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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Proof Of Financial Responsibility

Prince Edward Island has a statute requiring drivers involved in highway accidents to produce proof of their financial responsibility, but the Government has not yet proclaimed it in force...

Soil Conservation Emphasized

The need for a national council on soil conservation is advocated convincingly in a bulletin issued by the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

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The policy that the Institute has set forth takes immediate account of the fact that the land resources of Canada are largely vested in the provinces.

Suing The Crown

The Manchester Guardian calls attention to the curious fact that while, since 1947, the King of England may be sued in a court of law by most classes of his subjects...

"Canadian law," says the Manchester paper, "is derived from English law; but this relic of the divine rights of kings, this principle that the King can do no wrong, still lingers on in Canada..."

tion of following our country's lead. "The Minister had declared that under the existing system there was no 'substantial injustice' to the subject. An aggrieved person, he said, is never refused consent to sue. He or she is told whether the claim is considered a good one; if it is, the Government tries to settle it out of court, and if it is not the plaintiff also benefits because he knows on high legal authority that his chances of victory are dim."

The Winnipeg Free Press gives some interesting examples in which individuals with a grievance were in fact refused permission to sue the Crown. It argues that the procedure of petition of right belongs to the past, and that with the growth of public ownership and of the powers of Government departments this ancient prerogative of the Crown can with advantage be brought to an end.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Septuagesima, the third Sunday before Lent and sixty-fourth day before Easter.

Now a "flying saucer" has been seen in Newfoundland. Its immortality is thus assured for such an event can hardly go unrecorded in ballad.

Western Germany has recently ended food rationing and will soon do the same with gasoline. It must make the English wonder just which side won the war.

We have the prospect of the Federal-Provincial Conference here this year, and the Fisheries Conference next year. The more conventions and organization get-togethers we have here the better for them and for us.

Saint John's new ship-to-shore telephone service will certainly prove a great convenience, but it also means that the tired business man will find it just that much more difficult to cut himself off from the office.

It cannot be too often repeated. Snow shovelling is not excessively hard work when the snow has not been heavily trampled underfoot. In this case the early shoveller is an all-round gainer in self-satisfaction and in the esteem of pedestrians.

With the light now being thrown upon City affairs, the electorate must be alive to the necessity for their representatives holding open meetings for the transaction of business. It should not be left to one or two members at the end of two or four years to disclose what had taken place, and the why and wherefore.

Quebec's proposal to subsidize seed potato production seems decidedly unfair and a violation of the principle of non-interference with inter-provincial trade.

William Harrison Ainsworth, English novelist, born this date 1805. He published about forty novels, historical and antiquarian, and at one time almost rivalled Dickens in popularity.

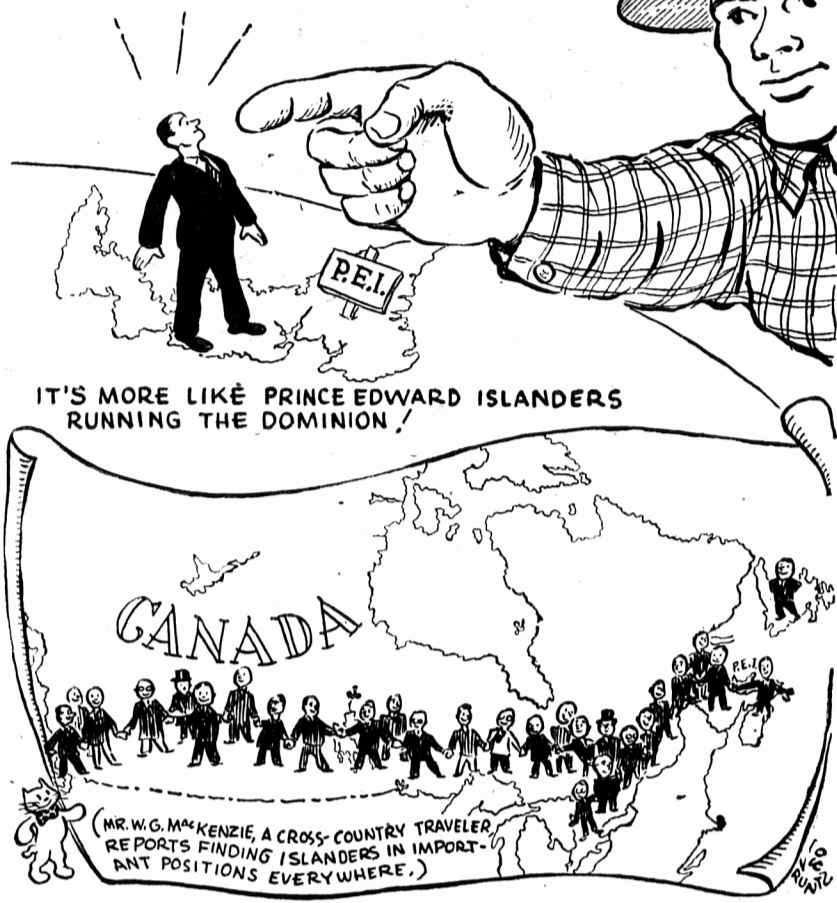
Canada's population has increased by 158,000 in the six months following June 1, and is expected to top 14,000,000 by the end of this year.

A Mountain in Britain, celebrated both in song and story, is for sale.

This Scottish peak is Ben Lomond rising from the shores of Loch Lomond which is the largest lake in Britain. This famous sheet of water is also considered by many to be one of the world's most beautiful lakes.

The Happy Relationship

SEEMS IT'S NOT SO MUCH A CASE OF THE DOMINION RUNNING P. E. I.'S AFFAIRS,



Britain's Third Party

(Globe and Mail) For the first time in more than twenty years the Liberal Party is making a bid for power in Britain. By putting up candidates in about 400 constituencies, considerably more than half the total of 625, the Liberals will establish a claim to be regarded as an alternative to Labor rule.

The Poet's Corner

THE BOWLINE

The bowline is the king of knots, or, if you like it, bends; A bowline on a bollard is the best of journey's ends.

Economics or Lunacy?

(Calgary Herald) The more you examine the U. S. government's decision to sell "surplus" potatoes to foreign nations at one cent a bag, the crazier it becomes.

The Future of Northumberland Ferries

Sir,—In order that the people of the Maritimes may have knowledge of what is developing with regard to the Northumberland Ferries service, we feel that some facts should be placed before them and beg to make the following observations.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) THE SELKIRK ESTATE "On Friday a message was sent to the House of Assembly by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, stating that the Earl of Selkirk was willing to sell to the Government his property on this Island, amounting to 48,000 acres, at the moderate price of two shillings and four pence sterling per acre—equal to three shillings and six pence our currency.

THREE-DAY BATTLE

The battle of Gettysburg, one of the most famous battles of the American Civil War, was fought July 1-3, 1863.

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In those days and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; going weeping, they shall go and seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, and their faces thitherward yearn, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

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WRITES IN SHADOW OF GALLOWS

NAPANEE, Ont., Feb. 3.—(CP)—While awaiting the gallows, Alfred Childs, 17, is writing his life story—but it may never be published.

Eye For An Eye

During the War of 1812, British