls are heard in the night. How far that the Barbary apes there have recovered from war nerves and are having lots of little babies again, says The Edmonton Journal. You probably know the old legend that when the apes leave the Rock, Britain's number is up! The apes, after a number of years during which their population dwindled to a mere half-dozen, are again doing their best to see that Britain yet shall stand. Less cheering is the word of murder in the Tower of London. On a recent morning one of the lower six ravens was discovered with its head cut off. A realisation was caused by the news for legend had it that if evil befalls them, disaster then ensues. The ravens, sinister looking birds with bright black eyes and sombre metallic plumage, are for their strength" is the tower guard. So serious is the murder of one of them regarded that a corporal's guard has been mounted over the surviving five. The Irish guards have the duty of providing an escort if one of them chooses to wander about the yards or battlements. The guardsmen, it is reported, are no sweet temper. If they catch any "unauthorized person" within range of a raven, it will be hard with him. However, perhaps the most serious ravens them selves, half a pint to a pint of milk a day like Gibraltar apes will do some-thing to assure the tower's continu-

THE FENCIBLES
In 1794, when war was raging between England and France, two Provincial Companies, known as the Prince Edward Island Fencibles, were organized for the protection of the Island, and to encourage the raising thereof, Lieutenant Governor Fanning publicly notified that he would give every non-commissioned officer and private, who should enlist before the 1st of November, in the same year, one hundred acres of his own land on the Island, free from all encumbrances whatsoever. His Majesty's quit rents only excepted, for them to set down upon at the reduction of the Corps.

This Corps was reduced in August, 1802, and shortly before this the Governor put a plan of his Lot 67, with the divisions of one hundred acres marked thereon, into the hands of Sergeant Daring for the purpose of getting the names of the claimants, that the Governor might fulfill his engagement, but none would accept the grant. A notice was published in the Royal Herald, March 29, 1806, by P. MacGowan, then Attorney General, calling upon such non-commissioned officers and privates as would choose to settle upon the lands offered them, to apply to him before the next 24th of June, at latest, in order that their title deeds might be made out and executed.

From an article by the late Major W. A. Weeks.
MILK A NECESSITY
Milk contains calcium and is the best source for "its" important mineral. Adults should drink from one-half a pint to a pint of milk a day and children should have at least one between a pint and a quart of milk a day.

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.

MR. PENDERGAST'S WARNING

Sir,—In your issue of the 26th, there appears a letter by Mr. James Pendergast advocating a greater interest in athletics. I always notice that Mr. Pendergast is a man who stands for high moral standards, and here he gives advice to boys that there is one fatal detriment to attaining the highest point of excellence in athletic endeavour. That is the prevalence of our land and habit. The narcotic will have a bad effect on the nervous system and dull the edge of ambition. It is quite likely too that the use of one narcotic induces the taste and desire for other narcotics, for instance alcoholic beverages. The use of spirituous liquor and tobacco is ruinous to an athlete, he says. He has the pleasure on different occasions of the hearing the great John I. Sullivan and Bating Neeson sincerely warning boys and young men against the use of liquor and tobacco. It is gratifying to find a man like Mr. Pendergast standing forth warning the people against these two evils which are destroying the health and the manhood and the womanhood of our land and robbing them of so much of their money.

I have just read in a church paper the stupendous gains of the liquor trade and the drinking habit in the United States when it got its great boost by the repeal of Prohibition by popular vote. It is incidentally the first spectacular and swift triumph that false propaganda has ever won, surpassed only by the lying tirades of Hitler and Goebbels.

When in our two nations the bill has been passed to \$8,540,000,000, which was more than the combined expenditures for all educational, religious, charitable, and social welfare purposes. Drinkers have increased to 60,000,000. It is said nothing about tobacco, but I would suppose that smokers would increase to 100 millions by what we see everywhere. The tobacco bill which the two nations might reach 12 billions, which would constitute 20 billions for the nations which is far worse than wasted. The people of this age should be wiser than the grade school children that is the end to such a career. No doubt there are scores of men zealous for good as Mr. Pendergast is but they don't stand out and declare themselves as he does. But surely the boys will see that they have been weakening themselves for athletics and sports, and everything else worth while by their smoking.

I am, Sir, etc.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM THE SHROPSHIRE LAD
With rue my heart is laden
For golden friends I had,
For many a rose-tipped maiden
And many a lightfoot lad.

By brooks too broad for leaping
The lightfoot boys are laid;
The rose-tipped girls are sleeping
In fields where roses fade.

—A. E. HOUSMAN.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

SHANKLIN, Isle of Wight (CP) — J.E. Ernest S. Sharp, who gave up golf at 86 celebrated his 100th birthday.

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(New York Times)
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