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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Rule 56 (a)

There will shortly be placed before a
plenary meeting of the United Nations Gen-
eral Assembly a one-sentence proposal
known as Rule 56 (a). All signs now point
to its ultimate approval. Rule 56 (a), as
formally proposed in August by a special
Assembly committee at Secretary General
Trygve Lie's recommendation and adopted
last month by the Legal Committee, reads
as follows: "Immediately after the open-
ing of the first plenary meeting and im-
mediately following the closing of the final
plenary meeting of each session of the Gen-
eral Assembly, the President shall invite
the representatives to observe one minute
of silence dedicated to prayer or medita-
tion." The vote in the Legal Committee
was forty-four in favor, none against and
seven abstentions (Yugoslavia, Russia,
White Russia, the Soviet Ukraine, Poland,
Czechoslovakia and Uruguay.)

Simple as the adoption of this plan for
a moment of quietude would appear to be,
it was advanced to its present position only
after many tactful conversations be-
tween proponents and member nation dele-
gates. Mr. Lie at first urged a time for
"prayer and meditation," but the conjunc-
tion was changed to "or" to meet the ob-
jections of U. N. members who saw in "and"
a commitment to engage in something in
which they did not perhaps care to join,
but who regarded the substitution of "or"
as allowing them latitude to pray or to
meditate or, as an Associated Press story
put it, "just let their minds wander." On
such small things do projects rise and fall.

Too much, perhaps, should not be ex-
pected of the adoption of Mr. Lie's pro-
posal; but, as the New York Times re-
marks, "if its observance were to do noth-
ing more, in one still moment, than to re-
mind U. N. members of their awful re-
sponsibility and of the millions of people
who believe in, and pray for, the U. N. and
its work, then the minute would have been
well spent."

It could, indeed, be a very precious min-
ute,—one of inestimable significance in
shaping the destiny of our civilization.

Queer Publicity

Some of our readers will recall, follow-
ing the visit of Their Majesties here in 1939,
the quaint description in an Ontario paper
of the turnout of citizens from all parts of
the Island in buggies and mackintoshes. The
reporter was relying on his imagination,
and wrote such ridiculous matter that the
paper had subsequently to send here a brace
of live-wire journalists who made amends by
turning in a first-rate article on the Provin-
ce and its activities.

We have often wondered what became
of the Rip Van Winkle who covered the
first story for this Ontario publication. We
have seen none of his masterpieces since;
but apparently his type is not extinct, for
a somewhat similar literary performance ap-
pears in a recent Chicago publication en-
titled "The Highway Traveller," which
claims to be "America's leading highway
travel magazine." A leading article in this
issue is devoted to New England and the
Maritimes, and Prince Edward Island is giv-
en a couple of paragraphs and a picture all
to itself. "The people," says the author,
"seem to cling closely to the past and to the
sea. In this country we saw more horse
and ox-drawn carts than we did automo-
biles; and the people are easy-going, friendly
fishermen and farmers." The picture, pur-
porting to be a "road scene in Prince Ed-
ward Island," shows a team of oxen on a
narrow dirt road drawing an ancient looking
vehicle which may have been in use here
at the time of the Skye pioneers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Potatoes and turnips on the move.

Tomorrow's Canadian and American air
raid on New York City is an admirable ex-
ample of cooperation. The defences will also
be entrusted to a combined American and
Canadian interceptor group.

Budget changes are very slight since its
original introduction before the general elec-
tion. The elimination of the 8 per cent sales
tax on fuel oil should largely offset the price
increases resulting from devaluation of the
Canadian dollar.

Sarah Bernhardt, actress, born this date
1845. Internationally known by two gen-
erations for her golden voice and dramatic
powers which were universally recognized,
in addition she was an oil painter and sculp-

tor, her exhibits being accepted by the
Paris Salon.

Guatemala's flood losses in lives and prop-
erty are moving and leave one with a
feeling of helplessness. It is at such times
that we appreciate the International Red
Cross, a means by which we can anticipate
and relieve distress in case of disaster any-
where.

Today the ancient ban on women enter-
ing a church bareheaded is gradually being
raised but it is otherwise in courts of law.
Chief Justice J. E. Michaud of New Brun-
swick has ruled that female witnesses "must
be properly attired and wear hats."

Signs of the times. The International
Relations Club of Mt. Allison University
have invited Mr. David A. Lewis, Ottawa,
Secretary of the National Council of the C.
C. F. to speak at a public meeting on Tues-
day. Arrangements are being made for
other party leaders to speak at later meet-
ings.

Mr. G. R. Pearkes, M.P., told the New
Brunswick P.C. Association that their party
was the only one fighting a trend towards
single party government and absolute power.
He cited refusal to set up the veterans af-
fairs, national defence and national health
committees as parliamentary instances of
this trend.

The United Nations has reached the
cross-roads. The election of Yugoslavia
rather than Czechoslovakia to the Security
Council is the first real setback Russia has
suffered, the General Assembly not being
subject to the veto. How Russia takes the
defeat may well decide the fate of the world
organization.

More than twice as many people in Brit-
ain are living to over 85 than in 1931. Of-
ficial figures show there are 193,000 men
and women over 85. Women of this age
outnumber men by more than two to one.
Indeed, there are more "surplus women"
than ever—2,380,000 (December 1947)
against less than 1,700,000 in 1931.

Members of Parliament have long been
accustomed to explain the barrenness of
debate in the House by much of the work
having been done behind the scenes in the
various committees. Mr. Donald Flemming
(PC-Eglinton) has ruthlessly exposed how
little the standing committees actually do,
from the one on Mines and Forests which
has had no meetings in five years to the
highly exceptional Banking and Commerce
committee which sat 83 times over the same
period.

A federal health grant of \$4,550 for the
provision of equipment for a laboratory at
the Moncton City Hospital has been approved
by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National
Health and Welfare. The approval of the
grant was learned through Mr. E. W.
George, M.P., for Westmorland. It is ex-
pected that the new facilities will result in
improved laboratory services for that provin-
ce. Mr. George also disclosed that ap-
proval had been given to a federal health
grant of approximately \$925 to cover the
cost to March 31, 1950, of adding a full
time school teacher to the staff of the Jor-
dan Memorial Sanatorium at River Glade.

The Social Service Council of the Angli-
can Church in New Brunswick is concerned
at the circulation of salacious literature
in cheap editions. Actions to have this
literature banned was to be sought from
the provincial government and the mayor of
Saint John and the chief of the city police
were also to be approached. This is a mat-
ter that applies equally to Charlottetown
and the Province generally and is known
as the scandal of "Profit by Pornography."
The Knights of Columbus have taken action
to prevent the publication and circulating in
Canada of immoral comics and salacious
publications.

A picturesque ceremony in London
marked the beginning of a search for the
tomb of London's first Lord Mayor, Dick
Whittington. City dignitaries in traditional
robes, preceded by trumpeters in 14th cen-
tury costume, walked in procession to the
Church of Saint Michael Royal on College
Hill. The site of Whittington's tomb is by
tradition placed in this church, which he
rebuilt in 1412. Bellingrings of the Ancient
Society of College Youths played a tradi-
tional peal which is said to have determined
Whittington to return to London and try
his fortune there, instead of leaving the city
in discouragement. The search for the
tomb is being conducted under the guid-
ance of the Director of the Roman and
Mediaeval Excavation Council of London,
Mr. Grimes. The present Master of the
Mercers Company—an office originally held
by Dick Whittington—removed the first
spade of soil from the spot in the church
where the excavations will be made.

Peeking At Points Of View



Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)
TENANT LEAGUE RIOTS

Excerpt from a despatch from the
Hon. Robert Hodgson, Admin-
istrator of Government in Prince
Edward Island, to the Rt. Hon.
Edward Cardwell, Secretary of
State, Downing Street, London,
Aug. 2, 1935.

"Lieutenant Governor Dundas,
in a despatch dated 23rd March
last, informed you that in several
parts of this Island persons had
formed themselves into a League,
with the avowed intention of
withholding payments of rent
until the proprietors consent to
sell their estates on such terms
as the League may deem just, and
that he had issued a Proclamation
warning all parties concerned in
such unlawful combination that
in attempting to carry out such
purposes they opposed themselves
to Her Majesty and the Laws.

"The Sheriff, aided by the con-
stabulary force, proceeded from
the City Hall with Dickieson, in
order to recommit him to jail.
On leaving the City Hall, the
Sheriff and his assistants were
immediately surrounded and
pressed upon by an excited mob
of upwards of 200 persons, ap-
parently determined to rescue the
prisoner. Stones were thrown
and several of the constables were
struck by them. To the circum-
stances of the constables being
armed, and to their firmness,
attributable the safe keeping of
Dickieson and his recommit to
jail."

"On the night of the 26th July,
I caused guards to be placed on
the building containing the rifles
and arms loaned by Her Majesty's
Government to the colony, and in
charge of the magazine which is
situated at a distance of a half
mile from the city. I also caused
a guard to be stationed in the
jail for its better security. The
guard has been withdrawn from
the jail; the armoury and maga-
zine still remain guarded.

"It is reported to me that im-
mediately a Sheriff's officer is ob-
served to enter a settlement, tin
trumpets are blown in all direc-
tions, many of the inhabitants as-
semble, surround the officers, blow
trumpets in their faces, and in-
sult and defy them. In March last,
the Deputy Sheriff was waylaid
and prevented from entering a
settlement some ten or twelve
miles from Charlottetown. It
was known that the object of his
visit was the service of writs upon
defaulting tenants. In the same
month the streets of the capital
were paraded by several hundreds
of persons headed by a band of
music, and carrying colours on
which were painted various mot-
toes, such as 'Free Lands', 'Ten-
ants' Rights', &c., &c. A man in
the procession was arrested by
the Deputy Sheriff, the officer
was knocked down and the pris-
oner rescued from within a few
yards of the Police Station."

discharged, that he should be
taken before the Magistrate on
the 28th. I considered it my duty,
under these circumstances, to or-
der compliance with the Sheriff's
request; at the same time I direct-
ed the Colonial Secretary to coun-
sel the exercise of the utmost
forbearance on the Sheriff and the
special constables.

"The prisoner, Dickieson, was
safely conducted from the jail to
the City Hall, escorted by the
Sheriff and about twenty-five
special constables, each armed
with a cavalry pistol loaded with
ball cartridge. The charge against
Dickieson was duly investigated,
and he gave bail for his appear-
ance at the next term of the Su-
preme Court. On perfecting bail,
Dickieson was, as a matter of
course, discharged by the Magis-
trate; he was, however, detained
by the Sheriff having previously
been charged in execution under
a judge's order for debt at the
suit of his landlord.

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The music of the autumn winds
sings low.
Down by the ruins of the painted
hills,
Where math lies flaming with a
marvellous glow,
Upon the ash of rose and daffodils.
But I can find no melancholy here
To see the naked rocks and thin-
ning trees;
Earth strips to grapple with the
winter year—
I see her gnarled hills plan for vic-
torious!

I love the earth who goes to
battle now,
To struggle with the wintry whip-
pling storm
And bring the glorious spring out
from the night.
I see earth's muscles bared, her
battle brow,
And an not sad, but feel her mar-
tial charm
As splendidly she plunges in the
fight.
—Edwin Curran.

Provincial Museum
Wanted
(Summerdale Journal)
Commendable indeed is the pro-
posal of Abegweit Chapter, I. O.
D. E. of Summerdale, to co-operate
with other chapters of the
Order in the Province toward
making a success of an exhibition
of Historic Relics scheduled to be
held in the Clover Club, Char-
lottetown on November 3rd, and
4th. The type of historic articles
required for display are such ob-
jects as books, maps, manuscripts,
old handicraft, coins, Indian re-
lics and household commodities,
etc., of an earlier period.

It is the hope that this ex-
hibition may draw the attention
of the Government authorities,
and the general public as well, to
the fact that there is a great
need in this Province for a per-
manent museum in which to house
all the valuable material of an his-
toric nature which is scattered
throughout the Island. Much
of such material has already been
lost to us, mainly because there
has been no proper place where
it could be placed. Such a place,
a suitable museum, has long been
needed.

In recent years, especially, these
valued souvenirs of the past in
the Island Province, have been
gradually disappearing and finding
their way to other parts of Can-
ada, or further. It would appear
to be high time to take steps to
save what is left.

The Age-Old Story
Oh that thou hadst hearkened
to My Commandments! Then had
thy peace been as a river, and
thy righteousness as the waves of
the sea.
Inhabitants, there being no reg-
ular force at my command, and
the Militia of the colony not be-
ing, in my opinion, available, I
considered it my duty to submit
to the members of the Executive
Council the necessity which I be-
lieved to exist of giving notice to
the Lieutenant Governor of Nova
Scotia of the disturbed state of
the Island, and to request a de-
tachment of Troops from the gar-
rison of Halifax."

Notes By The Way

It is more than a month now
since municipal authorities warn-
ed Sherbrooke's dog owners that
they must obtain a licence or face
the threat of having their animals
shot. The public apparently didn't
take this warning to heart for al-
ready more than a dozen animals
have been shot by the police and
as many more are waiting to go
before the firing squad. — Sher-
brooke Record.

Even in Canada, if we do not
follow sensible practice in the
future, 20 or 30 or 50 years may
see the end of many of our game
species. Our buffalo is an ex-
ample. If a handful had not been
protected, and the herds allowed
to build up over the years, this
fine animal would now be ex-
tinct. Elk and Moose are already
scarce in many areas. Stag and
deer, excepting jumping deer, are
not to be found any more over
wide sections of the country. The
wild duck, prairie chicken, parti-
ridge, are becoming rarer. Our
bass, pickerel, muskonge must
be carefully conserved or they
will not long be found in reason-
ably accessible fishing waters. —
Winnipeg Free Press.

The people in Canada's newest
province, Newfoundland, are
learning through an attack on
their pocketbooks that it takes
money to run a provincial gov-
ernment. The worker who has
been paying \$2.50 for a bottle of
"screech" rum now finds the price
jumped to \$3 a bottle. "Screech"
rum is that imported from the
West Indies in casks and watered
by the liquor board. Demerara
rum, which reaches Newfoundland
via Britain, also increased in
price by 50 cents a bottle, as did
Scotch whiskey and British
gin. The point made by the New-
foundlanders is that the increase
was not made on the basis of per-
centage, and the working man
falls to understand why he should
be required to pay another 50
cents for the watered "screech."
—Sudbury Star.

For many years now the price
of wheat has been "supported"
at the expense of the whole Do-
minion and in literally stupend-
ous sums. (Ottawa must be a
"glutton for punishment" where
Western wheat is concerned)
There is the Prairie Farm Re-
habilitation Act which provides
"authority to secure the rehabili-
tation of the drought and soil-
drifting areas and to introduce
throughout the affected areas sys-
tems of farm settlement that af-
ford greater security to Prairie
farmers." Also there is the Prairie
Farm Assistance Act which makes
provision for special payments to
wheat farmers in an "emergency
year" or in case of a "crop
failure." Western wheat, like the
king, can do no wrong in Ottawa's
book. It is buttressed and bol-
stered by special acts and special
privilege. Its needs are discussed
at and by Ottawa in terms of
millions and hundreds of mil-
lions. Ottawa never gets "sick
and tired" of its importunities
and demands. Ottawa appears to
love them! — Halifax Chronicle-
Herald.

If there is one thing the man
who uses a desk dictionary or housekeep-
er—or page boy—who has a year
for "tidying up." The average man
likes to have his desk cluttered
up with the stuff he needs, and
he does not want a busy person
to come around there and dump
any of them into a basket and
carry them off. If there is any
cleaning-up to be done he'll do it
himself when the spirit moves
him, and at no other time. What
matter if he has to fumble through
a pile of papers to find what he
wants? When he finds it—which
by some sixth sense peculiar to
himself he invariably does in a
few moments—he enjoys the same
sort of inner satisfaction that an
angler does when he lands a big
fish. Besides, the mess of things
on the desk presents the outward
unmistakable evidence of him
being a busy man. — St. Thomas
Times-Journal.

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fort to eliminate, or at least, greatly reduce this terrific waste.
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