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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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It Is For All Time

The task before Prime Minister St.
Laurent, the Provincial Premiers and their
deputies attending the Dominion-Provincial
Conference is not a matter for snap decision.

One reassuring fact has emerged from
the opening session of the conference. Min-
ority rights are considered so important
that they cannot easily be tampered with.

It has also been agreed that provisions
which concern Parliament and only some
of the Provinces can be amended with con-
sent of Parliament and the Provinces affected.

Amendments affecting Parliament and
all the Legislatures will be permitted only
with a majority of the Federal House and
the acceptance by a majority of the Provinces.

The next stage of the conference will
probably be more difficult. This will be
for the committee of Attorneys-General of
all the Provinces and the representatives of
the Department of Justice to decide
which sections of the constitution come un-
der the various headings agreed upon.

Aiding Our Fisheries

In an article contributed to the An-
nual Review and Forecast published by the
Montreal Gazette, Fisheries Minister May-
hew reviews optimistically the Federal
plans for aiding fisheries during the present
year. The new programme, he says, is
aimed at removing the basic troubles, and
it is anticipated that through it a greater
and continued stability will result to the in-
dustry generally.

The critical food situation of the im-
mediate post-war period has been improved,
especially in Europe and with a few excep-
tions fish is no longer being sold through re-
lief agencies. This has led to greater diffi-
culty in disposing of certain kinds of canned
and salted fish. A large part of Newfound-
land fish, close to 80 per cent, is salted and
dried. For many years Newfoundland has
exported large quantities of salted and dried
fish to Portugal, Spain, Italy, British West
Indies and certain Latin American coun-
tries. Many of the markets, however, are in
the sterling area and while fish products are
needed by these countries, problems of the
terms of payment make these outlets most
uncertain. Arrangements have been made
from time to time to overcome these diffi-
culties, but the problem may increase in in-
tensity as time goes by. His department,
Mr. Mayhew states, is keeping in close touch
with world markets and is obtaining in-
formation on developments in other fish
producing and exporting countries.

The market position for fresh and frozen
fish is reported as very satisfactory. The
biggest market for these products is in the
United States and in spite of the mild re-
cession in 1949, exports to that country
were well maintained. The United States
market will continue to be very important
to Canadian fisheries and barring unfore-
seen circumstances there is every reason to
believe that sales to the United States may
be increased.

In the domestic market, Canadian fish-
ery products sold at relatively good prices
and in volume in line with previous years.
From the standpoint of an increased mar-
ket for Canadian fishery products there is
much opportunity at home. Consumption
per capita of fish and fish products amounts
to about 12 pounds a year as compared
with a consumption of meats, poultry and
dairy products of a total of approximately
200 pounds.

The new program of the department is
designed to increase the sale of Canadian
fish on home markets. Natural increases in
population, together with increases from im-
migration, also will result in a significant

expansion in the number of domestic con-
sumers. This expansion at a rate of from
two to four per cent per year over a long
period will in itself provide a substantial in-
crease.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.

Premier Smallwood claims that he and
Mr. Bradley alone charted the future
of their native Island in the Confederation
of Canada, and that if a vote were taken
today 99% of the voters would declare they
had done right.

One of the questions the Supreme Court
of Canada must consider in deciding the
legality of rental controls is whether or not
the housing situation today amounts to a
national emergency. In other words, how
many domestic emergencies make a na-
tional one?

National Health and Welfare Minister
Martin is almost desperately urging that
the Provinces complete the health survey by
the autumn of this year. This is one field,
at least, in which Prince Edward Island is well
ahead of all others.

The National Research Council reports
that a long journey by rail or truck serious-
ly affects the flavor and keeping of pork
and bacon from hogs so handled. This is
another field in which the trend towards
centralization is progress in reverse.

The difference in values in war and peace
is illustrated by the fining of a retired
lieutenant colonel in Scotland for beating
gasolene rationing by installing secret tanks
in his car to contain unrationed commercial
gas. It was probably such ingenuity that
earned him wartime promotion.

It would be a gracious and much ap-
preciated act on the part of the Federal-
Provincial Conference to hold their conclud-
ing session in the Confederation Chamber
here, "the Cradle of Confederation", now
including all the Provinces originally sched-
uled.

1st Lord Napier of Magdala, English
soldier, died this date 1890; spent most of
his military service in the Far East; he di-
rected the sieges of Peking and Lucknow in
1858 and 1860 respectively. He commanded
the Abyssian expedition in 1858, and
stormed Magdala from which fortress he
took his title when raised to the peerage.

Premier McNair of New Brunswick has
made an important point in calling for the
B. N. A. Act to be replaced by a wholly
Canadian-written constitution. At this time,
however, only the mechanics of constitu-
tion-making is being decided. Considera-
tion of what use is to be made of that tech-
nique must come later.

The revenue department's announce-
ment that "unused and undistributed" cor-
poration surpluses will be taxed as income
of the shareholders should prove a stimulus to
industrial development. Instead of being
held as highly liquid reserves, surplus funds
will tend to be either paid out as dividends
or utilized for expansion.

How often does it happen—one escapes
great dangers to become the victim of in-
significant ones? According to an English
contemporary, Frederick Ramsay, aged
sixty, of Hartford Road, Sunderland, was
said to have "the sea in his blood." He had
sailed to most parts of the world. He trained
himself to be a powerful, tireless swim-
mer. He had lucky escapes in the 1914-18
war, when he was at sea most of the time.
He took a job as dock gate foreman to be
near the sea. He saved the lives of two
men by diving into the River Tyne and
dragging them out. He collapsed while hav-
ing a bath in a few inches of water at his
home. He was drowned.

Here is Mr. Harold Nicolson's consid-
ered opinion as expressed in The Spectator,
of the editorials of The Times, London: "A
Philistine, it is true, might on reading these
leading articles be left with the impression
that their phraseology was sententious and
their meaning often obscure. But any Eng-
lishman of cultivated taste should derive
pleasure, and not pain, from the curiosities
of our language, and should experience ex-
citement in following the intricacies of those
heavily woven tapestries and in noting the
subtlety of the double negatives and verbal
arabesques. These leaders are written in a
tone of such hierophantic majesty that they
convey, to the imaginative mind, an agree-
able ceremonial impression, as august and
soothing as a Sophoclean chorus, as sacer-
dotal as the incantations intoned by the
priests of Hermopolis in honour of their
psychopompos, the great god Dhuti or
Thoth." Which, being interpreted means
they are more or less "high brow."



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Notes By The Way

A wonder machine that not only
sucks up leaves from your lawn,
but "chews them up and spits
them out" as a fertilizer, is the
invention of an Abwater, Ohio,
man. It does away with the ted-
ious job of leaf raking, and also
removes snow in Winter, and grass
from your lawn in Summer. —
Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A Washington man is in jail on
a charge of setting fire to his
rooming house, and if anyone has
a perfect alibi, he has. Six hours
a day, he has told police, other
roomers played "Mule Train" on
the phonograph. Modern torture
refinements, as practised by Com-
munist specialists, include glaring
lights, geometric designs, the most
color variations, all designed to
destroy either the prisoner's will
or his sanity. But can any of
these compare with six hours of
"clippidy clop, clippidy clop,
clippidy clippidy clippidy clippidy",
and so on? The man must
have had very good control of
himself to have acted as moder-
ately as he did. — Windsor Star.

The Franco government is essen-
tially the same government which
played along with Hitler and
Mussolini when they were in
power; its methods of ruling its
country are still essentially meth-
ods of the police state. Can Amer-
icans in good conscience lend
their dollars to help sustain a
government that denies the most
elemental civil liberties, freedom
of speech and the press, freedom
of worship, the right of people to
be secure in their homes, the
right to fair criminal trials, the
right of assemblage and peaceful
petition?—Christian Science Moni-
tor.

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Nothing, perhaps, will ever kill
Chinese anti-foreignism. But, if
the United States can exert enough
patience and give China respect,
even where it does not appear to
be entirely justified, it may turn
that anti-foreignism against the
real enemy of China's future in-
dependence and freedom — that
is, against Russia, which already

THE AGE-OLD STORY

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Still thinking I had little time to
live.
My fervent heart to win men's
souls did strive;
I preached as never sure to preach
again,
And as a dying man to dying
men.
Though God be free, He works by
instruments,
And wisely fitteth them to His in-
terests.
A proud unhumiliated preacher is
unmeet
To lay proud sinners humbled at
Christ's feet;
So are the blind to tell men what
God saith,
And faithless men to propagate the
faith.
The dead are unfit means to raise
the dead,
And enemies to give the children
bread;
And utter strangers to the life to
come
Are not the best conductors to our
home.
They that yet never learned to
live and die,
Will scarcely teach it others feel-
ingly.
—Richard Baxter (1615-1691.)

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