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

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## The MacDonald Clan

A book of much interest to Prince Edward Islanders, especially those of the MacDonald clan, has made its appearance under the title: "The Lords of the Isles and their Descendants." The author is Mr. Hubert T. MacDonald, of Winnipeg, formerly of this Province.

In publishing this historical work it is Mr. MacDonald's desire to perpetuate the memory of a Highland clan that made an outstanding contribution to Scottish history and whose descendants rank among the leaders of church and state in every province of Canada. "There is a tradition," says the author, "that the MacDonalds are descended from Conn who was supreme King of Ireland and swayed the sceptre at Tara." At one period of their history their power rivalled and indeed threatened to eclipse that of the Scottish King. The founder of the clan was Somerled, son of Gillebride who lived about the end of the tenth century. Early chapters are devoted to Clan geneology and lineage, to Culloden and after, the Massacre of Glencoe, and the Rhetland MacDonalds of Morar. To the latter family belonged Captain Allan MacDonald who, about the year 1770, bought 10,000 acres or the half of Township 25 in what is now Prince Edward Island, and whose family was the first to establish themselves at Bedeque. The detailed information given with regard to this family is very interesting.

There is also a full account of Captain John MacDonald, Laird of Glenfinnan and Glenaladale, who sold his estates in Scotland and immigrated with his followers to Scotchfort, P. E. I. The Scottish celebration at Scotchfort, July 1922, marking the 150th anniversary of this great event, is also recorded at length. Other chapters deal with the history of Flora MacDonald; with Father James MacDonald who accompanied the first Highland immigrants to Prince Edward Island; with Bishop MacEachern, and his erection of St. Andrew's College; with the Bedeque MacDonalds, the Clan Ranald MacDonalds of the U. S. A., the Glengarry settlement of Ontario, the MacDonald migration to Nova Scotia; with Archbishop A. A. Sinnott, a native of Prince Edward Island and first Archbishop of the diocese of Winnipeg.

The book runs to over 200 pages, is attractively bound in the MacDonald tartan, and may be purchased from the author through Carter and Company, Charlottetown.

## The British Twelfth Army

The fact that the liberation of Rangoon and most of Burma does not bring South East Asia Command's campaign to an end is emphasized by the formation of the new Twelfth Army to fight beside the Fourteenth Army. Thus the victory of the Fourteenth Army has led not to a reduction of the forces in Burma but to their increase for the task ahead. The liberation of Rangoon is not an end in itself; its splendid port is a springboard for the liberation of even greater areas than those already taken by SEAC.

The Twelfth is an entirely British Empire force, made possible by the release of resources and formations from Europe. Its commander, Lieutenant General Sir Montagu Stopford, and the commander of the Fourteenth Army, Lieutenant General Sir William J. Slim, both serve under Lieutenant General Sir Oliver Leese as parts of the Eleventh Army Group. Perhaps most significant for future operations is the news that large numbers of landing craft from Europe are being sent to Burma.

The withdrawal of the U. S. Mars Force and the U.S.A.A.F. unit to fight on other fronts against the Japanese now makes South East Asia an entirely British Empire theatre except for the Chinese forces.

## Canada's External Trade

Canada's external trade continues to expand steadily, although it long ago reached volumes and values which left all pre-war records far behind. During April Canadian exports and imports, excluding gold, had a new peak value of $451,938,020, as compared with $439,493,000 in March and $424,168,000 in April 1944.

Although March and April were the best months of this calendar year, the total for January, February, March and April 1945, which aggregated $1,607,713,000, was $3,000,000 up from the comparable 4 months of last year, and represented another peak in external trade values.

As might be expected, Canada's exports greatly exceed imports every month, this Dominion being one of the major supply countries for the Allied armies and fields of occupation. Canadian exports in April were valued at $312,323,000 as compared with imports worth $133,827,000, showing a "trade balance" in our favor of about $178,500,000 for the month. In the whole 4-month period, January to April inclusive, exports had a total value of $1,080,360,000 as against imports valued at $508,371,000 in the comparable period last year.

These totals represent an annual external trade which, if approximately maintained for the remaining two-thirds of 1945, would amount to almost 5 billion dollars for the present calendar year.

## —EDITORIAL NOTES—

Tomorrow, the King's substitute birthday, is not a Federal holiday.

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Prime Minister King's seat in Saskatchewan is in the doubtful column, depending upon the overseas soldiers' vote.

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Strange but true. Autoists report the south shore clay road to Borden is in better condition than the hard surfaced one.

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It surely pertains to Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera to have the gallant general, Minister of Defence, defeated by a woman—the only woman to be elected, at that.

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The polling arrangements here came in for a lot of criticisms, due, it is alleged, to the inefficiency of not a few of the deputy returning officers appointed.

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Should the King Government carry on, we may expect the new Ferry steamer this summer, a dry dock at Charlottetown by the Fall, and the bridges and highway to Rocky Point before another winter sets in—perhaps.

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If the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is as good as his word, this is going to be his "swan-song" parliament, and after that the political deluge, or Honest John Bracken at the helm.

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This is United Nations' Day, instituted in Britain in 1942, when the King and Queen witnessed at Buckingham Palace a grand march-past of men and women workers and services, and later visited American troops and institutions.

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It would be adding insult to injury for Prime Minister King to call upon Prince County to provide an asylum for General McNaughton, his twice defeated Minister of Defence. It is highly probable that Mr. McNaught will not be in a position to resign in favor of anybody when the soldiers' vote comes in.

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Jerome Klappa Jerome, English novelist, born this date 1859; was successively a clerk, schoolmaster, actor and journalist; edited *The Idler* and *Today;* best known novels *Three Men In A Boat, Idle Thoughts Of An Idle Fellow;* most popular play *The Passing Of The Third Flour Back*: "I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. I love to keep it by me; the idea of getting rid of it nearly breaks my heart."

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Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, the successful Progressive Conservative candidate in Queen's thoroughly deserves his victory, for, not only has he a record of accomplishment in past years, but he has regularly and conscientiously kept in touch with the constituency through all the years of Liberal misrepresentation. He is a master of system, and had his constituency well organized long before the election was called. Wing Commander McLean did surprisingly well on his first appearance as a candidate, and has a good chance of securing the second seat on the soldiers' vote. His great handicap has been his inability to get through the county and become personally acquainted with the electors.

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A British Army officer, now a Conservative candidate for Parliament, told how he had his face permanently altered by plastic surgery in order to fool the Gestapo when he was dropped into enemy-occupied France to help direct the resistance movement. Known to the Germans as the result of his liaison work in 1939 and 1940, when he helped to get the members of the national council out of France to Algiers, Lt.-Col. R. H. Hutchinson, 52, undertook to lose his identity. With the consent of his wife, he entered a hospital. A doctor took part of his thigh bone and grafted it onto his chin. The bridge was removed from his nose and his ears were clipped. Today even his closest friends fail to recognize him. Four days after the invasion of Normandy, with a radio operator and 12 members of an airborne division, he was dropped into France. With the Maquis he helped organize the attacks on railroad bridges and munitions dumps.

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Government in a democracy is far from simple, declares the current issue of The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter, in which the form, system and procedure of government in Canada are explained. "An autocratic government need satisfy only the dictator," the article says, whereas "in a democracy government must work for the average citizen, his welfare, security and ideals." The Letter continues, in part: "In the British Commonwealth, democratic government is further complicated, because in addition to being an autonomous democracy every Dominion is part of a monarchy, limited but real. Canada's government follows the British system in its main outlines. It has popular representation based upon the sound judgment of the average man and the theory of political equality; it has executivee responsibility, channelling down from a cabinet selected by the major political party, through Parliament to the electors; it has the two-house plan, one elected by popular vote and the other composed of persons holding their seats for life; and it has at its head the Crown, far removed from political strife. In addition, Canada has a Federal form of government necessitated by the fact that the Dominion is composed of provinces, each a political entity exercising powers of government for provincial purposes but combining with the others in affairs which affect the welfare of all. "Constitutional government to the Britisher and Canadian means more a system of government than government under any document, and in its simplest terms it is merely a system in which political authority is bounded by established rules and procedures, most of them unwritten.

## Notes By The Way

**Distance has hitherto protected** North America from the type of terror bombing, by planes and by jet-propelled missiles, that caused great damage to Great Britain. The Japanese, however, are very ingenious people. These balloon bombs of theirs are clever contraptions and speak strongly to the fact the Western Allies would be very wrong to underestimate their intelligence, scientific ability or workmanship. — Vancouver Sun.

**Education has to be more than** merely putting the children through the daily routine of memorizing lessons. Teachers have to be leaders in the life of the community. More teachers are needed to share the responsibilities of training the young people to fit into the higher standard of living in the country. Salaries have to be improved to attract teachers with the talents of leadership. — Ottawa Citizen.

**A woman in Chilliwack, B.C., is** reported raising silkworms on mulberry trees in her backyard and keeping her family in silk stockings. Still, we doubt if the culture of mulberry trees and silkworms will spread widely in Canada. Even under wartime conditions, it takes less time and energy to stand in a stocking line than to grow trees and silk worms and then do a spot of spinning.—Edmonton Journal.

**Like others of their race, the** mental operations of these Doukhobors are not always easy of comprehension. There is a broad streak of obstinacy in them. Yet, annoying as they are to their neighbors who do not share their taste for parading in the altogether, the penitentiary seems a harsh remedy to apply to these misguided religionists. Hard cases make bad law, as courts sometimes declare. These nudist parades must make the good folk of Nelson wish at times for a plague of mosquitoes. — Vancouver Province.

**The news that Dr. Nicholas Mur**ray Butler is to become president emeritus of Columbia University on October 1 next—after 43 years as president—recalls that of his four grandparents, one was Scottish, one English, one Irish and one Welsh! His father came from England and his mother's family was from Scotland, and it is a source of "justifiable pride" with him, he says (in his autobiography, "Across the Busy Years") that the predominant strain is Scottish. — New York Post.

**A factual cross-country survey** shows that every important farming district in Canada is forcing a labor shortage on the farms, while the world food situation is more serious than it has been in any former war years. There may not be much the town man can do about it, if he is already employed at some worthwhile job. But — with some exceptions — he can do something. He can make a garden. The more food he grows for the use of his family the more will be left for other people.—From the Edmonton Bulletin.

**High up in the Torricelli Moun**tains in New Guinea a commando was hit by a Japanese bullet which penetrated his skull and left part of the brain exposed. A 24-year-old doctor decided to operate and all hands and the cooks set to to help. Signallers sent out a call for blood plasma and penicillin, which were delivered by parachute and three volunteer blood donors shed their contribution into a make-shift container. Carpenters knocked together an operating table out of jungle timber and signallers rigged electric lights above it. From threepenny pieces tiny silver fasteners were made and the cooks stoked up the fires to keep up the supply of boiling water. Two soldiers fashioned a hot wire cauteriser from signal wire. Six hours later the operation was pronounced a success. — From Australian Newsletter.

**No one who ever attended Physics** 2P will forget the late Prof. Herschel E. Reilley's arithmetical powers, which he delighted to exercise. He belonged to that rather rare group of people who possess from childhood a useful "number form" (i.e., an unexplained mental picture of numbers arranged in an orderly pattern) and he could fairly be classed as a "calculating prodigy" in so far as multiplication, division, powers and roots were concerned. To see him multiply and divide three and four-figure numbers mentally before others had time to put the sum down or even begin to operate a slide rule was an impressive experience. Until he was in his thirties he did not know that others could not handle their arithmetic as he did. He was over 35 when the writer happened to discover that Reilley could, for example, find the square root of a four-figure number, multiply it and divide it by other numbers in his head in a few seconds—and yet did not know, had never observed, that others around him were not similarly gifted. — Prof. A. Norman Shaw in the McGill News.

## The Poets' Corner

### SEASONS OF THE MIND

Not alone when strain of Winter eases
Into Spring,
Nor with the debacle of Winter ices
When shrouds of sleet loosening,
Melt—and freshets begin flowing—
Is it Spring of the mind's season.
For there is a Spring past knowing
And a Winter out of reason;
And a lush Summer, and Fall
Of declining beauty
Of the mind, purely antiphonal
Past will or duty.
These are the seasons of no weather
The seasons of the mind
That rest surely, yet like any feather
Blow with any wind;
The newness of Spring's heritage,
The blossoming of an inner tree
In syllables of truth
May inhabit hoary age,
And stern Winter, youth,
The freshness of thoughts blowing
Perpetually
Is the mind's eternal Spring.

—Amy Bonner in the New York Times.

## PUBLIC FORUM

**This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.**

### ROCKY ROAD TO ALBERTON

Sir,— Would you kindly allow space in your valuable paper that I may state a few facts with regard to the administration of Public Works affairs in this part of our fair Island Province. I refer to that section of Prince County leading from Alberton to Kildare South, Central and Cape respectively. A traveller on that road would wonder why, when shipping space is so limited, our Public Works officials should have the Giant's Causeway dug up and brought all the way from the Emerald Isle to transplant it between Alberton and the communities above mentioned. Perhaps everyone is not familiar with the physiography of this locality but it has the best fringe of beach known anywhere in the Province — a veritable "Tourist's Paradise". But no tourist or native can travel over that road and still keep his claim to Christianity. We wonder if it would not be an ideal punishment for war criminals to have them walk over it barefoot. We are quite convinced that the "Fuehrer" himself would not raise his hand again in aggression and we all know he could not use his feet.

Now we could easily excuse all this if no other material were available, but when the ocean washes hundreds of tons of the best gravel obtainable almost within a few yards of any of these roads, why we must travel over rocks no smaller than the smallest head in the Provincial Legislature to suit a few minions of that body, we just can't figure out.

In all fairness to the God-fearing, peace-loving, tax-paying residents of this locality, we would ask the Minister of Public Works and a few of the many road engineers why we are the forgotten people and if remembered at all, why with rocks?

I am, Sir, etc.
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## Churchill's Bodygard

(By Fred Backhouse, Canadian Press Staff Writer, London, Eng.)

One man who can claim he is indisputably and precisely as active as Winston Churchill during this general election campaign is an ordinary-looking, practically-unknown, Englishman of 50-odd years named Walter H. Thompson.

He has been the Prime Minister's "shadow", bodyguard and constant companion since 1940; the man who gets his picture in the papers almost as often as Mr. Churchill, but somewhere in the middle-distance between the cigar and the onlookers.

For more than 30 years Detective-Inspector Thompson was one of the star watchdogs of the special branch of Scotland Yard, assigned to guard local and visiting notables. He retired in 1930 and made a little by writing his memoirs which included intimate close-ups of hundreds of potentates and politicians who had been his charges.

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Then he came out of retirement at the special request of Mr. Churchill, when he became Prime Minister.

He had guarded Mr. Churchill at odd times during 20 years, but their more intimate association is said to have begun with the highly-specialized task of building an outsized sand-castle.

On the beach at Frinton, exclusive Essex seaside playground of Britain's moneyed families, during one of these assignments, Mr. Thompson was invited to help the four small Churchill children, — Diana, Randolph, Sarah and Mary —in the construction of this elaborate edifice.

The supervising foreman, Winston Churchill, is reported to have been highly impressed with Mr. Thompson's tact and painstaking workmanship.

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As often as not this anonymous shadow carries a rolled umbrella. He also packs an automatic, but has never had to use it. In fact the only time he shot anybody was once, when cleaning the weapon, he accidentally hit himself in the leg and was out of action for months.

Only once in more than five years has Mr. Churchill travelled without Mr. Thompson. That was when Britain's war leader went to Germany this year and crossed the Rhine.

There was a cast-iron Allied Supreme Headquarters rule that no civilian should be permitted to cross the German frontier. So the man with the rolled umbrella stayed at home while the military police had his job, for the day, as Mr. Churchill's shadow.

## The Hankow-Canton Corridor

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press News Analyst)

Intensifying Japanese reaction against Chinese forces both east and west of the Hankow-Canton communications corridor is indicated in Chungking advices although enemy successes admitted at far-separated points as yet furnish no definite indication of a concerted plan of action.

They are, with one exception, too local in character to warrant belief that the Japanese have found it possible to take the offensive on any important scale.

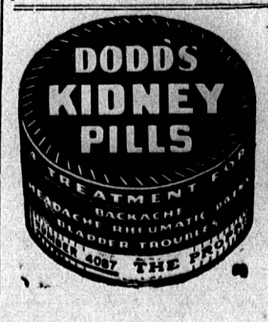
The exception is the reported progress of two or more Japanese columns in Kwangtung and Kiangsi. They have been reported moving north in one case and east in the other, but presumably aiming at a junction that would widen eastward the defence lines for the southern stretch of the Hankow-Canton railway and its flanking north-south highways.

The real danger points for the Japanese Hankow-Canton corridor so far as present Chinese operations go, however, lie far to the north and from the west. The Changsha-Hengchow span is still imperilled by the Chinese two-prong drive that is close to poaching in the south and apparently has cut the Changsha-Klangkow railway to the northeast in rear of enemy forces on the northwestern face of the bulge protecting Hengchow.

There is no present indication of enemy preparations to abandon the Hankow-Canton life line, however. Instead his limited operations in Kwangtung and Klangsi seem aimed at widening it eastward beyond what would seem necessary if he is intent on holding it open only to facilitate escape northward of troops in Indo-China, Siam and the Malay Peninsula.

One explanation might be Japanese fear that in event of an Allied landing in eastern China, the Canton area might be that selected for the major amphibious moves.

LONDON, June 12 — (Reuters) — A government white paper on Indian policy will be presented to Parliament Thursday, it was learned today. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, will address the House of Commons on the white paper and simultaneously Viscount Wavell, the Viceroy, will broadcast from New Delhi on the proposals for India's future.




## -- RECRUITS --

**The Canadian Army Recruiting Station at the Charlottetown Armouries has been closed on June 11th, 1945.**

**Applications for enlistment in the Canadian Active Army, and the C.W.A.C. should now be directed to the 17th (R) Armoured Regiment at the Charlottetown Armouries.**

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