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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Potato Breeding Tests

A brochure of interest to all engaged in the
potato industry is the annual progress report,
just received, of the National Potato Seedling
and Variety Tests in Canada, 1948.

The season of 1948 completed the second
year of operation of national potato seedling and
variety tests. During this period approximately
4,700 seedlings and new named varieties were
distributed for inclusion in the tests in the various
Provinces. 4,500 of these seedlings were
originated at the National Potato Breeding Station,
Fredericton, N. B. The remaining 200 came
from potato breeding stations in the United
States, Scotland, and from private individuals
doing potato breeding work in Canada.

This system of testing was organized as a
co-operative project between the Experimental
Farms and science services of the Dominion
Department of Agriculture, agricultural colleges,
universities, Provincial institutes and growers.
Through this system a uniform method of testing
is employed and the data analyzed statistically.
In this way the horticultural characteristics,
range of adaptability, disease resistance,
maturity, yielding ability and quality of a
seedling or variety can be more accurately
appraised under varying environmental conditions.
The results of preliminary tests had clearly
indicated that a hybrid or variety of potatoes may
show high resistance to late blight or common
scab in one area and extreme susceptibility in
another. It is now recognized that there are
physiological races or strains of both late blight
and common scab organisms, and that in order
to fully appraise the disease resistance of a
particular seedling or variety it is necessary to
test it over a wide area.

The results of the two years' operation of
the system have been very encouraging. Each year
the results of the tests will be assembled and
analyzed, and the data will be available to all
interested. The Division of Horticulture has
been charged with the responsibility of testing
and recommending for license varieties of potatoes
for sale in Canada. Information on the
adaptability, quality, disease resistance and yield
of varieties as obtained through the national
system of testing will be the basis for recommending
varieties for license.

"Operation Snail"

One thousand British railway workers who
are moving to Australia are introducing a new
wrinkle into immigration. They are taking their
own prefabricated homes with them.

A decade or so ago this idea might have
been looked upon as an absurdity, but today it
has a high practical value; so high a value, in
fact, that authorities in this country would do
well to inquire about its possibilities here.

Since the end of the war there have been
instances in which Britons sold their homes and
came to this country, where as skilled craftsmen
they soon found employment at high wages. They
were unable to rent living accommodations, however,
and as they were not permitted to bring any
substantial sum of their money out of Britain,
they lacked the means to make the considerable
down payment that purchase of a home entailed.
As a result, they felt obliged to return to Britain.
If they had been able to bring their pounds
in a prefabricated house and invest it into Canada,
their problem would have been solved. And as
it would have been in the interests of municipalities
to provide them with a lot of a reasonable
price, the question of location would have
been simplified.

Sponsors of the Australian plan call it
"Operation Snail," but obviously the term is
a reflection in its speed or originality.

Immunization Week

In the forward march of medical science immunization
against such communicable diseases
as diphtheria and whooping cough has been
among the numerous notable achievements, and
for this there has been high public appreciation.
It is impossible to estimate the number of young
Canadian lives which have been saved since the
introduction of toxoid as a preventative against
the ravages of diphtheria and of vaccine to combat
the paroxysms of whooping cough.

But, unfortunately, the invaluable benefits
to children from immunization against these two
diseases are not as widely recognized by parents
throughout Canada as they should be. In order
that a greater knowledge of the benefits should
become better known, the Health League of Canada
has, in conjunction with federal and provincial
departments of health, sponsored National
Immunization Week and this is currently
being observed.

Since the institution of this special week
some seven years ago, the efforts of its sponsors
have been marked by increasingly good results,
both in respect to the lowering of the mortality
rate and the incidence of both diseases. The
campaign to save the children of Canada from
preventable disease, must go on until the irreducible
minimum has been reached. That is why in this
week from September 11 to 17 the annual effort
is undertaken to impress on the minds of parents
the necessity of immunization of children
against diphtheria and whooping cough. Parents
who have failed to give their children this
protection medical science has made available
should not defer longer in getting the youngsters
to the family physician or medical clinic for the
simple and inexpensive immunization that protects
young lives against these two dangerous
enemies of child health.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ceylon became a British possession this date
1756.

The Salvation Army financial campaign
makes headway. Every dollar counts to attain
the city and provincial objectives.

Opening of Parliament today. With the general
election behind perhaps even politicians will
be looking for solutions to problems rather than
trying to show they do not exist.

Parking meters provide a thorny problem but
the ordering of 150 of them by the City should
at least give citizens a chance of deciding whether
they are to prove popular or otherwise.

The end of the Battle of Britain this date
1940 by the crushing defeat of the German air-
force by the R. A. F. aided by the C.A.F., when,
in the words of Winston Churchill, "Never in
the field of human conflict has so much been
owed by so many to so few."

An American, Cmdr. Donald B. MacMillan,
74, has discovered 25 islands off the Labrador
coast and taken some 1,000 soundings all
of which will in due time appear on United States
charts of the area. It is just another reminder
of how little Canada spends on the charting of her
own territorial waters.

Premier Jones went to the root of our difficulties
in advising initiative in developing home
enterprises and noting the difficulty of getting
capital and personnel for such purposes. The
whole problem of financing new industry needs
going into. Our present securities legislation is
merely restrictive.

It will be some time before sittings are held
here of the Royal Commission on Arts, Letters
and Sciences but interested persons and organiza-
tions should have their representations in prepara-
tion. The Commission resumes hearings in Win-
nipeg Oct. 11 and from there it will travel west.
It is due in Toronto Nov. 15 and from there it
will work east, winding up in Charlottetown Jan.
26.

The St. Laurent Government now at the control,
is already letting up on its election programme.
It gives several reasons for not proceeding
with its Health Programme, but does not
mention the chief and all important, namely it
has now no need to hurry to get ahead of the
C.C.F., part of whose programme the Public
Health policy is.

Many in the province who know Mr. E. Norman
Smith, will be pleased to learn that he has
been re-elected President of the Ottawa Journal
Co., Ltd., of which he is the principal proprietor
controlling 51 per cent of the stock. Mr.
Smith is in addition, editor-in-chief, being a
practical journalist having worked his way to
the top the hard way. He owned and edited the
Ottawa News which amalgamated with the Journal
many years ago. Mr. Smith was one of the
founders of the Canadian Press, became past
president, and is now honorary past president
of that great cooperative news gathering agency.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their two daughters have
spent their vacation at Shaw's for the past three
years.

Mead, the traditional beverage of Northern
Europe and particularly of England will soon be
available for North Americans. Four types are
being made on a commercial scale in Cornwall,
Southwest England, and 90 per cent is for export
to dollar countries. August 24th saw ceremonies
in Gulliv, an ancient Cornish village, to celebrate
the revival of the making of mead, Britain's oldest
beverage, on a commercial scale after a lapse
of 400 years. The revived pageanters included
heraldic trumpeters and a cup-bearing page in
tabards, members of the Worshipful Company of
Meadmakers in regalia, and local and civic dignitaries
in procession. As wine is the generic name
for most types of liquor from grapes, so mead is
the name for the whole range of liquors made
from honey.

Nine years ago, in September, 1940, the Ger-
man all-out air offensive against England was
at its height. On September 15, the fiercest assault
of all was beaten off by the RAF with a
conservative estimated loss to the enemy of 185
aircraft destroyed. Between September 6 and
October 5, at least 883 Nazi planes were lost
over England. Canadian troops stationed in Britain
shared with British civilians the horrors of the
blitz and, by the war's end, more than 400
Canadians were killed or wounded as a result of
enemy action in the U.K. It was during these
September raids that Lt. J. M. S. Patton and
Capt. D. W. Cunningham, both of the Royal Canadian
Engineers, won respectively the first George
Cross and George Medal awarded to any members
of the Canadian Army.

An interesting account of progress in food
science, written for the non-specialist, is given
in "Food Investigation, 1947" which has just
been published for Britain's Department of Scientific
and Industrial Research by His Majesty's
Stationery Office, London. At the Torry Research
Station, Aberdeen, quicker and more conven-
ient ways of freezing herrings than the "plate"
or "air blast" methods are being considered. It
may be possible, for instance, to freeze the fish
in metal containers by indirect contact with
calcium chloride brine. A comparison of the effects
of "quick" freezing and "sharp" freezing
on the quality of herrings was made at the
Lerwick factory of Britain's Herring Industry
Board. It was confirmed that "sharp" freezing
results in a poorer product, particularly for later
kipping. Work on cold storage and freezing of
lobsters has shown that it is better to freeze
cooked lobsters rather than raw ones. The raw
fish shrinks after freezing and thawing and
when cooked later it clings to the shell, making
it difficult to remove. Rapidly frozen cooked
lobsters were stored for eight months with little
change in flavour or texture.

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uttered have had some little
portion of truth in them. There has
been some foundation in fact for
the statements that have destroyed
a comrade's peace, blackened
his reputation and crippled his
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Looking At Our Flowers Today



The Poet's Corner

BABYLON

If you should bring her glories
back!
You gentle sirs who sift the dust
And burrow in the mould and must
Of Babylon for bric-a-brac:
Who catalogue and pigeon-hole
The faded splendours of her soul
And put her greatness under glass—
If you could bring her past to
pass!

If you could bring her dead to life!
The soldier lad; the market wife;
Madam buying fowls from her;
Tip, the butcher's barly cur;
Workmen carting bricks and clay;
Babel passing to and fro.
On the business of the day
Gone three thousand years ago—
That you cannot; then be done.
Put the goblet down again.
Let the broken arch remain.
Leave the dead man's dust alone.

The Jewish seer when he cried
Woe to Babel's just and pride
Saw the foxes at her gates;
Once again the wild thing wails.
Then leave her in her last decay
A house of owls, a foxes' den;
The desert that till yesterday
Hid her from the eyes of men
In its proper time and way
Will take her to itself again.

—Ralph Hodgson.

The Sin Of Slander

(General William Booth)
One of the Devil's choicest and
most successful methods of de-
stroying the influence of holy
men, or women, and thereby hin-
dering the work of God, has, from
the beginning, been by making
false representations of their char-
acter and doings.

This sort of thing has, I am sure,
ruined the hands, broken the hearts,
and shortened the lives of many
of the choicest workers that God
ever sent out into His vineyard,
and has been the direct and in-
direct means of the damnation of
multitudes of souls. Let us look
at this sin.

What is slander? It is the spread-
ing of statements calculated to
damage an individual for the
mere gratification of personal
spite or envy.

It is not necessary that the
statements made by one individ-
ual regarding another should be
untrue in order that they may
slander him. In that case it would
be lying, and although doubtless
the great majority of slanderous
statements are false, still a man
can be a slanderer without being
a liar.

A slander does not need to be
stated in so many words. Many a
man's character has been hope-
lessly damaged in the estimation
of listeners by nods and hints and
insinuations.

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Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)
THE ESPLANADE

The following advertisement appeared
in The Examiner of June
13, 1864:
"GREAT ATTRACTION. Rare
opportunity for purchasing Build-
ing Sites—Twenty-two Lots.
The Public are respectfully in-
formed that an opportunity now
offers such as seldom occurs, that
valuable piece of ground hereto-
fore known as the Barrack Square,
will be sold on the spot by Public
Auction on Tuesday, 14th June
next.

Great care has been taken to
lay out the various sites in the
most judicious manner, so as to
combine the useful with the orna-
mental. A handsome Esplanade,
sixty feet wide on the entire sea
face, has been reserved as a
promenade and carriage drive for
the beauty and fashion of the
City, and the spot, which embraces
one of the most enchanting and
picturesque panoramas, bids fair to
become the favourite resort of all
our citizens.

Now that a noble line of steam-
ers connects our city with the
neighbouring continent, the time
has arrived when an Hotel must
be built—here then is the spot
upon which the sale of a building
site accords with the requirements of
the numerous visitors who visit our
shores in pursuit of health, busi-
ness and recreation.

"Hour of Sale—11 o'clock a.m.
A plan of the premises, with
conditions, to be seen at the office
of the undersigned.
"J. & T. Morris, Auctioneers."

Another newspaper of the period, this
sale of the old Battery or Barrack
Square took place "much to the
annoyance of a large number of
our citizens." The reserved carriage
way or Esplanade (by which
name the area is still known) con-
nected with Water Street at one
extremity and with Sydney Street
at the other. The purchaser of
each lot was required to erect a
two-story building thereon. All but
one of the twenty-two lots were
auctioned at the sale. "There is
every probability," commented The
Monitor, "that ere the lapse of
many years this will be by far the
handsomest, if not the most aris-
tocratic portion of our City. The
whole plot comprises about three
acres and a half, for which the
handsome sum of £5,464 has been
realized. The interest of this will,
we presume, be applied towards the
maintenance of our Volunteer

Force."
ity of making an explanation or
defence, if he has one to offer.
5. Speak evil of no man or
woman yourselves. Avoid saying
anything which is calculated to
lower in the estimation of others
any man or woman who professes
to be the child and servant of
God.

TRAVEL AID

Ancient Egyptians placed a
book on magical religious subjects
with the dead to aid them in the
next world.

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Notes By The Way

One large chain grocery firm re-
ports a new net profit record es-
tablished the year ended May 28,
1949. No wonder! With food prices
what they are. — Brockville Re-
corder and Times.

A young man in England has
contributed a new twist to the tra-
ditional crime engendered by un-
requited love. Jilted by his girl
friend, he strangled her pet cat
and threw it through a window in
her house. This is a decided im-
provement on the established prac-
tice of carving up the "gal". But
it proved rather expensive, as the
gentleman was required to pay
fines totalling £16, costs of £4 14s
and damages of £s. 6d. It's still
cheaper to find another girl friend.
—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

The troublesome and persistent
question of how much a democracy
should pay its public servants has
been reopened by a suggestion from
the Citizens' Representative Com-
mission that the salary of the mayor
be raised from \$25,000 to \$35,000,
with commensurate increases going
to the comptroller, the president
of the city council, and the bor-
ough presidents. In 1930, the
mayor's salary was set at \$40,000,
but Mr. LaGuardia, acting in a de-
pression era, reduced it to \$25,000
and that is the remuneration now

provided for in the city charter. —
New York Herald Tribune.
The nation's health, according to
all official reports, is better than
it has ever been; yet at the Royal
Ordinance Factories absence be-
cause of sickness has risen phenom-
enally in the last 12 months,
and in some cases is four to five
times higher. For once, nobody is
mincing words about this rise in
absenteeism; it is put down, quite
bluntly, to the introduction a year
ago of a sick pay scheme where-
by, for the first three months of
their illness, the employees have
made up to them the difference
between their national insurance
benefits and their basic wages. It
is quite refreshing that nobody is
pretending that there is no con-
nection between the two—indeed
Mr. Jack Jones, Parliamentary Sec-
retary to the Ministry of Supply
has gone so far as to talk of
malingering. — London Economist

The Age-Old Story

The Lord will give strength unto
His people; the Lord will bless his
people with peace.

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