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

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Victoria Day

When Queen Victoria died in January, 1901,
after a reign of sixty-four and a half years, there
were very few persons living in the British dom-
ains who could remember a time when a king had
ruled over them.

Today, a wide majority of the people of the
Empire have no personal recollection of Victo-
ria's reign, but her tradition lives on. She is
remembered not only for the illustrious achieve-
ments which marked her era, but for her own
personal qualities of mind and heart.

It was during Victoria's reign that the
Dominion of Canada grew from a group of scat-
tered colonies to a strong confederation under
the British flag. And it is interesting to note
that Canada has been the only Dominion to set
aside May 24th as Victoria Day.

Col. Bovey's Retirement

Our old Carnegie Library friend, Col. Wil-
frid Bovey, retires from McGill faculty, having
reached the age limit. He is a graduate of two
of McGill's faculties. He is a member of both
the Quebec and the English bars.

The Trade Fair

The first Canadian International Trade Fair,
to be held in Toronto next month, inherits an
ancient tradition, according to officials of the
Fair.

However, history says there is a much older
precedent. Five hundred years ago, on the very
spot where the Canadian International Trade Fair
headquarters now stand in the Toronto exhibition
grounds, Indian tribes gathered from a radius
of hundreds of miles for a traditional "pow-wow".

Stamp With A Message

As an example of religious tolerance, the
United States government is issuing a stamp
showing the pictures of four chaplains who went
down with the transport Dorchester in the North
Atlantic in 1943.

immortality; their goal the same, even though
the paths they trod were separate. Their shin-
ing example should not go unheeded these days
of intolerance among men of different races and
creeds.

The United States has brought its inspiring
history to millions of people through the med-
ium of postage stamps. This country, suggests
an exchange, might well follow the same course.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow Trinity Sunday.

Our telephones are to cost us more, with the
approval of the Utilities Commission.

The expected has happened. The Provincial
Government is absorbing the Federal amusement
tax.

A ten-day Revival Campaign will be com-
menced tomorrow by Major and Mrs. Mercer in
the Salvation Army Hall, City.

The Cancer Society and Islanders in general
are to be congratulated on their efforts to
battle this painful killer.

Congratulations are in order for Mr.
Graham Rogers who so successfully directed the
Canadian Appeal for Children campaign, which
realized its objective and more of \$50,000.

According to the Provincial Sanitary Engi-
neer some one should be prosecuted for contra-
vention of the Public Health Act. It seems now
it is for the Attorney-General to take action.

Every day and twenty-four hours a day the
Fire Department stands ready to protect life and
property. Buying a tag is not a gift but an in-
vestment.

Housing is not merely a matter of financing
construction. The city of Toronto has recently
spent approximately two million dollars in ex-
tending services to veterans' housing develop-
ments outside the city.

A most welcome modernization of Canada's
postal system is announced by the Postmaster
General. Beginning July 1st letters will be carried
at the 4-cent rate over the main net-work of
Canadian cities. The "All Up Route" should
prove a major factor in unifying this Dominion.

Provincial taxation is rising faster in the
Provinces which agreed to the Dominion-Provin-
cial proposals than in Ontario and Quebec. The
fact is that the agreeing Provinces have gone
wild on so-called social security plans, which are
costing far more than was expected.

The re-opening of Sandy's Restaurant at
Marshall is synonymous with the beginning of
summer and will be as heartily appreciated. Fit-
Lieu. A. E. Saunders, D.F.C., has made an out-
standing success of his wayhouse restaurant, and
deserves a continuance and expansion of the lib-
eral patronage he previously enjoyed.

Notice outside a typical modern home: "The
Poor Cuss who lives here helps to support: The
Federal Parliament, Provincial Legislature, thou-
sands of Public Servants, City Council, Maritime
Electric Light Company, The Telephone Company,
local doctor, dentist, butcher, baker, milkman,
grocer, landlord—also a wife, two kids, a cat.
Hawkers please keep away because there's noth-
ing left."

Baronets first created this date 1611. The
existing baronetage of England was instituted
by James I with the object of promoting the
plantation of Ulster and to raise money. Each
baronet had to pay \$5,900 as fees of honour.
Charles I created a Scottish degree of baronets
for promoting the colonization of Nova Scotia.
Each baronet received a grant of land in that
colony with ample powers of jurisdiction. All new
baronets are now created baronets of the United
Kingdom.

Mr. Coldwell continues to make inquiries
about the National Film Board, (says a contem-
porary). Liberals and Pro-Cons should back him
up. This institution, started as part of the
temporarily successful attempt of Leftists to
capture Government propaganda during the war,
has some value, but is much too costly, and still
inclined to Leftist ideas. CBC becomes more
and more an agent of Socialist and Communist
propaganda. It has now been announced that
Mr. King Gordon, long established as an extreme
Leftist propagandist, has been retained as a CBC
staff correspondent.

Seven years ago, on May 24, 1941, the Brit-
ish battle cruiser Hood was sunk by the German
battleship Bismarck in an engagement off
Greenland. A long range shot found a vital spot
and touched off the Hood's magazines. When
she blew up with the loss of practically all hands
the British Navy suffered its heaviest single blow
since the start of the war and one that could not
go unavenged. Every available ship, including
the King George V, the Rodney, the Ramilies,
the Renown and the Ark Royal were sent to join
the hunt for the raider. At 10:30 a.m. on May
26, torpedo carrying planes sighted the Bismarck
and damaged her steering gear in a series of at-
tacks. At 8:30 on the morning of the 27th, the
Rodney and King George V closed in and opened
fire. The Bismarck returned their fire as best
she could but by 9:30 her turrets had been knock-
ed out and the end was not far off. The last
blow came when the cruiser Dorsetshire went in
with torpedoes. Shortly before noon, the Bis-
marck heeled over and went to the bottom.
Britain still ruled the waves.

Notes By The Way

Some of the younger devotees
of the "new look" seem to be walk-
ing about the streets in their night-
gowns and bedroom slippers. —
Brockville Recorder and Times.

A hammer, weighing one pound
and a quarter, dropped 90 feet
down an elevator shaft in Regina.
It landed in the coat pocket of a
man at work at the bottom of the
shaft. Just another lucky hole in
one. —Fort William Times-Journal.

Canadian housewives are advised
by packinghouse officials to buy
more pork in order to bring down
the price of beef. And after that,
what would they buy to bring down
the price of pork? —Montreal Finan-
cial Times.

That it does not rain in London
quite as often as legend suggests
is proved by the fact that, in or-
der to shoot a scene for Individual
Pictures' production, "London Be-
longs to Me," the company had to
employ London firemen who play-
ed their hoses into the air above
Westminster Bridge to create the
illusion of a rainy day. —UK In-
formation Office.

Miss Emily F. Bissell, who has
passed away at Wilmington, Del.,
at the age of 96, will be silently
mourned by countless persons. Prob-
ably more than any other individ-
ual, she was primarily the cause
of saving many lives and extending
the life span of thousands. For it
was Miss Bissell who founded the
Christmas Seal Drive back in 1907,
when she put on a campaign to
raise \$300 in the fight against tu-
berculosis. — Vancouver News-Her-
ald.

At the end of the war it was pre-
dicted that women workers in war
plants and other industries would
retire and make their jobs avail-
able to returning service men. But
a survey by one of the big insur-
ance companies shows that they
did not do so. In fact it discloses
that today there are over a million
more women employed than there
were a year ago. This seems to in-
dicate that women are not lightly
giving up the independence they
enjoy with pay checks of their own.
—Boston Post.

The one important metal which
has not advanced in price during
the upheaval in mining costs of
the past year or so is nickel. In-
deed, the price is only 12 per cent
higher than it was 22 years ago.
It was then 30c. It was raised in
1946 to 35c and then reduced to
33.75c in the U. S. on the halving
of that country's import duty. In
comparison, we see a doubling of
copper since the war, and in three
years we find lead up more than
three times from war and pre-war
levels. It has been stated that any
further rise in mining costs would
force a rise in nickel. —Northern
Miner.

Dr. J. W. Thornton, of Port-
smouth, England, came to Australia
"to give his children a chance." "I
knew I couldn't keep my children
fit and well in England, so I've
brought them here," he said in three
years he had found out more than
he had in 30 years in England. "You
only have to look at them to see what
is happening. The elder youngsters
are big and strong; the younger
are thin and pale." "The children
themselves first suggested it. "They
deserve a break for they were right
in the frontline at Portsmouth
during the war—1800 air raids." Dr.
Thornton had a number of tents
with him. "Your housing shortage
is well known, so I've come prepar-
ed," he said. "We shall tour the
country, having a good look around,
before we settle down." Dr. Thor-
nton is an Australian. He left 20
years ago and married in Britain.
—From Australia News.

California oil companies are pre-
paring to probe deep under the
Pacific ocean on the hunt for new
petroleum pools. This search will
put them on the last frontier of
California's rich oil domain. For
the past 10 years every likely area
of the state's land surface has
been drilled and redrilled in the
hope of striking new reserves. But
in that decade no new major fields
(good for 100 million barrels of
more) have been opened. Now oil
men believe the time is fast ap-
proaching to test the theory that
at least 2.5 billion barrels of oil
are locked deep below the surface
of the ocean off southern Califor-
nia. If true, that untapped supply
would be about half as much petro-
leum as this state has produced and
still has in reserve. Oil companies
face many technical problems in
making deep-water drilling an ac-
tuality. Ocean drilling such as
would be required here has never
before been attempted. — Wall
Street Journal.

We like funny laws. Passing them
must be almost a much fun as
reading them, for the statute books
of the land are liberally sprinkled
with the ludicrous. In Joliet, Ill.,
it's illegal to try on more than
six dresses in any store. Get caught
stealing soap in Mohave County,
Arizona, and you'll have to wash
yourself with it till the stuff's used
up. In Gary, Ind., you can't get on
a streetcar if you've eaten garlic
within the last four hours. Under-
takers in Shreveport, La., can't give
away book matches. California
state law says you need a hunting
licence to set a mousetrap, and
Baltimore forbids cruelty to oysters.
You can't board a Seattle bus car-
rying goldfish unless you're sure
they'll lie still. Says a New Hamp-
shire traffic regulation: "When two
motor vehicles meet at an inter-
section, each shall come to a full
stop, and neither shall proceed un-
till the other has stopped." We like
funny laws. Most of all we like the
good old constitutional right which
guarantees our freedom to laugh
at 'em. —Denver Post.

The Freight Rate Muddle

A valued contemporary, The
Charlottetown Guardian, appar-
ently thinks that the Post-Rec-
ord's approval of the King Gov-
ernment's refusal to interfere with
the Transport Board's judgment,
or to order a delay in the oper-
ation of the 21 per cent freight
rate increase, is in conflict with
this paper's subsequent endorse-
ment of Mr. Bracken's resolution
censuring the Ministry for not
having seen that a general revision
of the Board's structure pre-
ceded the tariff hearing of the
railways' application. There is,
however, neither inconsistency
nor change of view to be found in
the excerpts of our contemporary
quotes from this newspaper. Not
that either inconsistency or
change of view is necessarily an
unpardonable sin.

Had Mr. Bracken's resolution
ordered the Cabinet's refusal
to order the 30 days delay re-
quested by the seven Provincial
Premiers, as the C.C.F. motion
did, The Post-Record would cer-
tainly not have approved it. As it
happened, however, the Opposi-
tion leader's amendment followed
along the precise lines of criticism
previously published in this
column. It was a motion of
censure, based on the correct as-
sertion that the King Govern-
ment had made default in not
proceeding in good time with the
already long-overdue revision of
the general freight rate struc-
ture. As The Post-Record had re-
peatedly voiced the same criti-
cism long before Mr. Bracken's
motion was presented to the
House, this paper's expressed ap-
proval of that resolution should
not have surprised anyone.

But since one very observant
exchange does seem doubtful of
The Post-Record's position, a re-
statement of our point of view in
the matter appears to be neces-
sary.
This paper has all along been in
favor of a general upward revision
of freight rates, for the obvi-
ous reason that the railways
need more to offset greatly en-
hanced operating costs.
But this paper has maintained
all along, and reaffirms now, that
as soon as the railways had filed
their application, the Federal
Government should have moved
immediately in the direction of a
revision of a freight rate struc-
ture which was then 21 years in
existence, and which should have
been recast even before the out-
break of war. We expressed dis-
approval of the application of the
seven Provincial Premiers for a
delay in the operation of the
Transport Board's judgment, be-
cause we have never approved of
political appeals from the deci-
sions of established judicial trib-
unals. What these Premiers asked
for would, if granted, have estab-
lished a most dangerous preced-
ent, and thrown the judicial job
of freight rate making into the
hands of politicians, whose main
concern is to win votes and ob-
tain or retain power. The King
Cabinet was undoubtedly right in
turning down the extraordinary re-
quest. For once at least in the
whole course of this protracted
controversy the Cabinet managed
to do the correct thing.

It is admittedly unfortunate
that the 21 per cent increase is
being added to an obsolete freight
rate structure, which contains
many anomalies and inequalities
which require to be remedied.
Closing the door after the disap-
pearance of the horse, the King
Government has at least, but only
in the rendering of the Trans-
port Board's decision, ordered a
revision of the whole freight rate
structure, so as to make the in-
cidence of the increase fair and
reasonable in all parts of Can-
ada. This is a job the Govern-
ment should have undertaken as
soon as practicable after the end
of the war. That it is doing so
now, is conclusive proof that it
should have done so then. The
consequence of its dilatoriness and
default is about as sorry a mess in
the field of railway freight trans-
portation as Canada has known.
In the circumstances the futile
floundering of seven Provincial
Premiers is not surprising.

BUY POOL CHLORINATOR
WELLAND, Ont. — (CP) — The
board of water commissioners
here voted purchases totalling
about \$2,068 to buy and install
new equipment in the Welland
swimming pool. Included will be
an \$800 chlorinator.

COAL MINES EMPLOYED 860
FREDERICTON — (CP) — New
Brunswick coal miners employed
an average of 860 men during
1947, the department of mines
said in its annual report. Total
production amounted to 326,390
long tons.

LIPSTICK OFFENSIVE
WHANGAREI, N.Z. — (CP) —
Archdeacon A.E. Frebble of Whan-
garei, has warned his women par-
ishioners that he objects to them
wearing lipstick when they come
to Holy Communion. Leaving lip-
stick on the chalice was "not only
undesirable, but also rude."

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The Poet's Corner

FOR SOME DISTANT DAY
Today I watched the wonder in his
eyes
Lifting the blue jay feather from
the ground.
And running, he called in joyful
surprise.
"Look, Daddy, look what I have
found."
So soon my son must know a man's
despair
Against a life less easy than to
weather;
And, God, I ask no shelter for his
share,
But now and then — a blue jay
feather.
—Walter S. Richardson, in the
New York Times.

Old Charlottetown

Early in the morning of the 24th.
May, 1837, the national banner
was hoisted upon the flagstaff of
the garrison in Charlottetown, and
at 12 o'clock noon the citizens were
aroused by the firing of the bat-
tery guns. On inquiry as to this
unusual salute it was ascertained
that a Princess of the Royal blood
had become of age. Every garrison
town in the realm announced the
joyful event by the booming of ar-
tillery, the echoes of which were
heard in every land. She was the
Princess Victoria, orphan niece of
His Majesty William IV.

In those days there were no fast
steamers carrying mails across the
Atlantic, the only means of conve-
yance being by sailing packet; con-
sequently the intelligence of the
death of King William and the ac-
cession of his niece, which took
place on the 29th of June, did not
reach here until August 18th. His
Excellency the Lieutenant Govern-
or then issued the Proclamation
proclaiming the young Princess as
Queen. Accordingly a company of
militia artillery with field guns,
under the command of Major Rob-
inson, and the troops of the gar-
rison under Captain St. Quinton,
were drawn up in review order on
Queen Square, while magistrates,
clergy and other gentlemen crowd-
ed the Council Chamber. At 2 o'
clock p. m. His Excellency arrived,
when the Herald then read the
Royal document, first within the
Chamber, then in public, at the
conclusion of which the spectators
heartily cheered; the troops pre-
sented arms and the artillery saluted
with 21 guns.
On the next day double salutes
were fired by the garrison, after
which the flag was lowered to half-
mast, in memory of the departed
Monarch, and 60 minute guns were
fired by the Battery.

HEALTH AT \$1 A HEAD
MONTREAL — (CP) — It costs
about \$1.00 a head of popula-
tion to try to keep Montrealers
healthy. The Montreal citizen's
committee reports total expendi-
ture of the city department of
health for the year ended April
30, 1947, was—\$1,220,000.

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