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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink

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Island Teachers

The statement by Dr. Lloyd Shaw that there are now only three schools on the Island without teachers indicates a decided improvement in that situation, as does the fact that the number of permit teachers has decreased from 126 in 1946 to 62 today.

Still Non-Citizens

An anomaly in the status of recently arrived refugees from Europe is becoming both more apparent and more troublesome, says the Globe and Mail.

All of them have passed through a double screening—that of the International Refugee Organization, and that of a competent body of Canadian officials.

The Seaweed Industry

A pamphlet on the Canadian seaweed industry, by Dr. R. C. Rose, of the division of applied botany, National Research Laboratories, has been published by the national chemurgic committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

However, it is suggested that further research would be helpful. In 1948, following a conference at Halifax called by the National Research Council on the utilization of seaweed, an associate committee was formed under the chairmanship of Dr. W. H. Cook.

Factors affecting the extraction of carrageenin are now being studied with a view to adopting a standard laboratory method of extraction. When this is done it is planned to study the yield and quality from weed collected at various places and seasons.

The pamphlet is illustrated with Na-

tional Film Board pictures of Irish moss gathering activities in Prince Edward Island.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now for a bus service over all.

A Montreal firm is reported to be turning out ladies' stockings of finely spun steel. Whether there is any magnetic attraction built into them or not is not indicated.

The fame of P. E. I. advanced registry Yorkshires continues to spread. It seems that Island stock is helping Western breeders to take prizes on both sides of the border.

Should the C. N. R. obtain control of the Province for bus service, in the event of a railway strike we would be completely cut off from traffic service by road as well as rail.

The visit of Mr. M. G. L. Stewart, President of Imperial Oil Limited and directors and officials of the company has indeed been a welcome one. The Island is far from being at its best but at least we are able to show what winter should be like.

The King's County Federation of Agriculture has been experiencing severe weather for its organizational meetings. That should at least ensure that the first officers are enthusiastic and not readily deterred by difficulties.

Canada's atomic research centre at Chalk River, Ont., is a remarkable place in more ways than one. According to Dr. David Keys, in the nearby village of Deep River children outnumber adults three to one, a truly astonishing statement for which there must be some undisclosed explanation.

Federal Government expenditures are increasing at a rate which worries even Ottawa, now that the exigencies of electioneering are well in the background. It is much easier to promise every sort of social benefit than to keep down the cost of providing it.

A way to judge the value of health campaigns is suggested by an Ontario doctor, and the method seems sound. The question to ask is not merely is it for health, but does it assist the men who assist the men who are doing work to further health.

Chancellor Sir Stafford Cripps' statement that the American dollar has fallen five per cent more than the pound is somewhat startling but, in a very real sense, true. A rise in price levels such as we saw in this country and the United States is certainly devaluation of the currency concerned.

The rotten-egg reception of a Spanish 4-man "cultural mission" in Havana, Caracas and San Jose may have relieved the minds of the throwers of some of their antipathy towards Franco. From every other point of view the incidents are all to the advantage of the Spanish dictator.

A "ruinous rate war" between railways and the Canada Steamship Lines is warned against by counsel for C. S. L. What has been equally ruinous to the Maritimes has been the virtual elimination of water competition these many years since the departments including railways and marine were combined as "Transport."

Joseph, 1st Baron Lister, English surgeon, died this date 1912. He held the chairs of surgery successively in Glasgow, Edinburgh and King's College, London. A disciple of Pasteur he began using antiseptics in all his surgical operations. The immediate and definite success of the Listerian treatment soon led to its adoption by surgeons everywhere.

If, (writes a correspondent to an American contemporary), by any chance, the so-called "mercy killing" of suffering incurables should be legalized, the proponents of such a bill might just as well carry the whole business to its logical and inevitable conclusion: (1) the extermination of the malformed, the insane, the criminal, the social and biological misfit; (2) the slaying of the mentally and physically weak, the blind, crippled, mute, diseased, alcoholic, aged; (3) the liquidation of all enemies of the state. Then, as we progress, the law might be stretched to include the rich mother who has been hanging around a little too long, the "unjust" father who will not let us have our way, or the neurotic wife who is something of a bother to us. . . . Is it later than we think, or has the anti-Christ already arrived?

The Poet's Corner

LASTLY CAME WINTER
(From "The Faerie Queene")
Lastly came Winter, clothed all in
freeze.
Chattering his teeth for cold that
did him chill;

Science and Politics

Some light on what is happening to Soviet scientists today is provided by the case histories of the two Lysenko brothers. One is being lauded in Russia as a leading scientist. The other is in voluntary exile in the U. S.

The Dog Got Home

Some years ago a hunter, whom we knew intimately, lived in Central Michigan and went north across the Straits to hunt deer, taking "Ring" the family pet and deer hound with him.

Don't Just Buy Chicks Buy Production

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The Age-Old Story

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Old Charlottetown

A ROWDY INCIDENT
"On Monday night, a number of the crew of H.M.S. Rose were on shore, on liberty, indulging in the usual frolics of sailors ashore, and were scattered through the different taverns in this town; their conduct was certainly most offensive, and yet, will it be believed, a party of ruffianly assassins collected under the walls of the Province Building, and there armed themselves with bludgeons, evidently with the intention of doing bodily harm to some persons.

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Notes By The Way

The fact that about 88,000 Negroes now are enrolled, part time or full time, in all American colleges or universities, while slightly over 25,000 of these attend the institutions represented in the United Negro College Fund, is a hopeful sign for the full-scale participation of Negroes in American democracy.

The mourning of a few months ago over the prospect then seen of the disappearance of the colorful kilt from the Canadian military scene now seems to have been unnecessary.

Canada is a great country and calls for people full of courage and of unquestioned loyalty and ready to educate to a greater loyalty those who have had their early training in foreign countries and to whom the ideals of British freedom were hitherto unknown.

A Welsh firm is now mass-producing prefabricated mobile bungalows which can be moved by loading the complete house on to a four-wheel trailer float.

The Japanese are disappointed that the Colombo conference made no definite move towards a peace treaty, but are still convinced that a treaty, or its equivalent, will be their this year.

Representative Williams of Mississippi has introduced a bill to forbid Federal employment of any husband and wife if one of them earns over \$5,000 or if their combined pay is over \$7,500.

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