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

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Those Budget Speeches

According to the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Hughes, his ten-to-fifteen-minute speeches in the Legislature should not be interpreted as Budget speeches.

In 1945 Mr. Hughes broke all records for brevity by producing a budget speech in which he disposed of the finances of the Province, past, present and future, in the space of seven minutes.

In February 1946, Mr. Hughes tabled the Public Accounts, showing an increase of \$552,815 in liabilities and deficit on current account of \$348,487 as for the year ending March 31, 1945.

In the present campaign, Mr. Hughes was quoted as claiming Liberal surpluses every year for the past twelve years. This does not correspond with the figures he gave as Provincial Treasurer, but this mystery has now been explained.

The Minister did not consider himself responsible for the Budget deliveries! The fact of the matter is that no proper presentation of the Budget was undertaken by the Jones Government, and the Legislature and Province were left very much in the dark.

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The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Selkirk, O.B.E., A.F.C., is visiting this country and the United States. In Montreal the Earl spoke very enthusiastically of continued immigration from Scotland to Canada.

To show the confidence "Big Business" has in the future of the Province it may be mentioned that the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada has just taken two mortgages of \$11,300 and \$108,800 respectively on properties here, while the government has taken one for \$15,000. That looks good for continued prosperity.

Although from time to time we have the pleasure of meeting readers of long standing, it is not often we come across a subscriber of 58 years standing. Mrs. Robert C. MacNeill of 47 Bayfield St. has been a constant reader of The Guardian since 1889 when it was recommended to her by a friend at Argyle Shore where she lived before coming to Charlottetown.

Word was received here yesterday of the sudden passing here of Mr. William Wallace, advertising manager of Toronto Daily Star. Mr. Wallace was at business as usual, and died at his desk. He was counted the foremost advertising executive in Ontario, and was in addition a director of the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association.

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Cripps announces a new \$80,000,000 housing scheme for next year. To save water many of the houses may be built with scanty bathroom accommodation as Sir Stafford says these are not absolutely necessary. Lady Cripps, a granddaughter of the inventor of Eno's Fruit Salts, says a daily bath is a middle class fad.

John Flaxman, English sculptor, died this date 1826; while a youth he found scope for his abilities as a designer for Wedgwood, the famous china firm, but in 1872 he began to devote himself to statuary and monumental sculpture, establishing his fame as the greatest of England's classical sculptors.

Now it is the U. S. that threatens our fox breeders with extinction. What a lot of envy the success of the Island creates! New Brunswick is envious of our potato and lobster success, the Provinces of our hog superiority, Ontario and Quebec of our all-year-round equable weather making us ideally suitable for summer and winter residence.

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-Notes By The Way-

Speed the day when the Palestine State will cease to be written in British blood - Toronto Telegram.

It is stated that more than three-quarters of the gold produced in the world last year found its way into, and is being held by private hands. It is an indication of what people generally think of gold, and what a free market might do to the price. - Stratford Beacon-Herald.

There are more opportunities here in Pictou County than in the City of Toronto, a friend of ours remarked the other day. Pressed for an explanation, he replied, "Everything has been picked up here but there are many openings left here waiting for the alert man willing to make a job for himself." - New Glasgow Record.

One of the most valuable things a quiet, it is, we regret, the rarest. Loud talk, loud motors, J.J. radios, loud horns. Ours is a loud, and therefore vulgar, society. We welcome Winter on two accounts - the snow muffles the sound of traffic, and the cold weather gives us the excuse to wear ear muffs. - Peterborough Examiner.

University authorities have announced that the students will not be required to write the usual, lengthy Christmas examinations. The faculty is giving the student body a sick leave. In this case, however, it is not the students that are suffering from malaise, but the university itself. There are so many students that if regular examinations were written the professors would have to spend the whole Christmas vacation correcting them. Hence scheduled tests for arts and science students will not be held. - Winnipeg Tribune.

Work has begun on the construction of a great steel factory at Port Talbot, Wales, at a cost of \$20,000,000, reports The Sydney Post-Record. Five months ago the site was the haunt of wild geese, ducks and some farming. Since then 2,600 men have been at work clearing the area and erecting the plant, which will be ready about two years hence. A limestone quarry producing 10,000 tons a week is in operation, and 60 miles of railroad track will be laid. This works will be the keystone for Welsh industrial recovery. It will add to existing production of British steel, and in September reached a ratio of nearly 14,000,000 tons a year. Britain will save millions of dollars a year in American imports compared with pre-war.

The Underground train, runs a story in The London Evening News, was just comfortably full. A commuter sat reading his paper. The train pulled into a station, the man beside him got up and left. The automatic doors had begun to close when the commuter glanced up from his paper and saw a modern Arab sitting on the seat beside him. He swiftly grabbed them, dashed to the closing doors and threw the gloves, just in time, on to the station platform. The man on the far side of the vacant seat leaned across and said, "would you be good enough to tell me just why you threw my gloves out of the train?"

The rescue of the wounded clergyman, Canon John H. Turner from his Arctic mission and his transfer to hospital in Winnipeg, is a modern Arctic epic. It contrasts sharply with the early exploration in the Arctic, when men who penetrated into that region were cut off from civilization for weeks in the case of the expedition of Sir John Franklin. It was only after repeated rescue efforts had failed that any trace was discovered of the expedition. The Arctic more closely to the rest of Canada. Even an outpost on the remote fringe of the Dominion like Montreal is only a few hours by air from our cities.

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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.

THE TEMPERANCE VOTE

Sir, - I read with much interest the letter in your column (of Tuesday's Guardian) written by Mr. C. A. Hicks, secretary P. E. I. Temperance Federation.

Once upon a time a young lad asked a clever old clergyman to tell him how one might understand politics, so that it would be possible to vote intelligently. The clergyman replied, "Well, lad, just start at Julius Caesar and read history up to the present time, and you might know a little about it."

Many serious-minded citizens find themselves in a position somewhat similar to that young lad. Not wishing to sell their vote for paltry reasons, and puzzled by party bickering, many of our best citizens remark: "Oh, I'm not going to vote at all!"

I think the letter written by Mr. C. A. Hicks is a challenge to such voters. Why shouldn't we give our support to those members who had the courage to oppose the Cullen Amendment to our Prohibition Act?

Would Mr. C. A. Hicks or others who are "in the know" give us a list of those members who were opposed to the Cullen Amendment? I am, Sir, etc. POLITICALLY PUZZLED.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CRITICISM

Sir, - I would appreciate a bit of space to comment on the address of the Attorney General on Saturday evening last. Mr. Large, who knows better, made several serious charges against the C.C.F. but he made them by inference. He told the people to ask certain things and inferred thereby that they were true. He said, for example, to ask the C.C.F. people if it were not true that a farmer in Saskatchewan could not will his land to his son, and he said it in such a way that people were supposed to believe that such a law exists.

Mr. Large knows perfectly well, since he is a lawyer, that no such law is on the statute books of the Province. Why then does he spread such misrepresentations? Mr. Large is asking us to elect him to a very important post in the Government - the administration of law. Surely such tactics do not inspire public confidence!

Let me say this to Mr. Large: He has given the people of Prince Edward Island the impression that no Saskatchewan farmer could will his land to his son. I will be at my home at ten o'clock on Friday morning. If he can produce such a law from the Public Statutes of Saskatchewan, let him bring it to me at that time. If he can, then I will resign as C.C.F. candidate and will support him during the remainder of the campaign. If he cannot, then he owes it to the people of the Island to publish a public apology through the pages of this paper.

I am, Sir, etc. MURDOCH McLEOD C.C.F. Candidate 1st Queens Long River, P.E.I.

THE DEVALUED DOLLAR

Sir, - Since last Tuesday, an increasing number of men who run their own businesses have, through the new trade restrictions, been forced to close down. This concern exclusively with certain U.S. imports are now virtually unemployed.

One man in Toronto had just received his charter for a company the day before Mr. Abbott's unheralded announcement. The cost was \$600, but he will be unable to do one day's work for his new company until some distant time in the future when the likelihood is that his products will either be out of date or the market will no longer exist.

We can indeed do without the goods on the prohibited lists. We could also do without electricity and go back a hundred years. Granted too, the fact that many men unemployed because of the import bans will be able to find other employment, but not at what they obviously consider themselves fitted for. To them it simply means two or three years out of their careers.

I have yet to meet a man who does not agree that by far the simplest way to solve Canada's financial problem would have been to devalue the dollar. Even if it meant the dollar finding its level at as low a figure as 75 cents, the final result would be the same as will be achieved by Mr. Abbott's cumbersome and exacting plan, and that result would be arrived at in a much shorter time with far less hardship for the people.

I am, Sir, etc. DAVID BERNARD 87 Yonge Street, Toronto 1, Ont., November 26th, 1947.

TOO LATE FOR ROAD WORK

Sir, - It is now too late for road work in this season and for the Liberal Party as they are doomed for defeat Dec. 11th. The people have got wise to this farce of road work.

We are particularly favorable for the overseas product in that Canada is rapidly running short of United States dollars and supplementary business with the United Kingdom would help to ease this trend. The effect on Britain, already in debt to this country, would be even more salutary insofar as her exports to Canada did not cut into hers in the United States. - Britain. Present circumstances Victoria Times.

GIVE HIM A ROBE



He'll revel in the luxury of a reany fine Robe. One that makes him feel like a millionaire. You'll find just such special Robes here - for his very special gift -

- New flannels, satins, rayon silks! New stripes, jacquards, prints, plains! All colors, styles and sizes!

\$9.50 to \$20



He'll flush with happiness over a gift of his favorite Shirts - CHOOSE HIS TODAY before the big Christmas rush starts. Shirts will be very scarce this year. \$2.50 to \$5.50

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WHERE QUALITY IS SURE

machines, running from job to job on the Sabbath Day to catch votes. If the machines had been working when they should have been, we would have good roads now and the Liberals would not have to exert themselves so much in vain, as on Dec. 11 the people are going to eliminate P.E.I. of all Liberal candidates. Is this the reason our Dominion member, Dr. T. V. Grant is calling on certain people, not canvassing, but just working for the Liberal candidates? If so, he must feel out of place. We will give Hon. T. E. Cullen and H. H. Cox credit for keeping the machines off the roads in our section at this time of year.

Whatever we will do about the rest of the season, we will perhaps wake up some morning before Dec. 11 and see a floating bridge at St. Peter's Bay as they have not time to put a permanent one there now, and no resignation as yet. If Mr. Cox was Minister of Public Works we could at least get our cellars dug as he does not seem interested in road work. Public Works Minister Barbour said in his recent speech, he had good roads on P.E.I. We challenge him to come to King's Co. today and travel over some of our mud roads without pontoons on his car. King's Co. has some more upstanding citizens like Leslie Hunter and John A. McDonald in the Progressive Conservative field and after Dec. 11th will be ready for action to aid the people.

On Dec. 11th if the weather is mild, start early to your poll as the mud roads will be almost impassable, and some of these machines will be stuck in the mud and cars will have to detour. After one has travelled on those roads a short distance, one sure will not vote Liberal.

I am, Sir, etc. ONE WHO HAS TRAVELLED ON THEM. A WOMAN'S PROTEST. Sir, - May I be permitted a small space to express my reaction to the speech by Attorney-General Large on Saturday night.

We have been used to partisan statements especially during election campaigns but in this address the misrepresentations and false accusations directed against the C.C.F. Party were so glaring and so insulting to the intelligence of those who uphold that system that a word of protest is very much called for. With all his political and legal knowledge, Mr. Large classes Socialism and Communism as one and the same system, and is very much concerned over the fate of the farmers should the C.C.F. Government be given the control of our country's economy. We do not believe Mr. Large is as ill-informed as his speech would have us believe but is deliberately trying to fool the electors by this bogey-fear of Communism. He well knows the good record of the Saskatchewan Government and that of other democratic Socialist governments like England, New Zealand and Australia. Sweden and Denmark and others also made a good job of Socialist rule before the war and improved conditions for the working classes. In our own country the farmers, tradesmen and laborers have suffered much, through generations. The big corporations have helped to elect each party to power and they have dictated what we shall get for our products, what we shall pay for what we buy and have taken the lion's share of profits for themselves. These abuses of our rights have been more clearly shown since the war for the controls have been virtually given to the large packing plants, milling companies and manufacturers. We need a radical change and it will come as the common people have faith in their own power and demand that a man's brawn and brain is as valuable an asset to the country as its invested capital. In conclusion I would ask all fair-minded electors not to be misled by false propaganda but to study the C.C.F. Platform for themselves and show by their ballots that they appreciate honesty, truth and fairplay.

I am, Sir, etc. ELLA WOOLNER North Rustico. SOURCES BY THE SEA. Sir, - The fishermen and farmers are well along with their work. The boats are hauled in for the winter. The farmers are now busy plowing, preparing for next year's crop. Souris is a very scattered town, and for that reason is hard to govern. It was incorporated in the year 1911 after much opposition from the majority of the

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The Poets Corner

ENVOY Go, songs, for ended is our brief sweet play; Go, children of swift joy and taint And some are sung, and that was yesterday, And some unsung, and that may be tomorrow. - Francis Thompson.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

CHEAP POSTAGE

During the past week the whole community have felt the great advantage of the cheap postage system. To get a letter for 3d, which cost about 1s and 2s, formerly, and newspapers altogether free, is a very great saving to one's small pocket. To printers the new system is a great desideratum; as the cost for newspapers in the country was materially increased by the imposition of the half penny postage. We expect a great increase to our subscription list immediately, in consequence of the abolition of this tax. The business of the Post Department will, of course, very largely increase; for nobody will now think - even if there were no penalty for doing so - of smuggling their correspondence through the hands of careless friends, when they can ensure the safe transmission at so trifling a cost. - Royal Gazette, July 11, 1851.