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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Beating Football Crowds

Not only in Prince Edward Island has
there been a revived interest in plowing
matches. The movement started in this
Province at Dundas a few years ago appears
to have spread throughout Canada.

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Premier Smallwood Bored

For "a last, manly word" on the social
cocktail party custom, Toronto Saturday
Night quotes approvingly the following
comment by Premier J. R. Smallwood of
Newfoundland:

"Until I went to Ottawa I had never
been at a cocktail party in my life. Of all
the boring experiences a man can be called
upon to endure, cocktail parties are the
worst. Personally, I do not drink anything
stronger than chocolate milk shakes, but I
could endure cocktail parties a bit more if
they provided chairs. The business of stand-
ing around for an hour, holding a full or
empty glass and pretending that you are en-
joying yourself, if my conception of the last
word in futility."

Income and Outgo

Some interesting points on the personal
incomes and expenditures of Canadians are
brought forward by the latest study of this
field by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

As might be expected, the report shows
that Ontario has by far the largest in-
dividual share of personal income in Can-
ada. On a basis of 1948 estimates, that
province with about 33 per cent of Canada's
population had 39 per cent of its total per-
sonal income.

General farm prosperity in the Prairie
Provinces is reflected in the fact that this
part of Canada also enjoys a personal in-
come greater proportionately than its share
of Canada's population. So does British
Columbia; but in each case the margin is
much less than that shown in Ontario. The
Prairies had, in 1948, slightly more than 19
per cent of Canada's population and 20 per
cent of the personal income. British Colum-
bia, with 8.3 per cent of the population had
9 per cent of the personal income. In the
rest of Canada income was lower propor-
tionately than population. This point should
be emphasized in future conferences on Do-
minion-Provincial tax arrangements.

The Bureau also shows that, in 1947,
approximately 30 per cent of national in-
come originated in manufacturing and 13
per cent in agriculture. In this connection,
the point should be made that the manu-
facturing total owes its place of eminence
largely to agriculture, both by virtue of the
great amount of manufacturing that is de-
pendent on the farms for its raw materials
and the big market which agriculture pro-
vides for manufactured goods.

Some encouragement for those concern-
ed about the cost of government may be
found in the figures covering personal in-
comes derived from government. In 1944,
17 per cent of Canada's total personal in-
come originated in the Government. In
1947, the proportion was less than 8 per
cent. It must be remembered, however,
that 1944 was a war year in which all those
in the armed services received their income
from the Government.

The Bureau's study of expenditures
shows that of their total personal expendi-

ture in 1948, Canadians laid out only 10
per cent for household operations, including
rent but excluding food. At the same time
they spent nearly as much, 9 per cent, on
tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

EDITORIAL NOTES

France continues to play her role as the
horrible example of a multiplicity of politi-
cal parties.

Revenue Minister McCann may have
frightened the taxpayer with threats but,
in this election year, it was revealed in the
Commons, there have been no prosecutions
of farmers for income tax.

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Summerside merchants' short-lived
experiment at remaining open until 5:30 prob-
ably deserved its fate. At the same time
it is a pity that some such arrangement as
the drug stores have could not be worked
out to permit shopping at odd hours with-
out placing an undue burden on employees.

It is interesting to note that operation
of the St. Stephen Exhibition showed a
small deficit this year, officials of the agri-
cultural society reported at a week-end
meeting. Total receipts were \$7,649.02 and
expenses amounted to \$8,747.00. Part of
the expense was incurred in making repairs
to the grandstand and fair buildings. The
exhibition was held this year for the first
time in 10 years, and it is planned to make
it an annual event.

A start has been made in the reorgan-
ization of the Conservative Party. Major-
General G. R. Pearkes, V.C., M.P., has been
in Fredericton for the past three days, and
tonight will be the guest speaker at a din-
ner concluding the annual meeting of the
New Brunswick Conservative Association.
Officials have stressed that the meeting is
the key event in the drive to re-organize
the party and several matters, vital to party
affairs, will be discussed. Is anything being
done in this respect by Conservatives here?

Jonathan Swift, British satirist, novelist,
essayist and pamphleteer, died this date
1745. Swift was a master of the art of
satire. Nothing escaped his merciless
scourge. He is best remembered by his
"Gulliver's Travels", which is all embracing
in its lash; every human weakness and vice
is subjected to his savage irony and sarcasm.
His splendid imagination, story-telling gift,
and command of language, rank him among
the foremost writers of fiction. For him
the times were out of joint. He is one of
the greatest and most tragic figures in
English literature.

Egg prices on October 14 this year and
previous years. The prices quoted below
are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and
Toronto the prices are those at which
graded shipments are selling to wholesalers.
At other points quotations are prices to
shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with 4 columns: Location, 1949, 1948, 1947. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown.

Workers on the towering permanent
headquarters of the United Nations, now
under construction in New York, will put
down their tools and turn off their machines
on Monday, 24th inst., while the operators
of the machinery to which the world looks
for permanent peace take over. Those op-
erators of the machinery of peace are lead-
ing statesmen from 59 countries who are in
New York for the United Nations General
Assembly, which has been meeting at sub-
urban Flushing Meadows and Lake Suc-
cess. The Assembly delegates will move
their meeting place to outdoor quarters to
take part in a cornerstone ceremony at the
permanent headquarters of the United Na-
tions and to celebrate 24 October—United
Nations Day. The principal speaker at
the U. N. Day ceremony will be President
Truman, who will go from Washington for
the ceremony. U. N. Secretary-General
Trygve Lie will place in the cornerstone
copies of the United Nations Charter and
of the U. N. Declaration of Human Rights.

The Poet's Corner

THE ROAD TO THE POOL

I know a road that leads from
town,
A pale road in a Watteau gown
Of wild-rose sprays, that runs away
All fragrant-sanded, slim and
gray.

It slips along the laurel grove
And down the hill, intent to rove,
And crooks an arm of shadow cool
Around a willow-silvered pool.

I never travel very far
Beyond the pool where willows are:
There is a shy and native grace
That hovers all about the place.

And resting there I hardly know
Just where it was I meant to go,
Contented like the road that dozes
In pampered gown of briar roses.

—Grace Hazard Conking.

Old Charlottetown

GOVERNOR READY'S TOUR

(Continued)

On Friday the 5th inst., Lieuten-
ant Governor Ready inspected the
3rd Batt. of Militia at Three Rivers,
and after passing the night at the
hospitable mansion of Mr.
August Macdonald, proceeded
Saturday to the town of George-
Town, the situation of which he
spent some time in examining.

On Wednesday last, his Excel-
lency and suite set out at an early
hour on an excursion to the west-
ern parts of the Island, and at
3 o'clock the same day he inspected
the 1st Batt. of Militia at Prince-
Town. He afterwards visited the
Grammar School at that place, in
which were 120 scholars, and ex-
pressed himself much pleased
with the mode of teaching in
practice there, and the appearance
of the scholars, several of
whom repeated their exercises in
his presence, much to his satisfac-
tion.

At 6 o'clock he sat down at an
excellent dinner at Mr. Beariste's
Inn, with about thirty of the prin-
cipal inhabitants, Col. Stewart in
the chair.

The greater part of the next day
he spent in viewing Prince-Town
and the country adjacent, and in
the afternoon proceeded to St.
Eleanor's where, after inspecting
the 5th Batt. of Militia, which
mustered about 500 strong, he din-
ed with the gentlemen in that
vicinity at Smith's Tavern, on
which occasion the Rev. Mr. Jen-
kins presided with his usual af-
fability.

The day following his Excel-
lency crossed the Ellis River and
went as far as New Bideford in
Lot 13, where he spent the night
at Mr. Burnard's. The following
day he visited most of the ship-
building establishments at Bede-
que, and having rode through that
fine settlement, was highly pleased
at the appearance which the
fertile and blooming fields every-
where presented.

Having spent the night at Mr.
Campbell's he proceeded next
morning to Tryon, and some miles
from the place was met by a
cavalcade of 50 horsemen who es-
corted him into the settlement.
After viewing the most prominent
objects he was conducted to a
tent prepared for the occasion,
where an Address, numerously
signed by the principal inhabitants
of the settlement was presented to
him. He then sat down to an
elegant collation. Col. Holland in
the chair, assisted by Mr. Palmer
at vice, and a number of the
Hon. Mr. Haviland and the
Attorney General, who accom-
panied his Excellency, were among
the guests. It is unnecessary for
us to add, in hilarity and good
faith, how the health of his Excel-
lency was drank with the same
degree of rapturous applause as
at all the other places where he
dined in the course of his tour.

His Excellency proposed the health
of the company and prosperity to
the settlement, and soon after
rose from the table and resumed
his journey to Charlottetown,
where he arrived about 9 in the
evening.

During these repeated journeys
of our worthy Lieutenant Gov-
ernor the state of the roads occupied
much of his attention, and he
was attended by the road com-
missioners of the different dis-
tricts through which he passed.

—Prince Edward Island Register,
Aug. 16, 1825.

SPAIN'S DOMAIN

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Future Governor-Generals To Be Canadians



Chignecto Canal

(Vinton Mader in The Canadian
Geographical Journal)

From the middle of the nine-
teenth century the mainland of
Nova Scotia has been cut in half
by an ill-fated and forgotten canal
and the Island of Cape Breton has
also been divided into two parts.

Familiar to more, but still not
widely known, are the many plans
and proposals to cut Nova Scotia
off from New Brunswick at the
isthmus of Chignecto, a bare
twenty miles of marshland between
the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the
Bay of Fundy.

The dream of the Chignecto or,
as it is called after the bay into
which its northeast end would
run, the Baie Verte Canal is doubt-
less the oldest of these three en-
terprises. A report upon the isth-
mus made by de Meulles, the In-
tendant of Canada, in 1686, over
two and a half centuries ago, says
Chignecto "may be easily cut
through by a canal, since all the
land there is very low. In this
case communication would be made
between the French Bay (Chig-
necto Bay) and the Straits of St.
Lawrence (Northumberland Strait),
which would shorten the way from
Quebec to Port Royal (Annapolis)
by at least two hundred leagues
(600 miles)." Thus, the thought
that occurs when one looks at a
map of the Maritime Provinces had
been entertained as a project in
the earliest days of the French
colonies.

In the early days communication
in the Maritimes was almost en-
tirely by coastwise shipping, and
vessels were at the mercy of the
weather. The idea of a shorter
and safer route than the hazard-
ous ocean one around Nova Scotia
was first proposed in 1822, when
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The Province of Nova
Scotia went so far as to charter
a short-lived private company to
undertake construction of the
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But never to be sure it has
had its final entombment! One day,
again, some member of Parlia-
ment from the provinces by the
sea may rise in the House of Com-
mons. With fire in his eyes he
may demand to know if the gov-
ernment realizes that the marshes
of Chignecto are an open invita-
tion to cannibalization—and the Baie
Verte Canal will be alive again.

The Age-Old Story

That ye may suck and be sat-
isfied with the breast of her
solutions; that ye may milk out,
and be delighted with the abun-
dant of her glory. As one whom a
mother comforteth, so will I com-
fort you, and ye shall be comforted
in Jerusalem.

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Notes By The Way

When Niagara district fruit farm-
ers found their harvesting ham-
pered by lack of baskets early in
September, Boy Scouts of Niagara
Falls made a house to house can-
vass at very short notice and col-
lected 1900 baskets. These helped
the fruit growers over a difficult
period until other supplies became
available.—Scout News.

It is regarded as a generally
safe rule for motorists not to ex-
tend favors of rides promiscuously
to children with whom they
are not acquainted or to grown
persons about whom they know
nothing. It may work hardship to
some poor mortals plodding their
way along, but it assures safety
from imposition in many cases
and serious trouble in others. To
exercise good judgment is the
chief aim, but to avoid the pro-
fessionally lamp, who cannot ride
an embryo as easily as before, is
good advice.—Sydney Post-Record.

Like the people of Calgary,
who have to be called "Cowtown",
the citizens of Toronto dis-
like being called "Hogtowners".
We can't say that we blame them.
How did Toronto get the name
"Hogtown"? There are many rea-
sons, of course, but the main one
undoubtedly is an eight-letter
word called jealousy. "Hogtown",
after all, isn't such a bad name.
The slang meaning of hog is a
person who wants everything, and
who usually has it.—Leithbridge
Herald.

To commemorate a recent in-
cident in which a pair of robins
nested and hatched a family of
six in the lecture room of the
lectern Bible are being provided
in All Saints' Church, Ringsfield,
Suffolk. About eighty people
from all parts of the country have
written to the rector, the Rev.
H. S. Verrills, about the robins.
He has had printed for despatch
to them a detailed account of
which he describes as "a trivial
but charming incident."—Lon-
don Times.

Senator John Foster Dulles, Re-
publican expert on foreign affairs,
calls for the full development of
the St. Lawrence Seaway and
power project. Russia's posses-
sion of the atomic bomb makes
this more vital than ever as a
defence measure. With all its
emphasis on defence, it is
easy to understand United States
bumbling attitude toward the sea-
way. In any possible war, coastal
sectors of this continent will be
the most vulnerable to attack, the
centre of the continent most easily
defended.—Windsor Star.

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