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

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Island Initiative Cited

A writer in the St. John's, Newfoundland,
Evening Telegram quotes at length from a recent
article in The Guardian on the Irish moss industry.
The fact that our fishermen and others
living near the shore have received during the
past six years more than half a million dollars
for a commodity whose production involves practically
no capital outlay is cited as an example of
Prince Edward Island initiative. It seems that
a well-known St. John's business man, Mr. J. C.
Ellis, who is particularly interested in fish and
factory products, has made several attempts to
get Newfoundland fishermen and their families
interested in gathering Irish moss. He says
there is plenty of it around the shores of Newfoundland,
but he has never been successful in
starting this lucrative venture because of indifference
and unwillingness on the part of local
coastal residents. The industry, it is believed,
could also bring in half a million dollars to Newfoundland
in a few years, or even a greater amount
according to Mr. Ellis's estimate.

Our Newfoundland contemporary concludes
with the hope that the story of Prince Edward
Island's success "will start the ball rolling so
that this source of revenue can be developed for
Newfoundland fishermen and their families.
With money for so little effort—only a matter
of picking up the moss off the seashore—it
seems those who should be interested are
following a very short-sighted policy by not accepting
the wealth which is within their grasp."
Of course, there is more to success in the
business than just "picking the moss off the
seashore," but the fact remains that it has been
a splendid revenue-producer for many Prince
Edward Island families. Last April alone, for
example, according to a Federal Department of
Fisheries report, a total of 1,246,000 pounds of
Irish moss was taken in this Province, with a
value of \$18,690. When it is considered that
the total value of our sea products landed during
that month was only \$19,018, it will at once
be seen what an asset this industry is during off-
fishing seasons.

With the movement now under way to establish
standards of quality for our Irish moss exports,
much greater revenue should be derived
from this source. It is understood that after
such standards have been established, inspectors
for each County, operating under the Department
of Fisheries, will be appointed. If this
should seem like unnecessary regimentation, let
us recall what tremendous advantage has accrued
to our potato and livestock producers from
following similar methods.

Too Little English

The results of a survey conducted by the
Bureau of Technical Personnel of the Department
of Labour show that although Canadian
employers are hiring more university graduates
than ever before, many of these graduates have
a poor command of the English language and
have difficulty expressing themselves both orally
and in writing.

This is a sad reflection on the inadequacy
of our so-called higher education. Of what avail
is knowledge that is locked up inside the head
of a person who is unable to express himself?
Surely a fundamental requirement of any advanced
form of education is that its recipients
should have a better-than-average command of
the language they use and the ability to put
their thoughts down in an orderly manner.

Says the Hamilton Spectator on this point:
"The English language—a basic tool of higher
education—has a value that has not been
sufficiently emphasized. The tendency in the
technically-minded schools of the day is to regard
the study of English prose and English-verse
as the impractical pastime of other-worldly
dreamers, subjects to be suffered while getting
an elementary education. By the time a young
lad is able to head into an engineering course
at the university he is considered to be past
the stage of having to pay attention to his language.
Accurate mathematical figures, formulae
and lines are far more important to him than
accurate speech and our wise graduate engineers
today are strong, silent men—silent because of
their inability to express themselves."

Farm Research Centre

Britain is organizing a school of rural economy
which has been described by the chairman
of the Agricultural Research Council as "something
quite unique." The scheme is designed to
provide facilities for the agricultural education
on the broadest possible lines for, in addition
to covering the whole field of farming studies,
it embraces research and instruction in forestry,
horticulture and veterinary science. The plan
is being sponsored by the University of Edinburgh
in co-operation with other organizations
of importance in the agricultural world. 3,000
acres of land in Midlothian—a cross-section
which is typical of practically the whole of Scotland—
have been acquired and will provide the
necessary variety of ground required for really
comprehensive training in all forms of rural
economy. Within this area a research instruction
and field experiment will be correlated.
Farm mechanics and the testing of agricultural
machinery under ordinary working conditions will
have an important place in the curriculum while
there will also be a special school for blacksmiths.
Particular attention is to be given the
new system of management whereby forestry and
farming are closely interrelated in such a way

as to provide jobs at all seasons for the casual
rural worker. Livestock production and animal
breeding will be studied too while a course in
the economics of agriculture will impress on the
trainees how essential the knowledge of this
subject is for really efficient farming.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Conveying telephone messages across the
Strait without the use of a cable to be snagged
by ice, etc. is a step in the right direction. The
24 additional channels should also speed up long
distance connections.

Farm labour is going to be scarce this year.
It is too much to expect Cape Breton miners to
again conveniently go on strike over the harvest
season.

The Federal Government was severely criticized
in the West for making a long term grain
contract with Britain. It now turns out it is better
so.

New dwellings erected in Canada last year
numbered 63,637 or 15,038 more than in 1945.
Single dwellings numbered 48,700, semi-detached
or doubles 2,456, and duplexes 1,748. The remainder
were of other types.

Complaints are made by citizens regarding
the irregularity of the Town Clock—they cannot
keep the domestic time pieces regulated for
lack of a central striking clock, to which they
have been so long accustomed.

George Bernard Shaw states that Marx's Das
Kapital should be re-written, preferably by
Shaw. Foes of communism would like nothing
better than for the irrepressible G. B. to undertake
the job in his own completely devastating
way.

It makes us appreciate more and more what
a marvellously equable climate we have from
January to December to read that snow has been
already falling in British Columbia, and that
temperatures fell to freezing point overnight at
Smith River being as low as 26 degrees.

One would imagine employees would realize
it is bad business swapping horses crossing a
stream. We are in that position regarding our
overseas packing trade, yet unions are threatening
a hold-up unless their demands are conceded
forthwith.

Haligonians have been experiencing at the
Dartmouth Ferry some of the inconveniences we
are, alas, familiar with at Rocky Pt. Ferry and
sometimes also at Borden. "Ferry under
repairs" notice does not tend to relieve one's feelings
or make good time lost by delay.

The fate of revolutionists is hard. Those Indians
who are well acquainted with the inside of
British goals will probably suffer the same fate
under Indian rule after the first burst of enthusiasm.
Such men are necessary to bring about
great changes but are rarely able to come to a
modus vivendi with the government of the day.

Warren Hastings, Indian administrator, died
this date 1818. He laid the foundations of the
British Empire in India during which he experienced
tremendous trouble both from the Indians
and the British Parliament. He was ultimately
impeached for oppression, mal-administration,
and corruption, a trial which lasted for seven
years, at the end of which he was acquitted but
ruined financially, being finally pensioned by the
East India Co., the than administrators of India.

The Bureau of Statistics reports that stocks
of shell eggs, frozen meats, and poultry meat
at the beginning of August were higher than
last year, while stocks of evaporated whole milk
dropped. Creamery butter production in July
gained three per cent from 41,000,000 in July,
1946, to 42,240,000 pounds, bringing stocks of
butter on August 1 to 53,560,114 pounds, a fraction
above last year. During the first seven
months of this year 167,931,000 pounds were
produced compared with 165,076,000 in the
similar period last year. Stocks of poultry meat
at the beginning of August were 13,072,835 pounds
as against 12,077,605 on July 1 and 6,453,707
a year ago.

Now that we have got our new Car Ferry, we
are not so much interested in the announcement
that the United States Coast Guard plans to
use the Great Lakes as an ice-breaking laboratory
next winter. The world's largest ice-breaker,
we are told, the Mackinaw, and coast guard cutters
will be used to test structural strains on ice-
breaking vessels. Officials said the tests are
expected to develop information on the best hull
form for breaking ice, the best distribution of
structural material in such craft, and the minimum
horsepower needed to break ice of a given
thickness. They might have waited to discover
what the Abegweit will accomplish in these respects.

In view of international relations developments
at Washington and London it is interesting
to recall the Foreign Exchange Control
Board at Ottawa recently announced that Canadian
exporters and importers now may trade
with Brazil on either a sterling or United States
dollar basis. The move represented a further step
in carrying out an agreement by the United
Kingdom to make sterling earnings of foreign
countries available for use anywhere by July 15.
The agreement was undertaken at the time
credits were negotiated with Canada and the
United States. It was designed as a British contribution
to the development of international
trade on a multilateral basis. In the first quarter
of this year, Canadian sales to Brazil totalled
\$6,190,134 and imports \$2,808,567. Principal exports
included wheat-flour and newsprint and
imports, coffee and raw cotton. The addition
of Brazil brought to 25 the number of countries
already opened to sterling or U. S. dollar trade
with Canada.

Notes By The Way

Another good reason for caution
in driving is the cost of repairs
to an automobile nowadays, and
the time repairs take. The fancy
front of a new car can bring a
repair bill of hundreds of dollars
if crushed in an accident.—Ottawa Journal.

The tariff, with us, as with our
neighbors, is one of the large items
in the present high cost of living.
Apart altogether from the promotion
of trade, on which this nation
lives, a reduction in our tariffs
would be one of the surest and
quickest methods of reducing the
prices which the consumer must
pay. This fact well understood, in
Canada a generation ago, is very
largely overlooked today but it is
undeniable as ever.—Winnipeg Free Press.

An ironical aspect of India's newly-
won independence is that it appears
to have brought with it less
freedom for the people of India.
The new rulers of India are learning
a lesson learned long ago by
the British—a lesson ignored by
all critics of British rule in India.
The lesson is that police power
to a degree unknown in the
western democracies is essential
to maintain order among the
turbulent elements of India population.—Peterborough Examiner.

A party of high Australian naval
officials will inspect Manus Island,
north of New Guinea, this
month to plan its development as
a Commonwealth naval base rivaling
Singapore in importance in the
Far East. The Ottawa Citizen reports.
Over \$97,000,000 was spent on
Manus Island naval installations
by the United States during the
war, and now that it has been
turned back to Australia a further
\$16,000,000 is to be expended
there.

A moving, inspiring, human
story will be told if Sydney Box,
the English film producer, makes
his proposed film of the life of
Dame Nellie Melba, the Australian
who fought her way from
obscurity to recognition as the
world's greatest soprano. The
script has been sent to Melba's
family in Victoria, Australia, for
their approval. A camera team is
expected to arrive soon in Australia
to make some of the exterior
scenes required by the
script. There is considerable
speculation as to which actress
will be chosen to play the leading
role. It is reported that Box
intends to engage the finest singer
available to be Melba's "voice".
The choice might fall upon another
Australian.—Australian News.

The Baptist World Alliance at
this year's congress in Copenhagen
adopted a manifesto calling
for full freedom and equality for
all religious groups in the post-war
world. The manifesto, which
was adopted by 5,000 delegates
from close to 50 countries, urged
active support of the United
Nations for the maintenance of
intellectual, political, and economic
freedom, and specifically "It is
our duty to extend the right of
conscience to all people, irrespective
of their race, color, sex, or
religion." In the U.S., Baptist
churches, individually and collectively,
have condemned organizations
which incite race hatred and
violation of constitutional freedoms.—Toronto Star.

Since early in the war, the government
has been holding down the
prices of certain commodities
by paying subsidies. The most
important subsidy remaining is
that of milling wheat. This
allows the miller to buy wheat at
77-3/8 cents a bushel instead of
the \$1.55 which he would otherwise
have to pay. It gives the
Canadian grower cheap bread, but
it costs the taxpayer \$25,000,000 a
year which he pays in taxes. Now,
the question is whether to continue
to pay the subsidy or to remove
it and allow the price of
bread to go up perhaps
a cent a loaf.—Vancouver Province.

Our suggestion to Ontario apple
growers is to adopt co-operative
modern methods of marketing
their apples, and also put on an intensive
advertising campaign right
here in Ontario to inform the
people of the advantages of eating
more apples. There is no
healthier or more satisfying fruit
to eat. Explain which varieties of
apples are best for eating and
cooking and the time of year they
are at their best. Living in one
of the best apple districts in Canada
it galls us to go into local
stores and see windows and
shelves cluttered up with oranges
and grapefruit, but no apples.—Bowmanville Canadian Statesman.

Too many people go on motor-
ing trips in which they have a
definite goal and they plunge to-
wards it. The really enjoyable
motor trip is the "zigzag" drive,
which you start on without any
definite objective, no particular
time set to get anywhere. The
recipe for such a trip is to take
a road map, pick out a route that
goes here and there, back from
the beaten paths, where you know
just will not cloud the landscape.
A definite objective is one kind
of motoring, the other and far
more enjoyable is the one in
which things turn up unexpectedly.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

When a man has been happily
married for 50 to 60 years he
usually has a recipe for wedded
bliss. There are all sorts of
formulas as to how to live happily
ever after; most of them
have to do with sharing 50-50
and all that sort of thing. Now,
however, come a new one, says
the Vancouver News-Herald.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the comments of our
readers on questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not necessarily
endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WM. MORAN

Sir.—The sudden and unexpected
death of Mr. William Moran
loses the life of a good man, a
splendid citizen and a true Christian
gentleman. For forty years
I have known him as a sincere
and true friend and one who did
his full duty as a citizen. During
that long period I have worked
with him in the City Council, the
Red Cross Society, the Children's
Aid Society, the City School
Board and many other organiza-
tions. I have always found his
judgment sound, his advice good
and his interest and zeal unquestioned.

It was indeed an inspiration to
see him carrying on his arduous
work under most trying physical
difficulties. Several members of
my family and hundreds of other
young people will always remem-
ber with sincere gratitude this
great teacher who taught them so
thoroughly and gave them a
sound business education. As head
of a great business college he took
a deep personal interest in all his
students, and his death leaves a
vacancy most difficult to fill.
Truly a great and good citizen
has gone. May Divine Providence
grant him Eternal Rest.

I am, Sir, etc.
W. J. P. MacMILLAN.
(Patriot please copy)

The Poet's Corner

THE FLIGHT

Michael stayed in the old red
hammock.
Watching a plane high up in the
sky.
"Mother is that man flying to
Heaven,
And if he is, then I wonder
"Sturdy and brown, a small
explorer
Building dreams at the age of
three
When I get big I'll fly to
Heaven—
And I'll see what's up there —
Yes, Sir!"
Michael went out at dawn one
morning
Far, far into the lovely sky,
Below him the por's of the
English Channel
Gallant Michael went out to die.
I guess he just kept right on
living.
If his brave heart stopped he
never knew,
On and on till he came to
Heaven
I like to think that his dream
came true.

—Dorothy Dumbrell (1943).

Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)

FORESAW TRADE INEQUALITY

Early legislators clearly foresaw
the handicaps of Confederation to
this Province so far as the wool
concerned. On the first day of
April, 1868, the House of Assembly
agreed to an Address to Queen
Victoria, in which it was stated
that "We, the representatives of
your Province, so far as the wool
concerned, do hereby petition the
Colonial Parliament assembled, do
disagree to the recommendation
contained in the said report of the
Quebec Conference; and, on the
part of Prince Edward Island, do
emphatically declare a union
which, after the most serious and
careful consideration, we believe
would prove politically, commercially,
and financially disastrous to the
rights and best interests of its
people."

This expression of opinion was
based upon several propositions,
the first being to the effect that
"as Prince Edward Island depends
wholly upon agriculture and
fisheries and has no staple com-
modity for which Canada can fur-
nish a market there could not be
any profitable trade with Canada,
which is also essentially agricul-
tural and possessive extensive fish-
eries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence."
It was argued that "while such is
the case, it is manifestly unwise
and must ever be the relative com-
mercial position of the Island and
Canada, the products of our soil
and fisheries find in the extensive
markets of our parent country, the
United States and the West Indies,
less ready and profitable customers;
that the proposed union, while
admitting the produce and manu-
factures of Canada into this Island
free, would by the assimilation
of taxes, enormously increase the
duty to which those in Great Britain
and the United States are at
present subject in this Island,
thereby compelling this Colony to
take a large portion of imports
from Canada."

appears that Isaac Penn, 80, of
Philadelphia, who has had two
wives, both now dead, was about
to be married for a third time.
His formula for a happy married
life was this: "I don't hold to put-
ting your foot on a brass rail and
keeping your wife waiting for
dinner. I believe that when a
wife cooks a good meal she has
a right to expect her husband to
come home and eat it."—Van-
couver News-Herald.

SEEK ARCTIC DATA

LONDON (CP)—The first
Arctic expedition since the war re-
cently sailed to Jan Mayen, a bleak
windward island off the east coast
of Greenland. The party will re-
trieve and examine recording in-
struments left there 10 years ago
to register the effects of cosmic
rays.

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from Canada, making payment
therefore in money, instead of pro-
curing them from countries that
would receive our produce in ex-
change.
Terms were subsequently
obtained, to which the Island legis-
lators agreed; but the difficulties
above mentioned are still a source
of dissatisfaction and complaint.

The Scout Jamboree

Moncton (Transcript)
Hard luck seems to dog the foot-
steps of the Canadian Boy Scouts
who were nominated to attend the
World Jamboree in France
After a great deal of confusion
and double talk in high places
charged with the responsibility of
arranging their transportation, it
was decided they would travel
overseas aboard the H.M.C.S. War-
rior. Arrangements were made af-
ter the trip had been cancelled, and
by the time the boys arrived in
France they were late for the
opening; event. Now, according to
news dispatches, they are instruct-
ed to leave before the close of the
gathering in order to board the
Warrior for the return trip to
Canada.

It is extremely difficult to under-
stand why it should be necessary
to subject the Canadian Scouts to
so much "pushing around." Such
gatherings of boys from all coun-
tries of the world, hand-picked for
their qualities shown in their as-
sociation, with other boys and Scout
leaders are of inestimable value in
promoting a better understanding
among the future leaders of the
countries represented. They prob-
ably are of more importance to the
future peace of the world than the
much publicized meetings of dip-
lomats and ministers.
However, although the Canadian
boys will no doubt feel a bit dis-
appointed, that they had to leave
the Jamboree earlier than the rest,
the trip has been something they
will never forget. It should give
them a broader outlook on human
relations and world affairs. If that
has been accomplished their time
certainly has not been wasted.

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