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

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The Summerside Airport

Today's news from Ottawa will be read with great interest by all our citizens. The Summerside airport, already one of the finest in the Maritime Provinces, is to be converted into a special air navigational school at a cost of upwards of a million and a half dollars, and will be the only one of its kind in the whole Dominion of Canada.

Mr. MacNaught, M.P., is to be congratulated upon having been able to convince the authorities of the desirability of establishing this great air training school at Summerside. Last January it was announced by the Department of National Defense that R. C. A. F. training at Summerside would be recommenced on a limited scale.

Significant Figures

In the Maritimes, according to recently published figures by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the earned income per person varies from 64 to 78 per cent of the average across Canada. These sub-normal standards of income, the report says, have left Government services in the three Provinces at a relatively lower level than in other parts of the Dominion.

Communist Slip

A sidelight on the recent Italian elections indicates that the Communists were cock-sure of winning. A dispatch from Rome says that a number of copies of the Communist weekly, the "Vie Nuove" were delivered to subscribers on the day after polling, with this flaming headline: "Popular Front Wins,—de Gasperi Resigns."

A Vital Question

At a political meeting in Toronto a well known man is quoted as asking: "Which party can give our families the most?" Worth thought, this, comments the Ottawa Journal. For what it tells is a state of mind in this country which is all too prevalent and which is as pitiful as it is perilous.

promises and surrenders until today the borderland between free capitalism and collectivism has become all but imperceptible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Between the Musical Festival and organizing Junior Farm Clubs, our young people are finding plenty to do in their spare time these days.

Tradition has it that the Island's wealth of natural resources is comprised of the top six inches of soil. It would be quite startling if the geological survey revealed other riches.

Canada is going through a period of rapid capital expansion, a goodly portion of it financed by Maritime investors. It seems that it is up to Americans to take the risk and profit of developing industries here.

It is well to have someone remind us, as Premier Garson did, that government services are never "free." The more demands we make on government the more it is going to cost and the more power its servants are going to require.

The holiday season is again approaching, but with foreign travel practically banned and everything at prohibitive rates, about the only available holidays are a sea trip with the navy, summer camp with the army or just a holiday with the air force.

The Mayor and City Council are to be congratulated on their move to provide additional home accommodation in the City. It is a good investment from every point of view, but especially from the standpoint of City development and improvement.

Shipping losses in fog are sure to bring fresh demands that all and sundry vessels be equipped with radar. Unfortunately radar is not a complete answer. In addition to the human factor a ship sailing alone has no targets on which to test the efficiency of the set which may thus become unreliable without the knowledge of the operator.

According to the evidence being given before the Prices Committee, it is "the service" not the raw product that accounts for the increased cost of foodstuffs. Though they were not mentioned among the costs which run up prices, there should be included higher rents, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, baby bonuses, income tax, increased freight rates and embargo on importation of essentials to production.

There are still Pooh-Bahs even in Canada. Recently in Alberta, Dr. W. W. Cross was four portfolios short of being a one-man Provincial Government. With seven cabinet positions, he shared the government with Hon. C. E. Gerhart who held the remaining four.

There is something in store for our wartime navy men. The last great distribution of Royal Navy prize money will be announced soon, with United Kingdom seamen probably receiving something between £2 (\$8) and £5 (\$20) each.

Premier Garson of Manitoba made a very favourable impression on the two audiences he addressed Monday. He is not a flowery orator, but speaks with a plainness and directness that convinces one of his sincerity.

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Notes By The Way

"I may be out, but I'm certainly not down!" This was Winston Churchill's fighting message to Canada, delivered at a meeting of Parliamentarians and industrialists discussing the Canada's coal production at the Chateau Laurier last night.

It is not time that we discontinued speaking of queuing as one of the great hardships of the war to be abolished as soon as possible? The war did not originate it. To wait one's turn is a sign of a well-mannered civilized people, as the Englishman has always shown.

Altogether too much is being said by well-meaning—perhaps—people about the best chance for peace lying in making friends with Russia. We have been trying to do this for years and the chances of peace have admittedly deteriorated.

Pity the poor Lithuanians in Canada. Told by the Soviet embassy to register as Russian citizens, they had the following paragraph tacked at them last week by Canada's new and growing department of external affairs: "The Canadian government regards the registration of Lithuanian nations in accordance with the decree of the praesidium of the supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. as announced by the Soviet embassy in the Slavio-language press in Canada to be entirely a voluntary matter and recognizes no obligation on the part of any resident of Canada to register."

"I believe the fate of civilization as we understand it is bound up with the fate of books, and I believe further that the fate of books depends upon the existence of a nucleus of fit readers, that is to say, of readers who are artists in their approach to books and determined to remain so whatever restrictions are attempted or imposed.

The misfortune of getting his car mired in a mud-hole, one motorist found (says The Printed Word) was partly balanced by the fact that a farm-house was nearby. It was a matter of only a few minutes for the farmer to bring out a team of horses and a rope. The incident was not at all unusual in itself, but the motorist was surprised by the number of children that flocked to the scene to watch the horses do their pulling.

T. J. Walker, University of Wisconsin zoologist, tells of experiments in which he demonstrated how well fish smell. He arranged an aquarium in which two currents of water could be circulated without becoming mixed. Thus it was possible to introduce simultaneously water in which two different species of waterplants had been washed, and let the fish choose between their respective scents.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Sir,—In a former letter on the Indian situation, I intimated that I was through writing on that question, but a short letter appeared in The Guardian of April 23rd by "One Interested" which referred to my trip to Ottawa and which said, "I feel that many people would like to know whether he called at the Indian Affairs Department while there, and if he obtained any further information on this problem."

While in Ottawa attending a meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, I called on some members of the Commission on Indian Affairs and an official of the Department, showed me a map of Lennox Island, pointed out the numerous peat bogs and swamps and the small portion of the reserve the Commission saw while on their inspection tour.

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The Seal Hunt

(Atlantic Guardian) Into the vast white wilderness of northern icefields plow sturdy Newfoundland ships each Spring. Goal of the annual hunt is the herd of seals which come down from the north on the ice floes.

Another innovation in recent years is the seal-spotting plane which directs the ships to the "main patches." But life aboard are expending thousands of dollars on a property that they go not own.

"To think it should still be going on in 1947 near the centre of London! It was worth coming home just to see it." — Manchester Guardian.

Quickies



The Poets Corner

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - Honor this man so stricken in his prime So shattered in his life's most kindling years, That had his spirit not been strong as Time He could have won no tribute more than tears.

Old Charlottetown

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The "wooden walls" remains basically the same and the method of killing the seals, with long wooden "gaffs," hasn't changed any; the catch still has to be hauled to the ship by hand. For the hardy Newfoundlanders, who takes things as they come, the seal-fishery represents a chance to make a good month's pay in the slack season. Regardless of the risks, there are always more men offering than can be signed on.

Tragedy Of The Senate

(Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary) The Canadian Senate today is a Canadian tragedy. It is a tragedy of lost opportunity and wasted effort. This body of men might well be one of the most valuable the country could have.

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