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

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War And Archaeology

Anything which disturbs the soil of an old
country like Britain is liable to yield traces of
former inhabitants — Viking, Saxon, Roman or
prehistoric. It is not surprising, therefore, that
in the great constructional activity that the war
brought in Britain, many antiquities were revealed.

The British Ministry of Works kept a watchful
eye on these projects, and in a recent publication
entitled War and Archaeology, which is reviewed
in the current issue of London Calling, tells
what has been done to safeguard, if not the
structure at least the historical content of ancient
monuments.

The great majority of the excavations undertaken
by the Ministry were on airfields, but others
were carried out in connection with the
extension of gravel pits, stone quarries and open-
cast coal workings, or with the construction of
war factories, bombing ranges, or even, in one
case, of a prisoner-of-war camp.

Geographically, they extended from the Scilly
Isles to Caithness, in northernmost Scotland.
Chronologically the earliest sites investigated
date from the New Stone Age — some 4,000 years
ago. The best of these was a long burial mound
at Northleach, Gloucestershire, built round a
family burial chamber. The most interesting
feature of this site was the evidence it yielded of
soil fertility prolonged over a period of 2,500 years.

For, close in front of the forecourt, which gave
access to the stone-age tomb, was a row of six
burial cairns, dating from the bronze age, and
inserted into long mound and round cairns alike,
were burials of pagan Saxons, dating from the
centuries which followed the withdrawal of the
Roman legions. The most numerous sites — there
were over a hundred of them — were round
barrows, or cairns, covering burials from the bronze
age. Careful excavation of some of these cairns
in South Wales revealed traces of elaborate ritual
and in one of them evidence was found that
coal was burned in the funeral pyre. This must
be the earliest use of coal that we know of.

Among the most interesting Roman discoveries
was a stone-built house, or villa, found in
digging a gravel-pit near the site of the Roman
city of Verulamium in Hertfordshire. Underneath
were the oldest used by the Belgic people who
lived in this part of England before the Romans
came, but one hut was evidently built after the
conquest. This is a sign that it took a generation
or so before the idea of building in masonry spread
even over the core of the Roman province. This
particular Roman villa was finally destroyed in
A.D. 367, at the time of the Germanic raids. It
is a strange coincidence that German fire-bombs
should have fallen on the cellar in February, 1944,
while it was still being excavated.

Clearance of the ruins of London and other
bombed cities has made possible for the first time
systematic investigation of their Roman predecessors.
Enthusiastic volunteers, schoolmasters and
boys, dons and undergraduates, have given up
their holidays to dig through cellar floors down
to the Roman levels of Canterbury and Exeter —
and the appeal has recently gone out for £50,000
to investigate on an ambitious scale the site of
Londinium, the largest city of the Roman province,
and, even then, a great centre of commerce.

That 1947 Tax Form

The income tax office, according to the
Windsor Star, is having itself a time straightening
out many people on their 1947 income tax
forms. Quite a few citizens have discovered with
a shock that they owe the Dominion Government
a neat sum because they did not complete the
return correctly. The 1947 income tax returns
were made in the spring of 1948. That was when
taxes were starting to come down. And, in that
form there was a space telling the taxpayers to
subtract four percent of the net income. Many
citizens thought this was just an added tax
reduction instead of an item dealing with possible
deductions for medical expenses. So, they went
breazily ahead and took what they thought was
a legitimate four percent reduction. Now, they
are finding out their error.

Conserving Water Supply

One of the results of the increased interest
on the part of Western farmers in water conservation
in recent years has been their changed attitude
toward swamps and sloughs. In the early
days when the West was being settled, and for
a long time afterwards, every slough and swamp
was looked upon as something to be drained to
add to productive acreage, and latterly to
remove breeding places for mosquitoes and weeds.
But periods of drought, and general experience,
have brought it home that the structure of these
low areas was part of nature's method of
conserving water supply. Now, reports the Winnipeg
Free Press, in many areas, such reservoirs are
being artificially constructed to re-create water
reserves.

A great many sloughs and small bodies of
water were drained over the years in all three
Prairie provinces, in many cases to bring only
sub-marginal land under the plough. When dry
years came, removal of the natural water-retaining
features of these areas made it that much
easier for soil to drift, and erosions to occur. This
all but ruined whole sections of the prairie
provinces. The major effort of the Prairie Farm
Rehabilitation Administration for the past 15 years
has been to restore these water-retaining features
by digging thousands of dugouts and small ponds,
and by building retaining dams and other works.
This has gone hand in hand with extensive re-
forestation work.

There has been a similar programme in Ontario.
A recent example of the changed attitude
of Ontario farmers is the recommendation made

by delegates from Perth, Huron and Wellington
counties to a select committee on conservation
of the Ontario legislature. They asked for amendments
in that province's Drainage Act which
would permit a closer integration of drainage
and conservation work. They expressed the opinion
that open ditches and the drainage of swamps
had been responsible for two costly conditions—
the damaging run-off floods in the spring and
a loss of soil values dependent on sub-surface
water. This holds for most low, ponded areas in
the midst of arable land, which along with trees
play so important a part in water conservation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The gutty ball should be well knocked about
at the Open Golf Tournament here today and to-
morrow.

The rich Labrador iron ore deposits are
gradually approaching production, and almost every
possible use of the ore is being canvassed except
the building up of a great steel industry in
Sydney, which is the most logical development.

Eyewitnesses of flying saucers, sea serpents
et al should ponder the report of a big black and
slimy sea monster which terrified a Florida family.
It turned out on police investigation to be an old
automobile tire.

It is necessary periodically to remind ourselves
that good citizenship is not inherited. It must
be learnt. There must be provision in our
educational programme for teaching that a
citizen does not complain futilely about deficiencies
in government. He takes the necessary steps,
along with others of similar views, to see that
his views are adopted or at least debated.

The pre-requirement in a recipe for harp
soup is, first catch your hare. Similarly with
regard to the Arts and Science probe here on how
to improve national museums and archives the
first requisite is to provide a museum.

The Madras Government proposes to use a
mixture of 80 per cent rectified spirit alcohol,
manufactured from molasses, and 20 per cent
gasoline for the operation of motor vehicles in
that country. Surely there is someone here who
will demonstrate that the potato is equally valuable
as a source of power!

Britain's cut in dollar purchases means not
only fewer cigarettes. Pipe-smokers will have fewer
matches to play around with. Bryant and
May, British match firm, has had a 10-per cent
cut in its dollar allocation for buying Canadian
timber. That means 400,000 fewer boxes of
matches a day.

How taxes cut up incomes. Only 70 persons
in Britain were left with a net income of more
than \$24,000 for the year, after paying 1948 taxes.
The official report, on the other hand, set forth
that 2,200 persons had income of more than
\$80,000 before paying taxes.

Her Majesty the Queen was born this date
1900. Her Royal Highness, daughter of a Scottish
nobleman, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne
of Glamis Castle, Forfarshire, married His Majesty
while he was yet Duke of York, second son
of King George V. He succeeded to the throne on
the abdication of his brother Edward VIII, December
11, 1936. Her children are H. R. H. Elizabeth
Duchess of Edinburgh, and H. R. H. Princess
Margaret Rose, who, like her mother,
born at Glamis Castle.

"Who goes more bare than the shoemaker's
wife and the smith's mare." To this must be
added the insurance canvasser's family. In Disley,
Sask., a farmer and insurance agent had a busy
spring selling hail insurance to farmers in that
Southern Saskatchewan region. A heavy hail
pelted the district last week-end, causing complete
loss of crops in some cases, but many farmers
were covered by insurance. Among those with
crops wiped out by hail was the shamefaced
insurance agent who admitted he hadn't sold himself
any insurance.

Some tall stories are on the round these days.
An American surgeon reports he removed his own
appendix just to experience the sensation. On the
other hand Lord Patnick-Lawrence, former British
Labor secretary of state for India told the
House of Lords: "I have heard it said in jest that
Your Lordships go home earlier than they would
otherwise because peeps have to help their wives
with their washing up. From inquiries I have made
among my fellow peers, there is a good deal of
truth in that." It would, of course, depend what
time their lordships got home, and what they ate
and drank at dinner.

All necessary precautions are being taken
by Saint John physicians and surgeons to ensure
that those who need their services during week-
ends will not have to wait. Saint John hospitals
have not set up a summertime emergency medical
service, as has been done in some communities
in Canada, whereby doctors take turns remaining
in the city. Groups of four on the staffs of Saint
John hospitals rotate their week-end services,
however, thus making sure that all branches of
treatment are covered. Doctors who have private
patients in the institutions, if they are leaving
the city for a week-end, arrange with their fel-
low-practitioners to tend their cases in their stead.

The dream of the alchemists may have been
made to come true. Modern science can now
produce gold by artificial means. This was
revealed recently by Sir John Cockcroft, Director
of Britain's Atomic Research Establishment. He
was speaking to delegates attending the Empire
Mining and Metallurgy Congress held in London.
He stressed that only small quantities can
so far be made in this way. "We are often asked
whether we can produce gold artificially. We can
in fact do this. But since we have to start
from platinum and the process is rather expensive
we are not likely to put the goldmines out
of operation in the foreseeable future."

That Proposed Route Through Maine

Cartoon titled 'That Proposed Route Through Maine' showing a man with a map and various humorous text boxes like 'NEWS ITEM - P.E. ISLANDERS PROPOSE TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY GO THROUGH MAINE.' and 'PERHAPS CAUSING U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO TAKE THEIR WORK MORE SERIOUSLY.'

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SHIPBUILDING DAYS

During the year 1825, forty vessels
were built and registered
within the Island, aggregating 8,400 tons. Such names as "Alice
James", "Argus", "Mary Cummings",
"Concord", "Sarah", "Hibernia",
"Orelia", "John Marsh", "Governor
Read", and "Catherine MacDonald",
"Cambridge", "Unity" and
"Minerva" were bestowed upon the
larger of these craft. The ship-
builders prominently mentioned
were Samuel Nelson, John Lord, W.
Dingwell, W. Coffin, Phillip Cal-
beck, Messrs. Pope, A. & H. Mac-
Donald, John Macdonald, L. & A.
Cambridge, John Cambridge, Na-
polson LePage, Ewen Cameron,
Nathan Davies, Dodd & Peake,
Welsford & Green, and D. Lawson.

The exports, in 40 vessels for
Great Britain and 137 for the
British Colonies, navigated by 844
men, included 54,277 bushels of
potatoes, 10,717 bushels of oats and
766 bushels of barley; 279 oxen, 13
horses, 348 sheep and pigs, 57 tons
of hay, 416 quintals of codfish, 464
pounds of pickled fish and 9053 tons
of pine timber. Other export items
were hardware, spars, lathwood
handicrafts, staves, furs, boards and
shingles.

Diplomatic Immunity

(Sydney Post-Record)
The External Affairs Department
at Ottawa has found it necessary
to politely remind foreign govern-
ment officials in the capital that
diplomatic immunity does not
mean that they can break traffic
laws with impunity.
"Notwithstanding their special
status," says a circular sent to all
concerned, "it must be emphasized
that the Canadian Traffic Laws
imposed on the jurisdiction of the
local courts, are required by in-
ternational law to comply with the
laws of the receiving state, includ-
ing those relating to motor
vehicles. If a diplomatic representa-
tive should persist in offending or
if the offence is sufficiently
serious, the Canadian Government
will ask the foreign government to
recall the offender."

The issuing of this notice was
prompted by a number of cases in
which foreign diplomats allegedly
violated Canadian Traffic Laws.
This indicates that there are
thoughtless, careless and stupid
people even in diplomatic corps.
And the word "stupid" is used
with justification. Any employee
of a legation or embassy, or even a
consulate, who cannot see that by
deliberately violating traffic laws
he is making bad friends for his
country as well as himself must be
a dolt. Certainly, therefore, he is
not a person who has the proper
qualifications for a diplomatic job.
Perhaps international practice in
the diplomatic sphere should be
reviewed and revised. The fact that
an individual works for an outside
government should not entitle him
to be beyond the reach of the
courts. If there really were justifi-
cation for this absurd notion, why
should not all "domestic" civil ser-
vants or, at any rate, all employees
of the Department of External Af-
fairs be just as immune as those
from other countries?

FINEST JEWELS

The rubies, sapphires and jade
found in Burma are considered un-
surpassed in quality anywhere in
the world.

DRIVES TO HOSPITAL.
WINNIPEG, Aug. 3 — (CP) —
John Duffur, 31, reported to have
driven himself to hospital yester-
day after tearing his stomach
open with rip saw, was resting
today in "fairly good" condition.
Police could not say how the ac-
cident occurred.

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Glory In The Arctic

(Toronto Globe and Mail)
The ancient drama of discovery
has no more thrilling story than
the voyage of Sir John Franklin.
More than a century ago he ex-
plored Canada's distant north and
the coastlines of its Arctic islands.
His three trips, the last of which
ended in disaster, are recalled by
still another attempt to find his
body and solve the hundred-year-
old riddle of his final expedition.
This time the hunt is by the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Headed by two of their famous
members, Inspector Hagry A. Lar-
sen and Chief Engineer S. L. Bur-
ton.

On his first two voyages (1819 and
1823) Franklin worked overland
from the Hudson Bay into the
Coppermine and Mackenzie River
territory. One return trip alone
totalled 5,500 miles. The story of
those adventures was a classic of
travel. On his third voyage, in
1845 he commanded the "Erebus"
and the "Terror" for the British
Admiralty in his search for the
Northwest Passage to the Pacific.
Frustrated by his expedition show
that he found the key to it, but he
and his 129 men were lost. They
threwed the Lancaster Sound,
thence sailed south to what was
later named King William Island.
There they were locked in by the
polar ice, "moving on a paleocry-
stic sea."

From 1848 onward, when no word
was received from him, expeditions
after the expedition sailed into the
Northwest in search. The Ad-
miralty sent some, Lady Franklin
financed others. The Arctic north
of the Canadian mainland is dotted
with islands and a strait leading
with bays and straits bearing the
names of these intrepid men.
Their searches eclipsed in dis-
coveries even those of the great
explorer himself. They discovered
and measured more than 7,000
miles of coastline. They found a
second "Northwest Passage" They
measured the flows and directions
of the polar ice. They developed
and perfected the use of a glass
travel, to a point where one of
them, Lieut. McClintock, travelled
overland 770 miles in 81 days. Be-
tween them and Sir John's com-
bined efforts they corrected mis-
takes in previous latitude and
longitude markings and laid the
original basis for the modern maps
we have of the Canadian Arctic.
In 1850-51 they finally completed
Franklin's task when an expedi-
tion with islands and a strait lead-
ing to the Pacific. Thus not only
in life but in death Sir John
Franklin added mightily to human
knowledge.

To appreciate the indomitable
character of such men and their
complete disregard of danger, we
should think of their sail-driven
ships, feeling their way through
unknown waters, past ice floes
which towered above their masts.
They had to devise their own Arctic
equipment, without benefit of
any one's previous experience.
There is a modern yachtsman, too,
to measure the scope of their deeds.
A Federal party is preparing to
make hydrographic charts of Ches-

The Poet's Corner

BIRD
A bird came down the walk.
He did not know I saw;
He bit an angle-worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw.

And then he drank a dew
From a convenient grass,
And then he preened his wings
To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes
That hurried all abroad—
They looked like frightened beads,
I thought,
He stirred his velvet head
Like one in danger; cautious
I offered him a crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers
And rowed him softer home

Than ours divide the ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or butterfly, off banks of noon,
Leap, smilishly, as they swim.
—Emily Dickinson (1830-1886).

The Age-Old Story

Her sins which are many are
forgiven; for she loved much. And
he said unto her: thy sins are
forgiven. Thy faith hath saved
thee; go in peace.

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Notes By The Way

Insurance actuaries find the
safest of all ages is 11 years, as at
that time one is too worldly to
dash into the traffic maelstrom, yet
too short to reach the accelerator.
— Stratford Beacon-Herald.

From Edinburgh comes a report
that a Scots dentist has made £25-
000 (about \$100,000) by 11 months'
work under the British scheme of
socialized medicine. Even under
the allegedly profiteering, money-
grabbing, avaricious, callous and
inefficient system, there are not
many dentists who haul in a cool
\$100,000 a year. It must appear
somewhat anomalous, and is
astonishing, therefore, to find this
remarkable accomplishment not
only condoned but actually made
possible by the Socialist system—
and in Scotland of all places! —
Brantford Expositor.

A movement to end what is called
the "obsolescent" practice of jil-
led women bringing breach of noc-
turnal suits has started in Britain
and has received much approval
here from club leaders and women
lawyers. They feel that these suits
are a reflection on their sex. Wo-
men members of Britain's Con-
servative Party, who are trying to
repeal a law that permits such
suits, maintain the practice is out-
dated, reflects on women, and is
usually a form of blackmail. An-
other setback to the breach of pro-
mise business occurred recently in
Britain when a 59-year-old divorcee
lost her case for a 74-year-old
member of Parliament—and had to
pay court costs.—Washington Post.

No one stands to gain from the
seaman's strike except the Soviet
Union. The causes and origins of
the dispute are as near unanimous-
ly agreed upon as anything could
be. There is no issue here, nothing
except a planned attack by Com-
munist in the form that it has in-
terrupted the Western world dur-
ing the past three years. Just as
the war against Hitler became an
imperialist war after Stalin and
the Nazis came to agreement, and
then promptly changed into a war
for democracy when the Soviet
Union was invaded, so the present
policy of the Communists could
turn around tomorrow. They will
do what they are told to do—and
their masters are in Moscow. —
Winnipeg Free Press.

Colonial Williamsburg may look
like a piece of eighteenth century
preserved, but there are life and
growth in the old town. Two
"new" buildings—an arsenal dat-
ing from 1716 and a guardhouse
from 1755—have been formally
dedicated and opened to the pub-
lic. These mark the first additions
since the interruption of the war
toward restoring the 250-year-old
look to the one time capital and
first city of Virginia. Williams-
burg is re-creating a way of life.
There your colonial carriage is
driven in livery. Costume in the
Governor's Palace is correct to the
last ruff. The shops of the wig-
maker, the powderer, the cobbler,
barber or smith carry authenticity
down to the finest detail of tool
and craft. Even the food shop of
a modern chain store merchandise
under the charm of colonial archi-
tecture. Williamsburg is still full
of the most of pleasant living. Who
can say whether its rediscovery of
the unhurried pace of the eight-
eenth century isn't even more re-
vealing to the modern observer
than its reflection of political and
economic institutions? —New York
Times.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Grid of professional cards for various services including lawyers (Joseph R. MacMillan, J. E. Burnett, L.L.B.), dentists (Dr. J. C. Gallant, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac), accountants (Neil W. Higgins), and other professionals.