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

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Navy League Re-Launched

The revival of the P. E. I. Division of the Navy League of Canada is a welcome sign of the times.

The movement was in full strength here following the First World War, and there was no question as to its value and usefulness.

Apprenticeship Legislation

Reference in these columns yesterday to the revival in England of provisions for turning out first-class journeymen is a reminder of the measure passed by our Provincial Legislature in 1944.

Opposition members contended at the time that the bonuses should go to the apprentices, rather than to the employers.

Actually, this Act has not been in operation although it was proclaimed in 1945.

Our Apprenticeship Act appears to be a very good one, and it should be put into operation on a Province-wide scale at the earliest opportunity.

No Easier Way

That there is only one cure for high prices is now pretty generally realized. This does not lie in imposing bureaucratic regulations, but in hard work along every line of essential production.

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and we might just as well face the fact that until that job is done we are going to be short of food and goods on this continent and prices are going to continue high.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is always something to take the joy out of life. Imagine the embarrassment of the airman stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador, who became casualties—of measles.

According to a record kept by the late Mr. John Nicholson, City Engineer, the January thaw is due between the 10th and 17th. Be prepared.

"Sheffield steel" will soon cease to be regarded as denoting high quality cutlery. The British government is making preparations to instal a system of quality marking to protect the good name of the industry.

Much interest is concentrated in the fortunes of Barbara Ann Scott now defending her European figure skating title in Prague. May she have every success now and in the later Olympics.

Toronto showed itself to be a better financial city than Montreal in handling Dominion bonds. While Toronto "got out from under" at the peak of the market, Montreal took a paper loss of \$440,000.

Some worries are rather pleasant, than otherwise, as for instance: how are we to satisfy all the available and potential markets for industrial products?

Again we have a prospect of increased house accommodation. We cannot expect the population—and taxes—of the city to grow in number and amount unless we have houses for citizens and taxpayers to live in.

A new market would mean plenty work for our artisans, and this will be needed when once the Y. M. C. A. building and other enterprises are completed.

Pianos have been removed from the list of goods on which a 25 per cent Dominion consumer tax was placed last November.

After a period of war or emergency it has been the prudent custom in British countries for parliament to pass an act of indemnity protecting its servants from the possible consequences of having exceeded their authority.

Slacks won out in a contest between them and petticoats in Camden, New York. It will be recalled 14-year-old Jeannette Delahunt is the centre of a controversy which resulted in repeal of a rule that prohibited girls students from wearing slacks to classes at Camden Central School, and now she is back to classes—wearing slacks.

Jean de Reszke, Polish operatic singer and race-horse breeder, born this date 1852; was born in Warsaw and made his debut as a baritone at Venice at the age of twenty-two, and five years later appeared as a tenor in Paris; recognized as one of the greatest dramatic tenors who ever lived.

Is Toronto's population slipping while Montreal's is increasing? The estimated population is 695,302, a drop of 1,253 from last year's 696,555, the city clerk's office reports.

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Notes By The Way

As the smoke from the Abbott fireworks clears away, one fact is becoming increasingly evident: Both our trade and our "austerity" programme were considerably influenced by external considerations.

The fact that Scotsmen have a marked preference for marrying women younger than themselves means that groups made by the Registrar General for Scotland, Mr. J.G. Kyd. In his report for 1945, it is stated that the average man in Scotland marries a woman three years younger than himself.

There are human difficulties still to be overcome if a speed of 1,000 miles an hour is attained. Because of the friction of the air at this supersonic speed and the "ram" effect in engines, the propeller vehicle goes up as the square of the speed, so that at 1,000 miles an hour it is hot enough within a plane to boil water.

It is good to hear that the Cunard-Donaldson Line expects to add to its Canadian fleet in the future. It was, as the shipping line reports, an appropriate time to make this announcement should be made in Halifax "where Samuel Cunard, more than 100 years ago, established the first steam vessels."

A woodpile is as much a part of a New England farm as the cow in the barn. How and where the wood is piled is purely an individual matter, and in no way reflects on the kind of farmer.

The bald-headed men of the world have long had no one to speak for them. The Montreal Gazette, perhaps it is because they have had so little to offer. But now at last they have found a champion.

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Britain's Production Drive 1948

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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.

HUNTER'S CORNER APPRECIATED. Sir—Something happened to-night that was pleasant indeed. I was glancing over The Guardian and started reading the Hunter's Corner. I had never read it before, but now I shall always read it.

Albert E. MacDonald. Nines Mile Creek, P.E.I. I am not a hunter but a farmer. I feed the "hunt" every winter. I have a pheasant, this a cock. We have a brook running through our farm; it comes to within 50 yards of our barn, and I saw three hen pheasants stay there while the cock came up and ate with our poultry.

NORTH RUSTICO NEGLECTED. Sir—I wish the person who informed The Guardian that "all the main highways on the Island are open" would try to get down to North Rustico. He would find out how wrong he is.

It is sad to think that a Government would retaliate so. These men have been in the Government, bound to work for the welfare of all. There is an old saying that "the Lord works in mysterious ways," but the Liberals down here are getting it in the neck along with the rest of us.

SNOWBOUND. (Vancouver News-Herald) People who study highway accident statistics and who are alarmed at the growing toll traffic is taking, are wondering if radio is having any effect on the driver of the car to hear the approaching train.

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\$360,000 PER DAY... Every working day of 1946 the Sun Life paid out an average of \$360,000 to policyholders and beneficiaries. In many cases the insurance cheque represented the only funds available at a time of dire need.

The Poets Corner. YOU ASK ME WHY. You ask me, why, tho' ill at ease, within this region I subsist. Whose spirits falter in the mist. And languish for the purple seas. It is the land that freedom tith.

ANNIVERSARY GIFTS. Wedding anniversary symbols for the first 10 years in order are: paper, cotton, leather, books, wood, iron, copper, bronze or brass.

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