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

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For The Maritimes

Mr. John R. MacNichol, Progressive Conservative member for Toronto-Davenport, has once again shown his interest in the Maritime Provinces by urging a constructive programme for Maritime rehabilitation in the House of Commons.

Evidently Mr. MacNichol, a hard-headed business man, is not impressed by the answers tabled to Mr. McLure's questions in Parliament, regarding the unfeasibility of the grain elevator project here.

Mr. MacNichol believes that with proper facilities this Province could produce a million hogs a year. In this connection it is worth mentioning the visit here this week of Mr. R. D. Colquette, of Winnipeg, editor of The Country Guide, who came here especially to get first-hand information about the new type of bacon hog of high quality which this Province is producing.

As for the auxiliary car ferry Mr. MacNichol is urging, it is now more than two years since Premier Jones announced in the Legislature that construction of this boat had been decided upon at Ottawa.

Mr. MacNichol's other proposals, for development of electrical power at Grand Falls, construction of the Chignecto canal and expansion of primary and secondary industries in the Maritimes, are all of great importance.

Nova Scotia Capitulates

"Whatever may be said to the contrary," says the Halifax Chronicle disconsolately, "there is little difference between the (taxation) terms Premier Macdonald proposes to accept and those against which the provincial government has consistently argued from the time Mr. Abbott originally put them forward."

Nova Scotia is to receive a per capita subsidy of \$15.00 per annum, together with the special subsidies allowed as a result of the Duncan and White reports. She will collect the gasoline tax, as will the rest of the provinces.

There can be no doubt the Premier has been put under very severe pressure by those who prefer to take the immediate cash in hand and let considerations of principle go by the board.

"One can sympathize with a Premier put under such duress, but one cannot go all the way with him in the rationalizations with which he justifies the government's change of front."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Recent dry breezes have done much to improve secondary roads, greatly facilitating general traffic.

The latest figures show retail sales 10% above those of 1946, with prices 9% up, showing an actual increase in physical volume of goods sold.

After an interruption of six years, French exports of potassium to the United States are being resumed in time to increase domestic supplies which are insufficient for the spring period.

Daniel O'Connell, Irish statesman, died this date 1847; M. P. for Dublin, and fought the Coercion Act of 1833; founded the Repeal Association of 1840, setting up a huge organization; imprisoned for conspiracy to raise sedition in 1844; opposed militancy, and broke with the Young Irish Party; was revered in Ireland as the Liberator.

The Maritime Bakers' Association seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their convention gathering here, and put through a lot of important business affecting the organization, besides getting a lot of sound advice and business information from well-informed speakers.

That is a handsome bequest Mrs. C. R. Smallwood left for the Salvation Army Home for the Aged, known as Sunset Lodge. The interest on \$40,000 even at 3 per cent will provide \$100 per month to help to keep the institution going.

The economic outlook of Britain due to labour troubles becomes steadily more serious. As far as foreign trade is concerned, the situation is illustrated by the fact that the Argentine Republic is obtaining coal supplies entirely from South Africa, Peru, and the U. S.

London reports increasing political tension. Mr. Attlee, to win Leftist support for his quite reasonable foreign policy, continues what he now realizes to be unwise concessions to the Leftists in domestic affairs.

The Hon. A. E. Arsenault directs attention to the fact that the portraits over the Speaker's chair in the Legislative Chamber are not those of the Confederation Fathers but of the Speakers of the House previous to Confederation.

Nova Scotia having signed the agreement with Ottawa on the dotted line, without any concessions over what had been offered us and the other six signatory provinces, this leaves now only Quebec and Ontario as independent provinces in competition with the Federal power.

Anything affecting the raising of the educational standards of our people deserves the wholehearted support of the community at large. Mr. George Ryan is to be congratulated on the move he has made to have a night school started in the city for the benefit of those whose early education had been neglected.

Though there are still many shortages, the long-anticipated rise in peacetime production is now rapidly taking place, says The Bank of Nova Scotia in its current Review. The physical task of reconvertng war plants to civilian production has been largely completed.

The first moving-span bridge in the world to be constructed of aluminum alloys is to be built over the river Wear in North England. Its weight will be only 40 per cent of an equivalent steel bridge, yet it will be just as strong.

Traditional pre-war Highland uniform will be worn by members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders participating in a precision drill demonstration at the Highland Games gathering at Hamilton next July 4, 5 and 6.

Notes By the Way

The stature of a public man is the measure of his ability to rise above personalities. — Galt Reporter.

We have often noted in Canada that history text books vary beyond recognition according as they are written in English or French, and the problem of producing a book that will be even reasonably acceptable to the two main divisions of Canadians has never yet been satisfactory solved.

There are 5,700 more women than men entitled to vote in Ottawa civic election — but never have we had a woman alderman. One of these times the ladies will take up the old battle cry, "Taxation without Representation," and then the fur will fly! — Ottawa Journal.

Canada is today in the position of a man who has inherited a vast tract of land rich in natural resources, who has little or no money with which to develop it. A certain amount of his property must be disposed of in the raw state in order to raise the capital necessary to develop the remainder of it.

There is a benediction in the snow-clad peaks for those who contemplate them. A serenity, a sense of timelessness, seems to flow from them, leaving the spirit washing away petty care, says The Victoria Times. They give forth a cathedral calm, inviting restfulness and assuaging the stresses of life.

It is difficult for the middle-aged and old to shake off the habit of mind of two long generations. All that time our politicians and leaders of industry have had to think and plan with one eye on German threats and for 10 years in close contact with that enemy.

Hope is seen for the needed reforms in our penal system. The appointment of General R. B. Gibson as Penitentiaries Commissioner means that a man will be in charge who is thoroughly in accord with the advanced theories that have been advocated.

It is on record that a man can: Live without sleep for 115 hours; live without water for 22 days; live without food for 75 days; hold his breath for 20 minutes, 5 seconds; stay under water for 6 minutes, 29 seconds; live in a heat of 120 degrees centigrade (243 degrees Fahrenheit); live in a cold of 78 degrees centigrade (193 degrees below zero Fahrenheit); rise for 43 1/2 miles; climb without oxygen to 28,200 feet; climb with oxygen to 74,000 feet; dive in water to 570 feet; run (in 59 days) 5,635 miles; walk on his hands (in 10 days) 55 days; hike on stilts 31 miles a day for 58 days; squat on a pole for 10 days; 14 hours, 24 minutes; parachute jump from 20,200 feet. — Weekly Underwriter.

The starlings have not yet begun to make nuisances of themselves, but nature-lovers have already had occasion to notice the increasing deredations of crows, the block, ugly birds which each year do a great deal more harm than good, both from the farmer's and the naturalist's point of view.

The voice usually is more positive identification of the individual than even appearance. It is a blend of all that we are, all that we know and all that has been bred into us since childhood, says The Victoria Colonist. The voice is more than that. It is an index to mood and feeling and is indicative — which gives a beautiful voice.

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.

COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL MEETING TONIGHT

Sir,—May we use your column to urge all citizens to attend the Composite High School meeting in the Legion Hall tonight. A group of mothers in the School Improvement League have worked towards this project for four years.

The Composite High School will offer five courses. At present we have only one. In this regard let us point out that the widespread feeling of resentment against the Entrance examinations is, in reality, simply rebellion on the part of parents that there is no course by which their children can secure the equivalent of a High School education.

Our schools are overcrowded. A community which does not plan in advance for its children is more to be admired than the parents who make no provision for their children's future.

"WE ARE A QUEER PEOPLE"

Sir,—I wish that you would publish the following letter in your public forum in regard to your editorial in the Guardian of May 12th from which I quote as follows ad verbatim: "It may be interesting to our readers to know that in addition to Prince Edward Island, Campbellton, New Glasgow, etc., no fewer than thirty-four of the forty-nine United States of America are on Standard Time, so that after all we are in good company of the majority of the civilized people of North America."

In the case of New Glasgow, I understand on very good authority that New Glasgow will be on Daylight Saving Time starting the first of June.

In regard to Campbellton, that is a very isolated case and there is undoubtedly a logical explanation because Campbellton is where you change your watch anyway from Atlantic Standard Time to Eastern Standard Time.

Your statement that thirty-four of the forty-nine United States of America are on Standard Time so therefore P.E.I. is in good company is highly misleading, because after all that is a matter of geography and not of time.

I believe that by far the majority of the larger towns and cities in Canada (not Daylight Saving Time, but P.E.I. is very isolated) I also think that the term Daylight Saving Time should be changed to SUNTIME, because after all the idea is not so much to get an extra hour of Daylight as to get more sunshine for health, and without health nothing is worthwhile.

We have some other people in this Province but I don't think progress is being made. The P.E.I. is very isolated. I also think that the term Daylight Saving Time should be changed to SUNTIME, because after all the idea is not so much to get an extra hour of Daylight as to get more sunshine for health, and without health nothing is worthwhile.

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Archaeological Sites

The following list of Archaeological discoveries in Prince Edward Island is reported from records kept at the National Museum, Ottawa:

Prince County

Malpeque Bay. Extensive middens (Baxter, Carrier, 1906 p. 99). Miminegash. Two points chipped from stone, adze of stone. Near head of Kildare River. Arrowheads, spear points, axes made of stone.

North Shore Beccah Point, East Shore Malpeque Bay. Two scrapers chipped from quartz, fragment adze made of stone. D. E. Mahur farm near Princetown (Malpeque). Points chipped from stone for arrows, "grooved axes."

West Bank Darnley basin, near the Darnley bridge. Shell heaps, adze made of stone. Darnley Point, Darnley basin. Points chipped from stone for arrows, adzes made of stone human bones, washed out of banks, shell heap, human skull and bones.

Second pond on east side of Darnley basin below bridge. Human skull. Hugh McDonald farm, east shore Darnley basin. Points chipped from stone for arrows, adzes made of stone.

Walter Buntain farm, point 4 north of Rustico. Three shell heaps two adzes made of stone. South Rustico. Points chipped from stone for arrows.

Rustico (Robinson's) Island. One adze made of stone. Rustico (Robinson's) Island. Shell heap, charred fragments of wood, ashes, bones of large animals, chips of quartz, one chip of chalcedony, one fragment of a point chipped from quartz for an arrow, one harpoon point made of ivory, two celts made of diorite, one adze crudely made of stone, two unfinished one rubbing stone, one bead made of copper, one unfinished pipe made of stone.

West shore Wheatley River, below bridge near Oyster Bed Bridge. Shell heap, one adze made of stone, one fragment of an implement made of bone, end of oyster "Bay" bridge. Probably Oyster Bed Bridge. Possibly same site as previously mentioned. Large shell heap human skull and "large" bones.

John MacMillan farm McMillan (Black) Point, Covehead Bay. Two shell heaps, adzes made of stone.

South side Savage Harbour. Warfare instruments, human skeletons, "Savage Island." Shell heap, skeletons. One St. Peter Bay. Shell heap, pellets. Robert D. Westaway farm, near Lower Montague, Grooved axes. Near Albion. Adzes made of stone. James Creed farm, near Albion. Oyster shells. East township. South shore. Points for arrows and spears, chipped from stone barbed fish bones for sling, axes made of stone, rude pots made of stone.



ADDRESS TO CHAOS

"Return, sweet Chaos: come, the Bad Old Days Before the Wise Men watched about our ways, When Ministers had not annoyed the Sun, Not much was Planned, but many things were Done..... Come, even loathly Private Enterprise, So, gentle Chaos, let me sit and dream The lost delights of your reviled regime. One pressed a switch and lo! The Light was found (Today you would be fined 100 pounds) Water and Gas, obeyed the humble hand, Though greedy Tories still controlled the land, Coal, too, almost like water, used to flow A commonplace and not a curio. Coal, Chaos, was as plentiful as hay: We had so much we sent the stuff away: The Railways, not less rapid than they are, But much more regular went just as far. The Ships, with small assistance about the State, Sailed round the Planet and returned with Freight... Either by Accident this Isle was blessed Or there was far more planning than we guessed... Thus Bees and Ants, about their Business go, Vague, as it seems, effective, as we know. Each bee, alone, from Rose to Lily files. A wretched piece of Private Enterprise... Begone, Bulk Purchase, heavy-handed hick Who still suppose that you can do the Trick. And nimble thousands, dodging here and there, Confused the foes and made the Market fair: But when your tall gross figure comes to town They all at once combine to do you down. Begone Economist: No more profess To play with Chesses as you play at Chess... Come, lovely Chaos: come, the Bad Old Days, Before the Wise Men watched about our ways, When Ministers had not enraged the Sun, Not much was Planned but many things were Done."

Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)

FIRST STEAMER HERE

The citizens on the morning of the 8th of August, 1830, were not a little surprised on beholding a vessel enter the harbor and approach the wharf without any visible means whatever of being propelled through the briny waters, but was nevertheless heartily cheered by a gazing crowd who had assembled on the wharf. She proved to be a steamer — the first to enter Charlottetown harbor — and as such was welcomed by the "Richard Smith," that being the name of a pleasure trip from Pictou, having several gentlemen on board belonging to that place. Next morning the Governor and a large party were invited to have a sail up the Hillsborough, which was greatly enjoyed by all, after which she returned to Pictou, where in due time she safely arrived. — Pollard's History.

NEW DIPLOMAT

LONDON — (CP) — Sir Charles Jeffries has been appointed a joint deputy undersecretary of state for the colonies in succession to Sir Arthur Dawes who retired through ill health.

SIX-SECOND WARMER

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