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

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Ignoring Our Existence

It would appear that to the minds of those
responsible for preparing travel folders for the
Trans-Canada Airlines, Canada is composed of
eight Provinces. Prince Edward Island does not
exist, not even in outline on the map.

House Of Lords Issue

The British House of Lords has defeated
the Attlee Government's Parliament Bill in second
reading. This, notes an exchange, is the first
time that a major government measure has been
rejected in Britain since before the First World
War.

During the debate an outstanding speech
was made by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood. This
distinguished and conscientious man warned his
fellow countrymen of dangers that he saw ahead.

Comedy Of Errors

Recently, on a division called by the Pro-
gressive Conservatives in the House of Commons,
something went wrong with the pairing system,
the result being thus described by an Ottawa
correspondent:

A member who is paired with an absentee
on the other side of the House does not, under
the circumstances, cast a vote on a recorded
division, but he punctiliously tells afterwards
how he would have voted had he been free to
do so.

"In the excitement of the moment," he said,
"I quite overlooked the fact that I was paired
with the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Bracken),
and I voted inadvertently. I asked the whip (W.
G. Weir of Macdonald), who sits immediately be-
hind the Prime Minister) if he would kindly re-
frain from voting so that the count would be
exact, and he did so. I think this all goes to
show that even the best of us may go astray at
times."

So Mr. Gardiner, the Minister of Agricul-
ture, didn't feel so badly when he admitted that
he, too, had voted inadvertently. He was paired
with Arthur Ross of Souris and failed to notice
him in his seat. "But I had the hon. member
for Brandon (Mr. Matthews) pair in my place."

Then the chief Opposition whip, Mr. Cassel-
man of Grenville-Dundas, explained that some-
how Mr. Golding of Huron-Perth had got himself
paired with two Progressive Conservatives. "I
being one of the triumvirate," said Mr. Cassel-
man, "I therefore refrained from voting."

Another Progressive Conservative, Mr. Pear-
kes of Nanaimo, announced that he was paired
with Mr. Cruickshank of Fraser Valley, but when
he saw the Prime Minister voting he thought that
all pairs were off.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summer, according to the Calendar, be-
gins this date.

Halgionians seem to be long suffering citi-
zens. When their taps delivered dirty water
recently the Water Commission made every-
thing all right by not charging them for it.

Rotary Conference begins today with regis-
tration of delegates and reception at Government
House. A cordial welcome is extended to them
from the Birthplace of Confederation.

As the plebiscite is to be conducted as nearly
as possible like a Provincial general election
it would seem that non-residents of the Province
are barred from attempting to influence
the vote.

Summerside seems able to profit even by its
difficulties. The delay in constructing the Prince
County Hospital because of material shortage and
difficulty of financing has put them in a favor-
able position to take advantage of the new Do-
minion health plan.

This country seems further than ever from
the long awaited lifting of import restrictions. As
of June 26th another long list will be added to
those requiring import permits. Some of the
items to be added are iron and steel machinery
valued at over \$200, traction engines, aircraft
and parts, generators, transformers and motors,
welding equipment.

Inigo Jones, English architect, died this date
1652; after completing his studies in Italy he
returned to London where he arranged the scen-
ery for Jonson's Court Masques. He quarreled
with his partner, and Jonson satirized him in
Bartholomew Fair. He was afterwards appointed
surveyor-general of royal buildings when he
designed the banqueting hall at Whitehall.

A Harley Street psychologist, one Dr. Em-
manuel Miller, has just completed a survey to
find out what juvenile movie audiences really
do want to see. According to him, historical
films come first, comedy second, cartoons third,
with cowboys a bad last. Disney cartoons, says
Dr. Miller, are universally liked by both boys and
girls, and Donald Duck is their favourite char-
acter.

Mr. John Connell speaking in the BBC's
North American Service about "Britain Under
Pressure," said: "The superlative health of the
children is by far the most impressive and excit-
ing thing about Britain today. You never see a
hungry child in Britain; you never see the poorest
child begging for bread. You don't see the
rickety, the bow-legged, the stunted children
that, even in my boyhood—a generation ago—
were far too common around our industrial cit-
ies."

Dr. Margaret Newton of Victoria, B.C., has
been awarded the Royal Society of Canada's Flavelle
Medal for outstanding contributions to science.
Dr. Newton is noted for her pioneer work on
wheat stem rust. A graduate of McGill University
and a specialist in wheat diseases, she went to the
Federal Rust Research Laboratory at Winnipeg
in 1925 and worked with a team of outstanding
scientists on the problem of developing rust resis-
tant wheats.

It does not do to be too enterprising in the
butter market. Charles Duquette, proprietor of
the Montreal Pharmacy, was ordered in the Court
of Summary Conviction to pay a fine of \$200 and
costs for having bought butter at a price ex-
ceeding the levels set by the Prices and Trade
Board. The complaint against Duquette was
brought by the Board after the Montreal Pharm-
acy advertised it stood ready to supply custom-
ers with butter at a period when this commodity
was not easily available on the market. The
fine was imposed by Chief Judge Edouard Arch-
ambault.

What does it portend? Recently Recon-
struction Minister Howe went down to the States
advocating regional rearrangement of Canada
and the United States. He has been followed
by Mr. Donald Gordon, deputy-governor of the
Bank of Canada who told a Baltimore audience
that there should be an increase of U. S. invest-
ments to develop Canada's natural resources.
It was also time, he suggested to the National
Industrial Advertisers' Association, that trade bar-
riers between Canada and the United States be
re-examined, because these barriers "... now
may be out of step with the times." Last year
Canada, with about one-twelfth the population
of the United States, bought twice as much from
that country as the U. S. did from Canada. "If
trade barriers are in any way responsible for such
a wide contrast," the deputy governor said in a
prepared speech, "then I think reasonable men
would agree that the structure is no longer ap-
propriate."

Citizen of what? The British Government
has asked the Dominions whether the term "Com-
monwealth citizen" would be preferable to Brit-
ish citizen when referring to British subjects.
Speaking of the ambiguity of the term "British"
during a debate in the House of Lords, the Lord
Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, said the people of
some of the newer dominions such as India, Pak-
istan and Ceylon and some of those who were
descendants of "other great parent nations,"
like the French in Canada and the Dutch in
South Africa, might not like to use the term
"British." "If the word is a stumbling block to
anyone let us by all means see if we can find an
alternative term such as "Commonwealth citi-
zen," Lord Jowitt said. The Lord Chancellor was
asking the Lords to agree to the bill which gives
effect to the principle that the people of each
self-governing country within the British Com-
monwealth have a particular status as citizens
of their own country and a common status as
members of the Commonwealth

Notes By The Way

Whether the radio or the auto-
mobile horn can be ranked as the
king of nuisances we know not, but
the king lies between them. There
appear to be more horn blowers in
the dozen cars and fewer drivers
proportionately in Winnipeg than
in most other places. In London,
at one time, automobile drivers
were forbidden to sound their
horns; they had to get by on their
driving skill. It must intrigue many
observers to know what would hap-
pen in Winnipeg and most other
Canadian cities if such a law were
enforced. Take weddings, too. One
does not have to have such a long
memory to recall the dignified days
with silks and his whip decorated
with a large white bow. — Win-
nipeg Citizen.

Ambitious youth will continue to
answer the beckoning of opportuni-
ty. The United States offers great-
er lucrative inducements and more
rapid advancement. To counteract
these magnets, Canada must show
more definite appreciation of and
confidence in the abilities of those
trained here, be they engineers or
specialists in any other line. If
that course is not followed, the
paradox will continue. Some of our
most skillful and best-trained men
will cross the line to acquire the
recognition which places them in
demand in their own country. —
Victoria Times.

The Scottish Schoolmasters' As-
sociation are opposed to the prin-
ciple of equal pay for men and
women teachers. At their annual
meeting in Edinburgh, the asso-
ciation unanimously adopted a
resolution reaffirming as the basis
of their salaries policy, that in the
preparation of any salary scales the
cases of men and women called for
separate consideration. Mr. R. J.
Walker, headmaster of David Kil-
patrick Senior Secondary School,
Edinburgh, the new president of
the association, remarked that
there were any number of people
who said that teaching was the
ideal profession in which to exer-
cise one's talents. He maintained
that nothing would be more
fatal to Scottish education than
tinkering with it in this way. —
Edinburgh Scotsman.

For sentimental reasons, the
Countess of Erroll has purchased
the ruined Slains Castle, near Port
Erroll, Aberdeenshire, and an area
or ground round it, from the pro-
prietor of Slains estate, Sir Ian
Walker. Slains Castle was created
bound up with the history of her
family. Originally it was the
stronghold of the Thanes of Buch-
an and through marriage it passed
to the Comyns and later to the
Hays. Its strength was destroyed
later in the 16th century, how-
ever, by order of King James VI.
The picturesque ruin is today one
of the landmarks on the rocky
Buchan Coast. Lady Erroll, who is
22, succeeded to the earldom in
1941 on the death of her father,
whose home in Kenya was called
Slains. The earldom was created
in 1463. Lady Erroll has the dis-
tinction of being the first woman
hereditary Lord High Constable of
Scotland. It gives the holder of
the earldom a rank higher than
all other peers or holders of other
hereditary honors, the Royal Fam-
ily only excepted, according to the
Table of Precedence in Scotland.
Lady Erroll is the wife of Captain
Ian Moncrieffe, Scots Guards. —
Edinburgh Scotsman.

An Army colonel who had a
reputation of being quite a pep-
talker called his men together fre-
quently to inspire them to greater
achievements. He was oratorical
and dramatic in his delivery and
his listeners generally enjoyed the
rallies as much as the colonel. On
one occasion, however, the colonel
had had no time to select a sub-
ject on which to speak and found
himself at a loss as to what to
say. But as he entered a door to
the hall where his men were as-
sembled he noticed the word
"Push" and happily adopted it for
his topic. He quickly thought of a
suitable opening and worked up to
his usual chest-pounding stage with
a comparative ease. Then with an
air of pride and confidence he or-
ated, "And if you want to know
what has put me where I am, turn
around and read the word on that
back door." Turning as one man,
the group read on the inward side
of the door the word "Pull." —
Paul's Post.

Two Yale University investiga-
tors made a cross-country trip to
determine the habits of drivers in
passing other cars in the face of
traffic approaching from the op-
posite direction. Twenty percent,
habitually, allow themselves less
than one second in which to pass
one car without being struck by
an approaching car. Assume that
you are not that one driver out of
five. Still your chances of getting
involved with that driver on the
highway are one in five. The odds
in your favor are not anywhere
near big enough to justify putting
much of your trust in the other
man. — Chatham News.

The simple act of a young boy
in New York has attracted great
attention throughout the United
States and Canada. As a winner
of an award for "good sportsman-
ship" he was to get a
free two weeks' vacation in the
country. But he declined the award.
He had been to the country the
previous season and had returned
to his home much bored by the ex-
perience. In New York, he could do
everything they did at camp, he
declared. Summing up his feelings,
he said, "In the city we play more
ball, swim more often and don't
get up so early." — Fort William
Times-Journal.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

INDIAN CLAIMS

"As far back as 1806 the Abbe de
Colonne interested himself in the
Indians and memorialized the Brit-
ish authorities on their behalf. He
pointed out that he had resided in
Prince Edward Island for six years
past and had been respected to, in
line of his clerical profession, by
the Micmacs of the Island and of
Nova Scotia, who, before the war
of 1755, when the country belonged
to the French, had been conver-
ted to Christianity.
"A harmless and inoffensive peo-
ple, subsisting by the chase, they
were overlooked at the locating of
lands, when settlement commenced,
though as aboriginals they had a
right to a share. Now, owing to
increasing population, wild animals
(their food) were becoming scarce.
The river fisheries had been ap-
propriated and regulated, conse-
quently the Indians were in a
starving condition. The Abbe, as
their pastor, had sought to induce
their betaking themselves to man-
ual labor. Some had attended to his
directions and made attempts at
horticulture, and raising a little
maize had exceeded his expecta-
tions. But to change long habit
might be the work of a whole gen-
eration. That was the enough un-
less they were fixed near the shore
in a situation near the coast, favor-
able for obtaining water, sea-fowl
and fishing. Besides from the dan-
ger of spirituous liquors and pecu-
liar ways of living, it was ad-
visable to keep them so far isolat-
ed from the other inhabitants as
to render the introduction of inter-
course gradual.

"They had applied to Lieutenant-
Governor Fanning for a suitable lo-
cation, but as all the lands were
granted without reservation, he
could only procure the consent of
the agents of the proprietor of
Lennox Island, containing a thou-
sand acres of land, for them to
reside on. Thinking this sufficient,
they built a very neat chapel and
cleared spots for small gardens and
patches of maize.
"The Abbe, told them, as the Is-
land was private property, they
could not continue to possess it
without the explicit consent of the
proprietor himself. Therefore, as he
was returning for a short time to
England they requested him to
mention their loyalty, and pray
that His Majesty would be pleased
to buy and grant the island to
them.

"He further submitted "the nec-
essity of vesting in the govern-
ment of the Island, in trust for the
security and benefit of the Indians,
this or whatever portion of land
Your Majesty may be pleased to
advise being set aside for them, so
as to render void any purchases
which individuals may in future
attempt to elicit from their inex-
perience and improvidence."
"The memorial was signed De
Colonne. Missionary, a certificate
from General Fanning, dated Cav-
endish Square, 14th. July, 1806, in
support of the above memorial was
annexed. Their case also came be-
fore the commissioners who re-
ported that "the Indian claims are
limited to Lennox Island and grass
lands about it, and as it appears
by evidence that the Indians have
been in uninterrupted occupancy
of their property for more than
half a century, and have built a
chapel and several houses upon the
same, the commissioners are of



HIGH ROAD

This is the kind of road I like;
One that clatters twice,
Climbing a pine-dark mountain side
Until the air grows misty.

I like that road that follows the
hawks,
And hunts the source of a high
Tumbling stream whose icy pools
Are the color of the sky.

A road that reaches for the stars
Or drinks clouds bright with rain,
That tops the crest and stumbling
down,
Unwinds itself again.

And searches for blowing butter-
cup meadows,
Gold on the valley floor,
An elm-green road that takes me
home,
Straight to my own back door.

—Frances Frost in the New York
Herald-Tribune.

opinion that their title should be
confirmed and that this very small
portion of the wide territories their
forefathers formerly owned should
be left in the undisturbed posses-
sion of this last remnant of the
race."
—Report of Land Commissioners,
1861, quoted in Warburton's His-
tory.

UNIQUE CAREER

BRAMPTON, Ont., June 20—(CP)—
A career believed unique in Cana-
dian public school history will
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St., Charlottetown, P. E. I., on
Friday evening, June 25th, at 8
P. M. Sharp.
A number of trustees are to be
appointed to the board and all
contributors present will have a
vote; complete, printed financial
reports will be distributed and the
work of the institution freely dis-
cussed.
The meeting is wide open to the
public and all are cordially in-
vited to attend. The Clergy are
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