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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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Do Figures Lie?

It has been our contention all along that the
mistreatment of Prince Edward Island in general
and Charlottetown in particular in connection
with war industry will have its ultimate effect
in depriving the Federal Government of revenue

Income Tax Collections by Districts:
Comparative statement of net collections by
districts received during the months April to
September inclusive of the fiscal years 1940-41
and 1941-42:

Table with 4 columns: Districts, 1940-41, 1941-42, Increase. Lists districts like Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, etc.

Gaining Against Cancer

For years the statistical tale of the ravages of
cancer has been one of almost unrelieved gloom.
Now a welcome light comes with a report that
a decline in mortality from this disease previously
suspected in upstate New York has been verified

In the years 1930-1940, says Health News,
there was a reduction of 10 per cent among
women of this particular group and of approxi-
mately 3 per cent among older women. The decline
is attributed to early diagnosis and effective
treatment of more patients suffering from the
kinds of cancer that are most numerous among
women.

B. C. Post Mortem

The result of the Provincial election held in
British Columbia, says the Globe and Mail (In-
dependent), must be disappointing to the Liberal
politicians who engineered it. The campaign by all
accounts was lethargic and dreary because there
were no important issues at stake.

The result, however, says our Toronto con-
temporary, is proof that democracy is in a
healthy state in British Columbia. It reveals that
the voters of this Province are actively inter-
ested in public affairs and are not prepared to
condone misadministration on the part of a Govern-
ment. They wanted to punish the Liberal
Ministry for its sins of omission and commis-

sion, but they were not ready to give free scope
to the C.C.F. for its Socialist program. It is
also altogether probable that a factor in swelling
the anti-Liberal vote was widespread resentment
at the continued persistence of the Liberal Party
in claiming the right to retain a monopoly of the
directing of the nation's war effort; and the fate
which has befallen Mr. Patullo, who by implica-
tion supported this claim, should be pondered at
Ottawa.

Britain's Good Fortune

Just returned from England, Col. George W.
Drew, Ontario Conservative leader declares that
"perhaps the most outstanding single fact in British
life today is the respect and affection which
every one has for the Prime Minister. From
the lowest to the highest they speak of him as
'Winston,' just as all our Canadian troops call
General McNaughton. (Commander of the
Canadian Corps in the United Kingdom) 'Andy'
—and for the same reason. He is their Prime
Minister. He speaks their language. He knows
their strength and he knows their weaknesses.
He is their leader and their friend."

The tribute, comments the St. Catharines
Standard, is an under-statement if anything.
Democracy is on the march in Britain, it could
well be on the march in Canada with even a
measure of the same leadership as the Island
Kingdom is blessed with. The country has learned
to its cost, with vicious labor disputes, that
there is no Ernest Bevin here, nor is there a
Churchill who from the first has conscripted the
best brains of all parties with which to strengthen
his government. Such a thing as a party issue
in the Old Land is inconceivable.

In this Dominion the vital decisions in war are
governed by party considerations. There is no
warrior chief, just a long term Liberal Prime
Minister, an over-riding Liberal majority in the
House of Commons and Parliament at the lowest
ebb, as a directing force, since Confederation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Don't forget to mail your overseas parcels.

Is it much advantage using the Air Mail to
and from Britain? A check on letters air mailed
shows that, with two exceptions, they took
from three weeks to a month to get here, while
one ordinary mail letter arrived in a fortnight.
The hold up seems to be at Lisbon and Bernuda.

Glamour girls of India and the Malay States
have it all over their Canadian counterparts
when it comes to wardrobes, according to Mrs.
Carveth Wells, wife of the well-known ex-
plorer. She said the sarongs of the Malayan and
Indian girls are so heavy with gold the cloth is
sold by the pound. A "two-pound dress," she
said, costs more than \$300.

Although the official cost of living figure for
September was about the same as August's it was
99 points above the level for July, 1941. The
September index figure for food was 65 points
above the 1814 figure, compared with 66 points
above in August of this year. The decline is at-
tributed to decreases in the prices of fish and
potatoes. There was a slight rise in the average
level of prices of clothing and clothing materi-
als, partly because of the purchase tax. Since
the tax became effective in October, 1940, re-
sulting increases in prices have raised the cost of
living figure approximately 6 points.

United States airplane factories will have a
monthly production of 6,000 units, mostly mili-
tary, by December, 1942, Mr. W. A. Patterson,
of United Air Lines, New York, predicts. He
based his estimate on a recent visit he made to
Pacific Coast airplane manufacturers. Maintaining
that by next July United States airplane pro-
duction will be equal to the output Germany
realized at the beginning of the war, Mr. Pat-
terson figures that within three years this produc-
tion will be increased to a point which Germany
cannot attain, despite the conquests the Reich has
made.

In June, 1940, the British Royal Mint stopped
making pennies, consequently saving for arma-
ments some 800 tons of copper annually, and be-
gan to turn out the almost obsolete nickel three-
penny-bit, threepence, or thrip as it was called
a century ago, before it took on its twelve-sided
shape in a brief revival in 1930. Some numis-
matists complain that "nickel" is a misnomer
and that the Mint has erred on the side of gener-
osity, for the alloy contains only 1 per cent of
nickel while the rest is a mixture of copper and
zinc—that is, ordinary brass. That accounts for
the hue of the revived coin.

Captain James Cook, English navigator,
born this date, 1728, entered the Navy and be-
came lieutenant of the Endeavour which sailed
for South Pacific in 1768; he explored New
Zealand and Eastern Australia, of which he took
possession in the name of Britain, calling it New
South Wales; then sailed to the extremity of the
Pacific returning home by the Cape of Good
Hope; sent out by the British Government in
1772 as commander of the Resolution on a mar-
vellous voyage of discovery, in which the old
idea of a southern continent was destroyed;
killed in Hawaii on his last voyage 1776-9.

In order that married women with children
may do their part in the operation of Britain's
extensive machinery of war, new "baby park-
ing stations" have been opened recently by the
British Government throughout industrial dis-
tricts. Under the plan, mothers who seek to do
war work may register in their local districts
and government representatives will select com-
petent and registered individuals to mind the
children at a nominal set fee, or arrangements
will be made for the child to be watched in a
regularly organized day nursery at a similar low
cost. This plan is attracting hundreds of moth-
ers to war industries, releasing men to military
tasks.

NOTES BY THE WAY

While Ottawa is not an in-
dustrial centre comparable with
many other cities in Canada, it is
a good place to serve as a guinea
pig for trying out the plan of
staggered working hours. There
are some 25,000 Civil Servants
in Ottawa today. In their going
and coming, they provide one of
the largest transportation prob-
lems with which any city has to
deal and the fact that they are of
every status places them residen-
tially in all parts of the com-
munity. Ottawa cannot be con-
sidered a typical city, so far as in-
dustry is concerned, but it presents
one of the major problems in re-
spect to moving large numbers of
workers, and thus it should provide
a reliable test for the system. —
Windsor Star.

A Swedish business man just
returned to Stockholm from Berlin
and is bitterly criticizing a woman
shoot herself on the steps of the
Reich Chancellery after scream-
ing, "Down with Hitler and the
Nazis party. Her suicide occasioned
a commotion of persons and a
crowd of spectators against the
Russian war, this informant said,
reporting that a number of people
were arrested by the Gestapo. He
said that the woman, dressed in
black, rushed up the government
building staircase brandishing a
clipping in one hand and a re-
volver in the other. She shot her-
self as she was about to be taken
by the guards who reached her. The
clipping, it was said, contained the
names of her husband and son in
a list of soldiers killed in Russia.—
Overseas News Agency.

A unique collection of British
Guiana stamps, conservatively
valued at \$5,000, has been flown by
Clipper to New York for dispersal.
The gold stamp collection, owned
by a well-known English stamp
collector, W. J. Webster. He is
selling it to get dollars for the
British Treasury. Each of the
stamps has a ship on the under full
sail, a reminder of the part British
Guiana is playing today in the
Battle of the Atlantic. And the
motto of the Colony is also ap-
propriate to the transaction: "We
give and we seek in return." Just
before the Webster collection was
flown across the Atlantic collec-
tion of West Indies and North
American stamps, begun at the age
of seven by Mr. Marlin-Huss,
went by boat to the New York auc-
tion rooms where it is expected to
fetch at least \$8,000. — By Robert
Williamson.

At dawn, at dusk, through the
hours of light and dark that lie
between, in fog and fair weather,
since the war began, planes have
swooped from Canada's coastal bases
out over the Atlantic — the Loney
Patrols. From their vigil two crews
have not returned. Sable Island
knows the fate of five men, As
that waste land has been the scene
of seven by Mr. Marlin-Huss,
went by boat to the New York auc-
tion rooms where it is expected to
fetch at least \$8,000. — By Robert
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Reference of Scots eating
bacon in spite of the theological
scruples which they have against
eating eels is a reminder that pork
in any form is, or was until re-
cently, the cause of a curious
discrimination by one section of
Scots—the fishermen of the East
Coast. Although they enjoyed as
much as anyone else a breakfast
of bacon and eggs in their own
homes, when they were at sea the
flesh of the pig was strictly taboo.
Woe unto any member of a
Scottish herring drifters' crew
who ate a shock of corned beef
of his kind by snuggling a piece
of pork aboard in his own private
provisions kit! On the Fife sea-
board there is still told the story
of a boat for two successive
nights drank while the rest of
the fleet were hauling in heavily
laden nets. Eventually a puzzled
skipper found one of his crew with
a few herring bones secreted in a
locker. There went overboard, and
so the story goes the drifter's
provoked what had caused the
release of the two preceding nights. —
Manchester Guardian.

Housewives themselves are be-
coming adepts in convertibility.
Many a colonial beverage, and
with much forethought to match-
or mitigate—the decor of the room,
has become simply ravishing, my
dear—as one of those informal
household wares that wear on the
slightest excuse. Men are having
pyjama-coats turned into shirts.
And the wife, who in these days,
gave away her husband's ragged
garden jacket, in return for what
an itinerant salesman promised
would one day be a crimson ramble-
—or even a scarlet runner—
would stand a good chance of hav-
ing her murr condoned as justifi-
able-homicide.

The new inflatable dinghy for air-
men who bale out over the sea re-
sembles the hazard of the discor-
dants considerably. It seems almost
a miracle of compression. "The
dinghy cushion fits on underneath
the parachute. The boys in the
backcom have cranked a rubber
dinghy large enough to support a
400 lb. weight; a carbon dioxide
flask for inflating it; a small hand
pump; a water anchor which
floats; a set of the dinghy to
wind; a special baling bucket that
compresses into a quarter of an
inch, but springs up like a jack-in-
the-box; the instant the pressure
is released the bucket is set of
hole-stoppers which the pilot can
plug anything from a pin-prick to
a cannon-shell; two rubber hand
paddles, good for a speed of three
knots an hour; and, finally, a gal
flares, cigarettes, and emergency
rations — and all of this — be-
lieve it or not, fits into the dinghy
cushion 15" square by 3" thick."

Official announcement concern-
ing the "deadlines" for overseas
mailing of Christmas parcels from
the various provinces has been
made as follows: P. C. British Colum-
bia and N. B. — not later than
Nov. 10. From Saskatchewan and
Manitoba, not later than Nov. 11

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.

P. E. I. IN CONFEDERATION

Sir:—In one of your "editorial
notes" in last Friday's issue of the
Guardian you suggested that the
Dominion Conservative Conference
be held in the month of June, 1942
in Charlottetown. "Where" the
Conference of Confederation would
be something worthwhile" started
not have been in order to have
continued by adding the words
"for the other Canadian provinces
through not for Prince Edward
Island?"

To my mind, owing to the un-
fair treatment and neglect by
every Dominion government and
Parliament since the province en-
tered confederation, Prince Edward
Island has fallen steadily and ser-
iously behind in population, farm-
ing, fishing, export trade, in per
capita wealth, in educational
system, and—I shall leave it for
your readers to complete the sen-
tence. They know.

Why, for example, should the
unemployment in the case of Sorel
launch eight ocean-going vessels
in one day, with more to follow,
when a Charlottetown Company,
simply capitalized, with its output
of the province, is refused a
contract for four mine sweepers?
"There's a reason."
I am, Sir, etc.

MILK PRICES

Sir:—As the consumers' repre-
sentative on the P.E.I. Milk and
Cream Producers, Distributors and
Consumers Protective Board I
would like to say a word as to
milk and cream prices.

There is a rumor prevalent that
I have been connected with a move-
ment to increase the prices of
the above mentioned products,
which of course is absolutely in-
correct. As a consumer of milk
and cream and representative of
all such City consumers I am di-
rectly concerned that the people
of Charlottetown shall buy these
products at reasonable prices. How-
ever, it is for the above mentioned
Board to say as to whether or no
there shall be an increase in prices
as asked for by the Milk and
Cream Producers and Vendors
Association.

Many people are unaware that
such Board exists, and that it
has the power to raise or lower
prices which now, on ac-
count of a war measure, are sub-
ject to the approval of the War
Time Prices and Trades Board.
May I point out that this "Milk"
Board meets on Thursday evening
to consider this question of price
increase, and to give a hearing
to committees representing the
producers and consumers concern-
ed before a final decision is given
on this vitally important matter,
which I presume directly affects
and interests almost every Char-
lottetown citizen.

W. R. CARSON
Board Secretary.

REPLIES TO FEDERATION

Sir:—It was not, nor is it now,
my intention to use the columns
of the Guardian to provoke dis-
cussion on the Federal Reserve
Committee of the Prince Edward
Island Temperance Federation,
however, having directed a ques-
tion at me, I am taking advan-
tage of your Public Forum to reply.

In the first place, the no doubt
estimable gentlemen comprising
the Committee attempt to floor
me with the Federal Reserve. Mr.
Setter says that Prohibition is the
cause of the broths in his own
city? To that, I simply reply that
the Committee knows the cause
just as well as I do, and it is
neither Prohibition nor Govern-
ment Control. This opens a new
avenue, however, and it is a fact
worthy of consideration that, though
Magdalen has existed since the
down of legislation was not until
the inception of the Prohibition
Era that we heard of deaths by
alcoholic poisoning.

To show that Prince Edward
Island can be right and the rest
of the world wrong, the Committee
exclaims: "Would that questions
of truth and error could be settled
simply by a majority vote!" Does
this by any chance constitute an
admission by the Temperance Fed-
eration that, despite the majority
of "dry" votes polled both by mem-
bers of the Federation and by the
bootlegging elements during the
course of the various plebiscites,
the system sustained is neverthe-
less a grievously wrong one? This
is exactly the case as I learned
from reliable authorities during
my sojourn on the Island that
Temperance Associations and the
families they control along with
the bootlegging element, and their
kin comprise about 80 per
cent of those who bother to vote
at all during a referendum—and
they all cast votes in the same di-
rection.

I repeat that I saw more drunk-
ness in Charlottetown during a
few days than I would see during
a year in Montreal. The difference
is due to the fact that here
people drink only good liquor and
are educated in the art of drink-
ing, while in your Province the
residents must drink poison liquor
furtively. That the infamous Island
concoction known as red-eye rum
is a poisonous liquid goes without
saying. I found this out, as the
Committee so shrewdly guessed, by
drinking the local, greenish and
lysol have been the ruses, but they
were certainly never intended for
the stomachs of Man. It is probably
a knowledge of this fact and of
the almost automatic truth that
the more strictly the Prohibition
Law is enforced the more poison-
ous the liquor becomes, that is
responsible for what the Commit-
tee says is the legislators' hope "that
the Law will pass" into disrepute.

It is not I but rather the abstin-
ence advocates who are naive when
they state that the "reputation of
Prince Edward Island is enhanced
abroad by its stand on the liquor
question." If they think that the
Province's reputation is enhanced
by the publicized statement of
two young men recently executed
for murder attributing their down-
fall to bootleg liquor, all well and
good. Not only that, but I under-
stand that in two other murder
trials held in your city during the
or 12. From Ontario and Quebec,
not later than Nov. 12 or 13.
From Maritime Provinces, not later
than Nov. 14 or 15. Earlier mail-
ing of parcels than these final
dates is advisable, however.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"Today, it is up to all of us
to keep our courage, faith and
hopes hitched up to the stars.
Today, Canada fights on land,
on sea and in the air, and her
forces are growing all the time
and will grow according
to her needs and those of her
allies." — Pierre Casgain, Sec-
retary of State.

past few years the evidence dis-
closed that the accused were in
both cases frequenters of speak-
easies. From information I have
at hand, I would go so far as to
state that the crime in Prince Ed-
ward Island has increased consid-
erably since the advent of Prohibi-
tion and this is due in no small
degree to the evil results of the
imagination.

Now I come to a favorite argu-
ment of the Prohibitionists. They
invariably quote figures to show
that there is a great amount of
money being spent for liquor in
government-controlled areas. The
figures prove nothing. There was
a great deal more money involved
in liquor in these areas in the un-
limited Prohibition days but
the amounts never got within the
pages of national year-books and
almanacs because, as the traffic
was illegal, there was no means
of obtaining an estimate. The in-
come tax evasion cases of such men
as Capone would indicate, however,
that the amounts were astronomical.
Add to this the rackets and
the concomitant evils, all bleeding
huge sums from the people, which
Prohibition engendered, particu-
larly in the U.S.A., and the toll ex-
acted soars almost beyond the
imagination.

I will conclude, Sir, by reassert-
ing that I have no motive in pre-
sented these facts to your read-
ers beyond a pardonable interest
in the welfare of my fellow hu-
mans.

I am, Sir, etc.

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The Poet's Corner

FORFEIT

To see things clearly you must
blind one eye;
Both eyes would see too much and
give the lie
To single-mindedness. And to near
one sure command, use but a single
ear;
Hearing too well, the mind must
weigh the choice
Of this loud summons or the still
small voice.
To feel things strongly, you must
choke the heart,
Lest its wild beating tear a world
apart.

—Margaret Allen in The Lantern

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KILLED OVERSEAS
WESTVILLE, N.S., Oct. 23—
(OP)—Sgt. Observer Roy T. Oliver
has been killed on duty overseas,
his parents were notified today. No
details were given in the message
to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Oliver.
ANSTY, England.—(CP)—The
Webber, 85-year-old farmer of the
Sussex village has worked on the
same farm ever since he started
milking cows when he was five
and still works 12 hours a day.

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