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

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The King's Birthday

"It will be my constant endeavour, with God's help, supported as I shall be by my dear wife, to uphold the honour of the Realm, and to promote the happiness of my people."

These words, spoken at the time he began his reign, are characteristic of His Majesty King George VI, who has already won an abiding place in the hearts and minds of his people.

It has been said that no other British monarch in history has been so close to his people. His inspiring example during the years of World War Two are fresh in the public mind, as is also, to Canadians, the unprecedented visit of Their Majesties to this country and United States in 1939.

It is words and deeds such as these that mark the true significance of Kingship, and inspire that feeling of loyalty and devotion to the Crown which finds formal expression in the observance of Monday's holiday.

Island Peat Resources

The survey of our peat bog resources by officials of the Department of Mines, Ottawa, is to be undertaken once again, and it is to be hoped with some concrete results.

As far back as 1917, the P. E. I. Development Commission reported on this subject, quoting from an earlier report of the Department of Mines which had made a survey of Island peat bogs in 1913.

The Commission of 1917 estimated a total cost per ton (in the field) of \$2.47 for a plant of thirty tons daily capacity. It assumed that a bog of 100 acres, 9 feet deep would furnish sufficient peat to supply the plant for twenty years.

There, apparently, the matter of our peat fuel resources has rested for the past thirty years. Now we are to have a new investigation by Ottawa officials, and it is to be hoped that the results, whatever they are, will be conclusive.

Canada's Debt

One of the arguments used by anti-Confederatists in the Newfoundland plebiscite was Canada's huge debt—ten times more per capita than Newfoundland's. On March 31, 1948, the Dominion national debt amounted to \$16,300,000,000.

Comparing these national debts on a per capita basis, Canada's debt amounts to \$13.25 and that of United States to \$17.60 per head of the population.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 2nd Sunday after Trinity. Tomorrow "D" Day 1944 when our forces set out to defeat Hitler.

Le Soleil states that Premier Duplessis will announce at Three Rivers tomorrow July 28 as the date of Quebec Provincial election.

It seems like a threat to hold up the Abegweit at Sorel for six weeks for planking. Could not the work be done here? Where there is a will there is a way.

The best news for a long time is the announcement that a beginning is to be made with the erection of 29 houses in Orlebar St. to rent from \$34 to \$37.50 per month.

Prospects of a good hay crop are encouraging to farmers and dairymen but like so many aspects of farming it remains a gamble to the end.

Western floods have had grim results but there is a lighter side. A Manitoba dispatch, for instance, quotes a resident as saying he saw rabbits sitting in trees.

Rev. L. M. Murray, Kensington, will conduct a course in administration at the Maritime Conference of the Young People's Union Summer School at Sackville in the week beginning July 6.

The French Minister of Agriculture, M. Pierre Primlin, addressing the International Federation of Agricultural Producers urged delegates to encourage an increase in world farm production without fear of overproduction.

No better or more appropriate memorial than a Church Carillon can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one. The DeBlois Carillon in St. Paul's will be greatly appreciated not only by the members of that fortunate congregation but by the community at large.

Veterans of the Second World War have purchased \$56,889,000 worth of veterans' insurance, it is announced. Applications for the insurance totalled more than \$1,500,000 a month. To April of this year 19,812 policies were issued.

Britain is to have a National Army, a full scale force ready for any emergency, and the United States is anxious to establish a Foreign Legion to do its police work.

Imitation even in rodents is the sincerest form of flattery. A large rat which inhabits the Keene, N.H., fire station has won the respect of the city's fire fighters.

What does it mean? Mr. G. J. McIlraith, Parliamentary Assistant to Reconstruction Minister, states that "since the Charlottetown Airport was designed to be a permanent establishment it would be desirable that, sooner or later, the buildings at Maple Hills now used as housing be moved out of the area to other sites."

Adam Smith, Scottish political economist and sociologist, born this date 1723. Was professor of moral philosophy in Glasgow University, and his Theory of Moral Sentiments, in which he takes sympathy as the root idea in morals, became the inspiration of the 19th Century sociologists.

The eighth anniversary of the first landing of an organized Canadian force on European soil in the Second World War will be quietly observed next week but it will not be marred by the profound gloom and stunned hopelessness of those dark, early days of the war.

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-Notes By The Way-

School the year round has been suggested by a Tennessee teacher. The pupils are saying that the rest of the crime news can be found on the inside pages. — Hamilton Spectator.

A physician says the ears and throat are sympathetically connected by a common nervous system. It is that why things we hear occasionally give us a pain in the neck?—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Necking has been prohibited near certain memorials in London, England, because it is deemed to jeopardize the dignity of the monuments. Well, monuments are for the dead and love-making is for the living. It is difficult to see how the one bothers the other, or vice versa. — Windsor Star.

Television in the British Isles is a long way ahead of the United States effort. One powerful station in the Alexandra Palace in North London almost covers the whole country. Since the war, much progress has been made there with television of events in their natural colors. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Breakers pounding the cliff on which it stands are damaging the foundations of Andrews Castle, one of the storm centres of the Reformation in Scotland. The ruins of the stronghold, scene of the murder of Cardinal Beaton, are under the care of the ancient monuments department of the ministry of works, and they are taking immediate steps to repair the ravages of the sea. Seventy tons of concrete, sand, and stones are being poured into a breach in the foundations near the Kitchen Tower. — Edinburgh Scotsman.

An American surgeon has found that the "death seat" is the front seat beside the driver. He points out that the driver is in the safest place, protected by the steering wheel, and that a survey of accidents in the front seat are injured three times as often as the operator. This is a point to be kept in mind by the driver who so often has a loved one at his side. If he realized that is the person he is putting in danger, even more than himself, he might be disposed to take fewer risks on the road. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

A man is better able to face the goings-on of the lads in Washington if he has a good breakfast under his belt. This business of some fruit juice, a slice of toast and a cup of coffee is a snare and a delusion. All things considered and after exhaustive experimentation, the countryman has come to the firm conclusion that he wants a generous wedge of pie—any kind except fliggy, unstable custard. When a man has concluded his matutinal feeding with a piece of delicious apple, prune, raisin, cherry, mince-meat, chocolate-flavored with peppermint, coconut cream, or apricot pie, he is ready to tackle the problems of contemporary existence. — Chicago Daily News.

A man cannot help the state he is born into, whether it be peer or pauper, and Viscount St. Davids is sorry he was born to become a peer. He told a Cornish audience the other day that he wanted to get out of the House of Lords. "No Socialists," he said, "can support the existence of a hereditary privileged class, and one thing I bitterly regret is that I am one of these unfortunate people." Viscount St. Davids is a wealthy man with a big house in London, an estate in Pembrokeshire and another in Cambridgeshire. He is not the only man who is a peer, wealthy and a Socialist. And he is not the only hereditary legislator who thinks the hereditary system is indefensible and should be abolished. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

In their wisdom the people of Hamilton have for generations considered it prudent to specify that out of a total of 23 members of the Board of Education, six are to be appointed by the City Council (two annually for a term of three years), and one by the Separate Schools Board. They represent all the citizens of Hamilton. The remaining 16 members of the board are elected as representatives of the various wards, one in every ward each year for a period of two years. The advantage of this system, as has been so often proven in the past, is that the seven members representing all the citizens are in a position to take the broader, long-term view and to act as a brake upon impetuous political or sectional opportunism. — Hamilton Spectator.

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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.

MARGARINE PROPAGANDA

Sir,—By your Editorial Notes (Guardian, May 17) I see that "the margarine agitation is to be kept alive by the appointment of a Commission to consider the advisability of permitting the manufacture in the Dominion."

This urban reader seldom goes beyond the city lights; but that fact does not seem to bar me from a keen interest in this whole butter vs. margarine "agitation," nor from a very lively sense of my dependence upon healthy conditions for not only the dairy farmers but, also, for agricultural activities generally.

Sometimes I get the impression that the one-third of the people of the world, who live in the large towns and cities—and who, I think it can be fairly said, are responsible for most of the social and economic and political headaches of the present hour—are inclined to forget, to put it mildly, the inter-dependence between themselves and the precious top six or seven inches of "the good earth."

If the "margarine agitation" finally succeeds in spotlighting the amount of human energy expended down on the farms, at revenue levies which urban "organised workers" would not consider for a moment, I think the barrage of propaganda may yet perform an unintended, but nevertheless valuable service.

So far as I can make out from a perusal of this farm income scene, it wouldn't take a great deal of pressure to induce tens of thousands of farm families to beckon the auctioneer, call it a day, and make the proverbial "bee-line" for the nearest centre of population—where, as one of my farm friends put it "there are twice as many dollars to be picked up, in half the number of work hours the farm week calls for."

If and when all the facts are on record, I have no doubt of the ability of the average urban Canadian to decide how the long-term interests of the farmers synchronize with his own.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Sir,—Dr. G. D. Steel, Principal of Prince of Wales College, in a recent address pointed out that the following ideals should be the goals of reformed education: 1. The young Canadian must become an effective worker.

2. He must become a wise citizen.

3. He must be able to enjoy his leisure.

The report of the survey committee of the Canada and Newfoundland Education Association points out that a typical small city high school has five departments, each preparing students for distinct objectives. It will have a college preparatory department to prepare students to enter universities, normal school, etc.; a department of commerce to prepare students to enter the world of business; a department of agriculture to prepare the students of the country to become good farmers; a department of trades and industrial arts; and a department of home economics to prepare girls for homemaking and other occupations usually followed by women.

In this school all students are required to study English, Health and Social Studies. It is generally agreed today that all the students in secondary schools should be receiving instruction in English (both Language and Literature), Health and Social Studies (History, Geography, Civics, etc.). In addition they will study those subjects which lie closest to the work they intend to take up after leaving school.

Now if our young people intend to go on to a College Course, or if they intend to enter business life, Prince Edward Island offers suitable educational opportunities. If they wish to earn a livelihood in Agriculture, Industry, or Home Economics, Prince Edward Island is not at present making any special provision for their education beyond Grade VIII. It is in these sections especially that our system should be expanding. This might be done by the establishing of Composite High Schools in the larger centres of population through the Province and by the establishing in Charlottetown of a Technical or Vocational School.

The Poets Corner

LOVE SONG

As the ant brought to Solomon the King The thigh of a grasshopper as an offering, So do I bring to thee, beloved, my soul. I have placed my head and my heart On the sill of the door of thy love, Step gently, child!

Old Charlottetown

PACKING HOUSE FIRE

"On Friday the large pork packing establishment of Robert Brydges, Esq., situated between Fitzroy and Kent streets, at the east end of the city, was entirely consumed by fire. At 2 o'clock the attention of a number of coopers who were working in their apartment at the north side of the building, was attracted by a singular noise in the south end. On going to the place they found a blaze rapidly extending over the apartment. They immediately let out a large number of young pigs that were in an apartment near by, and then proceeded to extinguish the flames. Their efforts were unavailing, and a messenger was despatched to give the alarm at the Police Station.

"Big Donald" was quickly sounded, and soon the different engines were on the way. Arriving on the grounds, the south side of the building was seen to be covered by an immense blaze, which was extending rapidly towards the north end. Water was looked for in vain; every well in the vicinity was dry, and for a time utter confusion reigned among the officers of the Fire Department. A small quantity of water was discovered in the pump at the railway crossing near the Lower St. Peter's Road, and Tremont and 'Rollo' steam engines took position at it. They played but a short time when the water gave out, and 'Rollo' was transferred to the well at the Gas House.

"The 'Sisby' wisely took a position at the tank at King's Square. From her arrival there, she continued to throw a telling stream, and did not extend toward the north end of the building and communicated to the ice house, and thence to the workshop of George Lacey, Carpenter. People living on Fitzroy Street, seeing the rapid approach of the flames, removed the greater portion of their furniture, and, in every way, prepared for an emergency. At 3 o'clock the building and ice house were level with the ground, and Mr. Lacey's workshop was nearly destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The factory which was consumed is a two-story pitch-roof building, 100 feet long and 40 feet wide. It contained 1,000 pork barrels, a large quantity of coopers' materials, and sundry other articles."

Only through Composite High School would there seem to be any hope of providing adequate educational opportunities for our young people. It is only reasonable to suppose that in Charlottetown or near it one of these projected schools would be established. Failing to obtain the school as a part of the provincial project, citizens of Charlottetown should be prepared to go ahead with building such a school out of their own resources.

There are two other points on which I should like to touch. I have no idea what the cost of such a school will be. Nor have I given serious thought as to how the people of Charlottetown are convinced of the service such a school can render, if they are convinced of the need for such a school, they will not begrudge the money. No one who stops long enough to consider what the people of this Province spend on spirituous liquors, on tobacco, on commercialized entertainment can long doubt our ability adequately to support the project that the various speakers on this series have been presenting. We have all read, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Surely we are not prepared to admit that our children are less close to our hearts than are these other things I have just mentioned.

In closing I would urge all my readers to give serious thought to the problem of providing adequate schools for the greatly increased number of boys and girls who with diverse gifts and widely varying ability today require school opportunities, that until recently were not recognised as having a place in a well regulated educational system.

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Gandhi Postage Stamps

In India's postage four denominations will be embraced in the Mohandas K. Gandhi set, rather than the two originally announced, according to Dhirubhai Mehta. The values, as revised, will be: 1-1-2 annas, for inland postage; 1-1-3 annas, for foreign postage; 12 annas, for airmail, and 10 Rupees denomination. From a series of photographs, two have been selected for the four stamps. The first three values will be in a single color, but of different values, while the fourth, or 10R, will be bicolored and somewhat larger in format. Issuance of these stamps has been delayed somewhat. Several trials were printed by the India Security Press at Nasik, but none were deemed satisfactory. Arrangements were therefore made with a Swiss firm (Courvoisier) by Krishna Prasad, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs. The set will appear within three months.

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