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

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Industrial Home

The need of a reformatory and industrial home for juvenile delinquents was emphasized at the recent annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society for Prince County.

This matter has been a live subject of discussion for some time. At the last session of the Legislature an Act was put through, providing that such portion of the lands and buildings known as the Beach Grove Inn...

The Teacher Problem

"It is a strange paradox in these modern times, when we put such high value on education, that we place our least qualified, least experienced teachers in rural schools where they work under the hardest conditions and we offer the poorest salaries.

Thus writes A. A. Herriot in an article reviewing the tragic history of the present shortage of qualified teachers throughout rural Canada.

Here are the figures for permit teachers employed in Canada for the year ending June, 1947.

Prince Edward Island, with 674 classrooms, used 108 permits. Nova Scotia required 3,236 teachers and used 412 permit teachers.

"Thus," says Mr. Herriot, "we see that no Province escapes from the charge that the teacher-permit system has been used beyond all forgiveness.

Worst feature of the case is that permittees are assigned to such schools which have failed to secure a qualified teacher in time to open the fall term.

If permit teachers must be used, they need much more help than they now receive. More inspectors are needed to assist and supervise their work.

All the Provinces, it is pointed out, now have teacher pension schemes which should help in a feeling of financial security upon retirement.

may require a major operation. "It must," Mr. Herriot concludes, "be nation-wide. Put education into its proper place among our public services. Correct the unfair disparity between opportunities offered teachers and children in city and country schools.

The Amusement Tax

A promise to vacate the amusement tax field has finally been sounded from Finance Minister Abbott by Mayor Saunders of Toronto.

Mr. Abbott has placed himself on record as recognizing the Provinces' right to this field of taxation. This being so, suggests an exchange, there is nothing to prevent Ottawa's immediate withdrawal from it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember to contribute to the Fire Victims Fund.

The Saskatchewan Provincial election is said to be scheduled for June 15.

The National Film Board is costing the hard hit taxpayers over \$2 1-3 million a year.

As a result of the new price controls, 200 trained investigators will be added to the W. P. T. B. staff during the next two weeks.

British Columbia's Doukhobors are maintaining the pacifist tradition of being beligerently anti-militaristic.

With American fruit juices and fresh vegetables banned from this country Canadian tomato juice and Island turnips have come into their own.

Communist Premier, Georgi Dimitrov of Bulgaria includes Greece in his proposed union of Russian allies.

The hunting fraternity are looking after game birds in difficulties because of the deep snow. Other breeds of birds have no such organized protectors, and it is up to the tender-hearted housewife to keep them alive until natural feed is again available.

An important proposal to be made to the Parliamentary Committee on Veterans Affairs by the Legion is the stabilization of World War I pensions.

According to a timepiece of electrically activated quartz crystals the earth is not by any means a perfect time keeper.

A social club to help London parents visit their children in Canada and the United States is being organized by Mrs. Martha Fitchard, a London mother.

George Gordon, 6th Lord Bryan, English poet, born this date 1788; educated at Harrow and Cambridge where he became acquainted with John Cam Hobhouse, Baron Broughton, who at Byron's death arranged his funeral and burned his memoirs according to his wish.

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The recent proposal of the Federal Government to increase the basic rate of veterans' pensions by \$10.00 per month is not sufficiently adequate to offset the rising cost of living.

Notes By The Way

A lawyer says a client changed his will nine times in a year. A fresh heir found. St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Righteous indignation, according to a small boy's definition, is being mad without cussing. — Galt Reporter.

The modern girl is wise, according to a college professor. And why not? She passes an examination every time she meets a man. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Bears may be in unusually bad humor this Summer. The heat is driving them out of their places of winter hibernation and they're going to have an awful time catching up on their sleep. — Lethbridge Herald.

Invented by Mr. Boris Kappel of Melbourne, a burglar alarm for motor vehicles sets itself automatically when the driver leaves the car. If a thief tries to steal the car, a bell rings loudly and the engine automatically becomes inoperative. Owner can check the alarm by a concealed button. — From Australian Newsletter.

One person may be drunk with only 0.05 percent alcohol in the blood, while another may not show any effects with 30 percent, according to Dr. Roger J. Williams of the University of Texas, as reported by The New York Times. "This makes him think that it may be possible to pick out the potential alcoholic and forewarn him of his weakness. Doctors, he urges, should study individual differences in body chemistry and response to alcohol rather than the reaction of the typical or average person. What is light drinking for one person may be heavy drinking for another. A heavy drinker may never become an addict."

Not atomic power, but old-fashioned coal—dirty, smoky soft coal—is the key to America's continued prosperity and power, scientists attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science heard from Prof. S. W. Hockett of Iowa Wesleyan College. Of power sources now in sight, American coal reserves constitute 88.8 percent, with natural gas, oil shale and petroleum splitting the small remainder among them. Coal reserves of the nation total up to 2,556 billion tons, while the reserves of the other three fuels will provide the energy equivalent of only a little more than 30 billion tons of coal. It has been estimated that America's known coal reserves can meet the fuel needs of the next 2,000 years.

The average family, and most of them lived on their own farms, spun their own wool and linen into yarns and wove their own cloth or knitted their own socks and mittens. They grew their own flax, pulled it by hand, retted it in the dews of the morning, and eventually spun their own linen fibres for weaving. They made their own candles from tallow, cut all their wood for heating and cooking, made a good deal of their own sugar from maple sap. They cut their grain by hand and threshed it with flails on the barn floor. And they asked for relief, they didn't think much about hours-of-work acts, and they didn't see much real money from one year's end to the next. They were real private enterprisers, and there wouldn't have been much of a Canada here today if they hadn't been the kind of people they were. — Lethbridge Herald.

Round Cape Horn, England-bound, carrying an acre of canvas, when all her sails are set, rolls the four-masted barque Pamir, first sailing ship to be loaded in New Zealand for London in 46 years.

This beautiful old ship has followed the track that hundreds of British seafarers have sailed on the Cape Horn route; dipping down into the West Winds and turning her head eastwards for the Horn, standing right down for the cold latitudes; rounding the wild headland through smothering seas and screaming gales; running through the southern Horse Latitude; groping for the South-east Trade; on to the Line and the sweltering doldrums calm... then, as the old shantymen used to sing: Rolling home to dear old England, Rolling home, fair land, to thee. The Pamir, 3,200 tons, comes with a cargo of tallow and wool, and 64 cases of clothing—gifts for DPs. Since she was launched in 1904, she has sailed under the Finnish flag when she was taken as a war prize by the New Zealand Government. — London Daily Mail.

Maritime lobsters are smaller than they used to be, according to a report made to the Fisheries Research Board at Ottawa by Dr. A. W. H. Needler, director of the St. Andrews biological station. The reason is, he explained, that fishermen don't wait for them to grow up, but pounce on them as soon as they are of legal size. He added that increasing the size of our famed lobsters is a very matter of regulation. At the moment, authorities have this under consideration. Meanwhile, there is no danger of the lobster fisheries being depleted, Dr. Needler said. That, of course, is good news for gourmets. But it's even better news for people who depend on crustaceans for a living. The economic value of lobsters is not as well known as their delicious flavor. But, in recent years, annual returns from lobster fishing have topped \$5,000,000 in New Brunswick alone, which makes them more important than any other fish. Sardines are next, with the catch being worth around \$3,000,000. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

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.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Sir, — Having just the ordinary person's knowledge of fire fighting, I am perhaps in no position to criticize. However, I feel I must express the indignation of myself and others at the inefficiency of the fire service in Charlottetown. I realize it is not the fault of the firemen themselves. I know they are more or less volunteers and very poorly paid. The blame lies with City authorities. I am sure they pay wages far less essential services than fire fighting; surely in this modern age one does not expect firemen to appear at a fire without a safety net and apparently without ladders. If we had an efficient alarm system and a fire service on regular duty, then two lives could have been saved on Sunday morning. There seems to be no good reason why they weren't saved and I hope this case will rouse the citizens of Charlottetown into demanding that something be done by the responsible parties to improve this important service.

After all, it could have been anybody's home and children and as for residents of Maple Hills, I dread to think what could happen here before help reached us. I am, Sir, etc. JESSIE E. PUDSER, Maple Hills, P.E.I.

AMERICAN SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE

Sir:—My name doesn't matter. Just call me Joe Doe—Joe for G. I. Joe, soldier, and Doe for John Doe, civilian, which I'm supposed to be now. I might be any one of sixteen million Americans who served in the armed forces during World War II. We're supposed to be the civilians in a world at peace; but, as the late Webb Miller used to say, there is no peace. So Joe Doe is more appropriate than John Doe, after all.

We hear a lot of talk nowadays about helping the Germans, the Italians, the Austrians—all our late enemies—as well as the French and other European peoples. That's a fine. We should help them; in fact, we must. But I'm thinking, too, of another people—steadfast, somewhat reserved and quiet at times, but friendly once you get to know them—on whose already crowded little island more than three million Americans were stationed at one time or another during World War II.

The British are a fine people, as those of us who lived among them longest and hence know them best, will testify. They, our closest friends and allies, need our help in this bitter postwar winter of denial which faces them.

If every one of us Americans had to put up, even for a brief period of time, with the food shortages and other privations which constitute the daily lot of the British and other foreign peoples, we would then appreciate immeasurably more the abundance, the comfort which even the poorest of us is blessed. As one American who was based for more than three years in England, I'd like to go back on a Friendship Trip (if I could afford it) and live among these people for a while, to experience for myself their postwar hardships, then tell America, from first-hand knowledge what they're up against. I am, Sir, etc. JOE DOE, P. O. Box 5022, Dallas, Texas, U. S. A.

APPRECIATION FROM SPORTSMAN

Sir, — This is something that I intended doing for some time. I wish to compliment you on your splendid column "Hunter's Roundup." It provides interesting reading; also it keeps one posted on the increase and decrease of our wild life as well as the shooting and trapping seasons. You are doing a great thing in the interest of sport and the increase of game.

Personally I am interested in the sports of hunting and horseracing. Therefore Hunter's Column and that of Col. MacKinnon in Saturday's Guardian afford me great pleasure and are always looked forward to.

However there are a few things that we up here cannot understand. We pay an annual license fee as well as other citizens of P.E.I. but when it comes to planting game such as pheasants we are not taken into consideration.

It appears to us that the Charlottetown sportsmen get the cream of everything including setting the dates of game seasons and extending them to suit themselves. I hope in the future they will remember we too are sportsmen. I feel quite sure most of the boys here would contribute to the Association if we were assured pheasants.

There are quite a number of large covays of Hunt near our village, but unfortunately the severe storms are making it very difficult for them to survive. We are putting out grain and hay at intervals, but it is very discouraging. However we are going to continue as the sporty little fellows would be misled. How about a little news about the Plover fox hunters? I hunt foxes any day I can get away. I have two good hounds, but quite often come home empty handed; not the fault of the dogs however. We have bagged three reds and one platinum to date. This is truly the King of Sports. I am, Sir, etc. W. MARNE KENNEDY, O'Leary, P.E.I.

The Poets Corner

THE FLOWER-FED BUFFALOES
The flower-fed buffaloes of the spring
In the days of long ago,
Ranged where the locomotives sing
And the prairie flowers lie low;
The tossing, blooming, perfumed grass
Is swept away by wheat,
Wheels and wheels and wheels spin
by
In the spring that still is sweet,
But the flower-fed buffaloes of the spring
Left us long ago.
They gore no more, they bellow no more,
They trundle around the hills no more,
With the Blackfeet lying low,
With the Pawnees lying low.
—Vachel Lindsay.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)
BANKRUPTCY ACT
Legislative Assembly, March 28, 1874:
Hon. Mr. Brecken moved "that it is inexpedient to continue the Act of the 34th. Vic. cap. 15, intitled "An Act for the relief of Unfortunate Debtors."

Mr. Welsh was glad to hear that the present bankruptcy law would shortly expire, as it was one of the most unjust measures ever enacted by our local Parliament. Instead of benefiting the country, it only protected parties in their deeds of roguery and villainy.

Hon. Mr. Haviland said some persons had made more money under the operation of our present bankruptcy law, than they would have made in any other way. In every respect, the Act now in force was a vicious one.

Mr. L. H. Davies thought it fortunate that the local Legislature had not power to pass another Bankruptcy Act, and that the matter now rested with the General Parliament at Ottawa. We had, previous to the passing of the present Act, a barbarous law on the statute books, which enabled a creditor to take a poor man's all, and the Legislature, in stepping in, did great service to the country. It was all very well to talk about cheating creditors; but a debtor required protection from a hard, overbearing creditor, who would, when misfortune overtook him, pounce down and take from him all that was left.

Hon. Mr. Brecken said there was much truth in what had been stated by the leader of the Opposition but it was a one-sided law, and permitted a debtor to fritter away his property in the very presence of the creditor, without placing the latter in a position to place him in the Bankruptcy Court. The Act was afterwards amended so as to prevent any applicant taking advantage of its provisions, who could not pay five shillings to the pound.

Mr. Welsh said that anything that ever went into the Bankruptcy Court, had never come out of it. Hon. Mr. Haviland said many gentlemen who had gone into trouble would never have been able to shake of their burden without the assistance of such a law, but there had, perhaps, been only nine or ten of the many who had gone through the Court who really deserved its protection.

Hon. Benj. Davies: It was very difficult to frame a Bankruptcy law that would do justice to all parties. A great deal of the business of the Colony was carried on, on credit, and the consequence inevitably was, that there were a great many failures among our merchants and traders. In the absence of a bankruptcy law, if a man fails in business, there are always some parties, to the look-out, indebted who are on the lookout, and pounce down upon him for the purpose of getting the lion's share. Taking our present law upon the whole, he thought it had been productive of a good deal of good.

Mr. Welsh said a good many parties had bought a large quantity of stock on credit, handed it over to an auctioneer, to sell for ready money, and immediately afterwards went through the Bankruptcy Court. What kind of law would allow men such latitude as that? The roguery, villainy and dishonesty that had been carried on by men taking advantage of its provisions, more than counterbalanced all the benefits that had been derived from it. If any non-member obtained a single shilling of dividend in a case acted upon by the Unfortunate Debtors' Court, he would like to know who he was, as he had never seen any person who had.

(After further discussion, Mr. Mr. Brecken's resolution was adopted.)

MILK FOR HUNGRY

VANCOUVER — (CP) — The 17th Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia has donated \$20 to purchase a goat to be sent to Japan under auspices of "Helpers for Relief," a United States agency. The goat is expected to produce milk to feed 10 hungry children daily.

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ALCOHOL FOR FUEL?
TORONTO, Jan. 21 — (CP) — Alcohol may eventually replace oil as an industrial fuel, William Roberts, executive vice-president of the Allis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee, Wis., told delegates to the annual dinner of the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Association last night.
He said North America's petroleum shortage will soon force the industry to distill alcohol from vegetable matter for use in industry.
ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Jan. 21 — (C P) — Two-year-old Marilyn Flowers and her baby sister, Joyce, four months, were burned to death today when the five-room house in which they had been left alone was destroyed by flames.

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"There must be a mistake. Our Guardian Want Ad wanted a bookkeeper—and there's 18 of them out there to be hired!"