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

Friday's complete breakdown of water and electric light and power facilities in Charlottetown is something which should not have happened, and certainly should not be permitted to happen again.

Again, it appears that provision was made several years ago for accidents of this kind, when an emergency water main was laid on the Malpeque Road. Why was this not used?

All this does not make sense to our citizens. The fact that there was an emergency main which was not capable of being used in Friday's emergency is a matter that should be cleared up.

Sir John A.'s Vision

In a Dominion Day editorial the Winnipeg Free Press quotes the following striking prophesy by Sir John A. Macdonald at Confederation, proving that he was indeed a statesman of vision:

No Reason For Pride

The Moncton Transcript, a Liberal newspaper, finds nothing for the King Government to boast about in its latest amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act.

The legislation, however, is not in conformity with the Government's previous proposals. In its submission to the Dominion-Provincial Conference on Reconstruction in August, 1945, the Federal Government stated:

Transcript points out, seven of the nine Provinces have since accepted the Federal Government's proposals. "The fact agreement on old age pensions was not written into the pact, can hardly be taken as just reason to deny the aged people in those seven Provinces of an adequate pension and freedom from the means test."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Friday and Saturday were circus days for little folks, and big folks with children's capacity for enjoyment.

At last the reason has been revealed for Russia's refusal to allow brides of Englishmen to leave the country. In all seriousness it is explained that women talk too much.

Skepticism is as much an enemy of truth as is gullibility. It seems that numbers of people saw the so-called "flying saucers" but refrained from saying anything because they knew that they would not be believed.

Saint John and Halifax have reached agreements with the C. N. R. for additional payments in lieu of taxes. Here should be a new source of revenue for Charlottetown, if the Mayor and Councillors could think something up.

While Canada is officially discouraging married women from taking jobs by reducing tax exemptions the United Kingdom is carrying on an intensive campaign to recruit women for industry.

Under the Saint John, N.B., taxation agreement, the C. N. R. must pay immediately \$300,000 to cover the years of 1944, 1945 and 1946, the 1947 grant of \$75,000 before Oct. 1 and the annual \$75,000 for four succeeding years by July 1 of each year.

The Women's Institutes last week had the best convention of their long existence, and have now evolved as an organized asset in public life second to none, and that from a beginning in merely domestic and purely local interests. It is a standing example of what may be accomplished by disinterested and effective organization and development: first the home, then the school, next the churches, followed by the community, and in due succession, provincial and federal policies and enactments. Today the Women's Institutes are a power-for-good in the island second to none.

St. Sir Thomas More, English writer and statesman, died this date 1535; son of a Justice of the King's Bench he was placed as a page in the household of Archbishop Morton, then went to Oxford under John Cole, an earnest ecclesiastic and educational reformer; became M. P. and Speaker of the Commons. After Wolsey's disgrace, More, much against his will, was made Lord Chancellor of England in 1529, filling the office admirably. In 1532 he resigned, because of Henry VIII's breach with Rome; he refused to acknowledge Henry's claim to the title of head of the English Church, and was imprisoned, tried for high treason and executed. More's chief work was Utopia (1516) a 16th century picture of an ideal country governed by perfect laws; written in Latin it met with the instant approval of continental humanists. His History of King Richard III is an excellent example of 16th century classical prose. More was a friend of Erasmus, from whose letters may be gleaned many details concerning his life; he married twice; in 1886 was beatified by the R. C. Church.

Four years ago this week, on July 10, 1943, the following announcement was issued from Allied Force Headquarters in Algiers: "Allied forces under command of General Eisenhower began landing operations on Sicily early this morning." The report was of special significance to Canadians and excitement mounted with a further announcement that the invading force included the 1st Canadian Division as well as British and American formations. The Canadian division's first brush with the enemy was on July 15 when it was victorious in capturing the hill town of Grammichele. Before the 38-day campaign ended, the Canadians took or helped take a number of towns including Leonforte, Assore, Agira and Regalbuto. In the first four weeks of the Sicilian fight, the 1st Canadian Division marched about 120 miles through mountainous and difficult country — further than any other division in the Eighth Army. It operated in continuous and extreme heat and for most of the way was in constant touch with the enemy. Total Canadian casualties in Sicily, according to figures compiled by the Army's Historical Section, were 173 officers and 2,261 other ranks. Of these, 38 officers and 447 other ranks were killed or died of wounds. A few natural deaths are also included in these figures.

Mr. Bracken declares it is a matter of national concern sending away the young brains of the Maritimes in order to earn a livelihood. So say we all of us, and it is up to the three provinces, individually and collectively to agitate until Prime Minister King and other Upper Canadians are made to realize what Maritime Rights are. The Provincial Governments, irrespective of politics, are the organizations to suggest ways and means, and to keep hammering at it until our objective is attained.

Notes By the Way

Our northern grass is a hardy plant. While garden vegetables have been shrinking beneath the surface of the soil or emerging tentatively and timidly the sturdy grass shoots have been thrusting upward, says The Fort William Times-Journal. The cool winds of the Lakehead Maytime do not frighten the grass. This means more and better milk. So what if it does mean, also, that lawn mowers have to be brought out, sharpened and oiled in order that the lawns be kept neat and trim!

The history of the Fargus House on St. Peter street appears to have repeated itself with the Kent House at Montmorency Falls. Just as was the case with the former, so the latter historic building has not only been for sale but has actually gone begging for many years. Since no one has been better prepared to do anything to save the Kent House, its loss to the public is most regrettable but can hardly be the subject of reasonable criticism, or complaint. The Quebec Power Company, which is the present owner, naturally knows its business best but we should have thought that it would have attached a greater value to the picturesque Kent House in its matchless setting of the Montmorency Falls as a source of tourist traffic.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

News is that the army is trying to reduce the number of sizes it carries in shoes, from 130 different measurements, says The Boston Post. The Quartermaster Corps explains that when a shoe store doesn't have the right size for a customer, the worst that happens is loss of the customer. But the army cannot afford to "lose a customer." That's right. And, of course, no shoe store ever had 11,000,000 customers!

A committee of trained experts at Berea pooled their minds to explain why crows swim in a circle. Country crows find their perch on tree limbs, hillsides, corn stalks and other elevated objects. This causes them to put more than one half of their gross weight on the leg on the down side. This results in over-development of the down leg. It becomes stouter than the other leg. When the crow is swimming, therefore, the stronger of the two legs is utilized with more vigor, causing the crow to swim in a circle. To prevent refutation of this hypothesis, it can be put to the test by placing a crow in a swimming pool, and observing which direction the crow faces when he alights.—Louisville Courier-Journal

The popular conception of professors as very unpractical persons is often untrue and unjust. Professors can be very practical people upon occasion, says The Montreal Gazette. This was evident recently at the annual baccalaureate service at Mount Allison University at Sackville, N. B. When the time came to take up the offering, no collection plates were to be found. But eight robed and hooded professors rose to the occasion. With solemnity they left the platform, goffered their "mortar boards" and passed them among the congregation in place of the missing plates. In this manner the offering was collected, the professors returned to the platform and the service continued. Whether these unusual collection plates stimulated giving was not revealed. But it was certainly demonstrated that the academic mind is not incapable of meeting a practical problem.

Drunkness is no excuse for theft, assault, or any other crime. On the contrary, it should be looked on as a factor for aggravation in the case of a crime. The man who is inspired to lawlessness when he has been drinking should not drink, and courts should take the attitude that, when he does so, he is deliberately bolstering himself for wrong-doing.—Windsor Star.

In his last years, too, Ford began to experiment with another idea which was even more revolutionary. This was a scheme to bind industry and agriculture together by making the farm the source, not only food for the workers but of raw material for the factory. Ford was the great patron of the new science of "chemurgy" which aims to turn plants and farm wastes into paint and fuel and plastics and similar materials. Death came to him before his work along this line had borne much fruit, but in the long run it may prove as epoch-making as the undertakings he lived to complete.—Edmonton Journal.

CHARITABLE WRENS

Wrens frequently build nests that are never occupied.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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CITY BUILDING FLAG

Sir,—It's now just an old piece of bunting. 'Tis only an old tattered rag; it doesn't seem right. It should fly day and night.—The night air is bad for the flag. I am, Sir, etc., CITIZEN

EXODUS TO U. S. A.

Sir,—An item in the news recently (Guardian, June 25) quoted Frank Poulas, president of the Agriculture Institute of Canada, as calling for higher salaries and comparable working conditions in the Dominion "to meet the challenge of the exodus of trained personnel to the United States."

While I am in favor of free movement hither and yon in a democracy, in view of the known fact that the above "trained personnel" (i. e., at the professional or executive level) would represent only a comparatively small fraction of this southbound traffic, it seems to this reader that something has been said the saying goes "aspice at the switch" and that special policies should be developed whereby the gap between salary levels in the two countries could be sufficiently narrowed to retain brain-power, at the executive and professional levels, in Canada?

One of the poets made the following tart reference to "Trade" expenditures in a contrast to the no-calling cost of "War", which made an impression on this rural mind: "And what is 'Trade'? Said he to me: 'Tis only 'War' grown miserly!"

It may be that, of the 18,000 Canadians who migrated to the United States in 1945, there would be 1,000 first-class technicians, and, let us say, a dozen men and women with genius, which will alter the pattern of a community's life?

As I see it, it is the duty of the government to screen this outflow of Canadian experience and ability. While the "S" sign is not always a reliable measure of a man's citizenship, still, Mr. Editor, it is in the picture, and has lured 800,000 young Canadians from the agricultural ranks since September, 1939.

I am, Sir, etc. "INDIANA"

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The Poet's Corner
HOOKY
"Will, what do you know? The earth has slipped its tether!"

When Charlottetown was laid out in 1788 it had been the intention that only one house and one pasture lot should be granted to each bona fide settler; but the officers of government soon succumbed to temptation and commenced appropriating desirable lots, first for their children and then by collusion with men who would allow them to use their names as a legal means of violating the law. Under Lieutenant-Governor Desbrisay, this practice was fully inaugurated. A return of 1780 showed that Desbrisay, Stewart, Calbeck, Hierlihy, Wright and Curtis were the worst offenders. Patterson ordered the return of all lots over and above one for each member of the officers' families; but his councillors refused. On appeal to the Secretary of State, Patterson was upheld and some surrenders were made, but from this date a feud commenced between the Patterson and Desbrisay families and full restitution was never made.

But it was the obsequious and pettifoggling Lieutenant-Governor Fanning who commenced tampering with the Charlottetown Commission, establishing the precedent by which the Common was ultimately lost to the citizens of Charlottetown. First it was agreed that to lease the Common for a period of years would be in the interests of the Province. Then, it was gradually appropriated, bit by bit, until now it has all passed into private hands and is undistinguishable from the rest of the city, except by the angle in the streets that start from Easton northward.

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