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A Marathon Session

A London despatch recently told of the British House of Commons "being in session continuously for 36 hours or more."

No record there, comments the Ottawa Journal. In 1913 our House of Commons, battling over Sir Robert Borden's bill to present the British Admiralty with three dreadnoughts, met at three o'clock on a Monday and sat right through without a break until midnight the following Saturday—a stretch of 115 hours.

During this marathon session our MP's attended the House in relays; and as the week went on it was not an uncommon sight to see some of them entering the Chamber at midnight for their "watch" suitably garbed for a bit of slumber; one of them, Sir Herbert Ames, appeared once with pillow and nightcap.

Through the whole of the 115 hours, night and day, oratory flowed unceasingly, with all records smashed in the duration of individual speeches—if such they could be called. One member, David Lafortune, began speaking at midnight and was still on his feet at seven o'clock in the morning—a feat which made Palmerston's famous "dusk-to-dawn" oration (actually Palmerston spoke less than five hours) seem nothing.

Leading the Liberal Opposition then was Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid, however, took little part in the blockade, usually retiring from the House around 11 o'clock each evening. The real leader of the opposition was William Pugsley, a redoubtable strategist who would have delighted Parnell. Pugsley, it was said, remained in the House or on call for 75 hours at a stretch, and his skill and resourcefulness won for him such popularity with his party that he was then, without challenge, the favorite to succeed Laurier.

Pugsley, though, was backed up by able captains. Dr. ("Red Michael") Clark, an Englishman who had learned his liberalism under John Morley and Joseph Cowen, and who was a speaker of extraordinary distinction; "Fighting Frank" Carvell, a New Brunswicker whose industry matched his ability; Charles Murphy, with his ever alert shillelagh; Rodolphe Lemieux, a poet who had strayed into politics and who was an able, if sometimes too florid, orator; "Ned" MacDonald, who was the personification of "Sergeant Buzzfuz"; Hugh Guthrie, who was once "the rising hope" of Liberalism, but lived to become a Tory; Jacques Bureau, who was a stormy petrel; plus a half dozen or more others who could hold their own in any parliament anywhere.

And the odd thing about this great and prolonged controversy, or seemingly odd at least in the light of the present, is that it was all over a sum of \$35,000,000. Nowadays, our parliamentarians spend that amount without as much as a notice of it.

Boom In Advertising

National advertisers in the States boosted their total newspaper investments from \$169,000,000 in 1939, the last year comparatively unaffected by the war, to \$389,261,000 in 1948, the latter total being almost as large as the combined total of newspapers, magazines, farm magazines and network radio in 1939, according to "Expenditures of National Advertisers in Newspapers: 1948."

The Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers' Association, resumed publication of this annual advertisers' expenditures report which was suspended in 1945 due to the war. The sixty-page volume gives reports on 1,102 advertisers and 2,536 products or services. It includes the 1948 newspaper expenditures of all national advertisers calculated to have spent \$25,000 or more.

Of the 100 leading newspaper advertisers in 1948 the publication's tables show that 12 were not on the list of 100 leaders in 1939. Of the 88 who were on the 1939 list, 77—or all but seven—showed increases in 1948 over a decade ago.

Most spectacular increases, the tables reveal, were those of the four 1948 leaders: General Motors Corporation, which increased its expenditures from \$9,136,853 in 1939 to \$15,282,575 in 1948; Procter & Gamble Company from \$3,143,057 to \$8,373,006; Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company \$2,127,298 to \$7,969,983, and Lever Bros., \$2,900,401 to \$7,216,128.

Four Industries Hit

Over the balance of 1949, federal trade experts believe effects of the sterling area cuts in dollar purchases will be felt in this country mainly by four industries, says the St. Catharines Standard.

They are the copper industry, the aluminum industry, the wood products industry, including pulp and paper, and the tobacco industry.

The apple-growing industry, after glimpsing a ray of hope in last May's token British order amounting to \$1,500,000, will have to resign itself to the knowledge that the door of the British market is to be closed tightly against it.

Altogether, loss of business over the balance of 1949 is expected by government experts to amount to not less than \$60,000,000, nor more than \$80,000,000. For a nation with a total export business well in excess of \$3,000,000, these figures are not particularly large. They amount to less than three per cent of the total.

The government experts point out, however, that the size of the figures for the remainder of the present year is no guarantee as to the heights they will reach in 1950. That is because

existing contracts are being allowed to run their course. The bulk of foodstuffs and raw materials which Great Britain and sterling area countries import from Canada is protected by forward contracts to at least the end of the present year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Law Courts are on vacation for the month of August.

The coolest spot in Charlottetown with its 92 degree heat Saturday was the night race track.

Mail coaches for the speedy distribution of passengers and mail introduced in England for the first time this date 1784. We are still behind the times here.

Early in September we purpose publishing a verbatim report of the Waterworth case, the Attorney-General having arranged for our having access to the official stenographic report.

Moncton is naturally favourable to the West Coast ferry, as that city would benefit considerably from our Western trade, which would tend to by-pass Summerside.

Ontario is sending a gift to its new sister-province of Newfoundland—a Speaker's chair for the House of Assembly. We suppose it will have all the trimmings.

Newfoundland wants West Indies as 11th Province. Mr. Gregory Power, executive assistant to Premier Joseph Smallwood suggested in Kingston, Jamaica, recently that the British West Indies take steps to explore that possibility.

The "fairly-well-off" Haligonian who distinguished himself by being arrested on Saturday in New York in connection with a \$356,000 jewel robbery must have been suffering from a heat wave, and now he is in the "cooler."

According to the Audit Bureau of Statistics report, up till July 15, 15 per cent more tourist cars have entered Canada than at the corresponding date last year, and we have had our share, as those having eyes must have seen.

Col. D. A. Mackinnon, D.S.O., etc., is back large as life in track racing and in Provincial Exhibition affairs. Both will benefit from his experience and enthusiasm. It has ever been so. Where he leads others follow as a matter of course.

That 21 of Europe's 27 countries still have food rationing is a clear enough indication that we are a long way from over-production of food. Those countries must, however, sell their own products in a dollar market if they are to be able to satisfy their foodstuff requirements.

Discovery by a United States destroyer off the Atlantic coast of "large patches of dust on the surface stretching as far as the eye can see," is not readily explainable. Soil conservationists will lose no time in pointing out that the proper place for that dust is on somebody's farm.

The new wing of Fort Beauséjour Museum near Sackville, N. B. will be formally opened by Mines Minister Colin Gibson today. The new addition is to be named "the John Clarence Webster wing" as a tribute to Dr. J. C. Webster, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Churchill has gone to Italy to recuperate within easy distance of Cripps who has gone to Switzerland for a similar purpose. Were Attlee to take a vacation in France there would be a considerable relief in England's torrid political heat.

The present session of Parliament at Westminster may see peeresses gain admission to the House of Lords and will certainly see the delaying power of the august body reduced from two years to one. In either case their lordships' say in British affairs will be materially reduced.

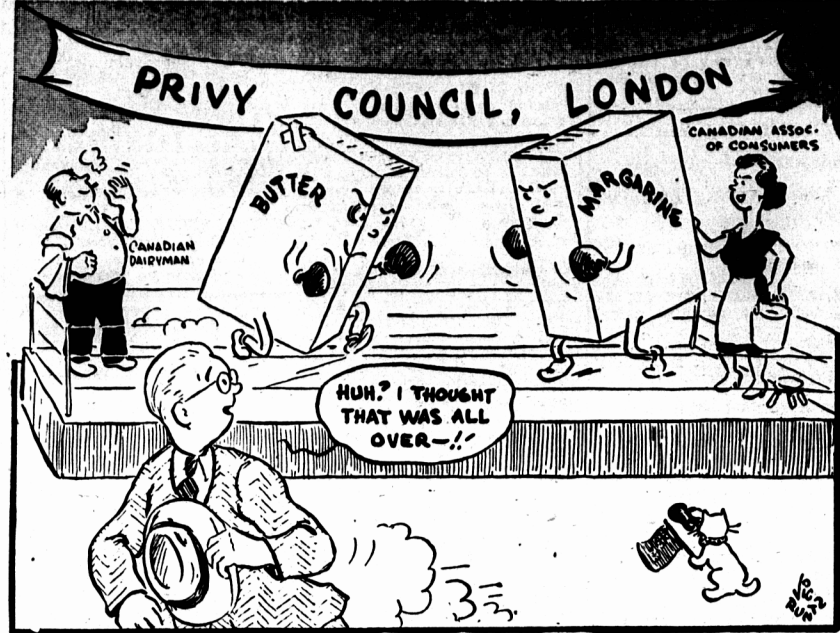
Thomas Gainsborough, English artist died, this date 1788. He was one of the six original members of the Royal Academy. Was a rival of Reynolds in portraiture and of Richard Wilson in landscape. He, more than any other artist should be called the father of modern English painting. He painted over 300 canvasses, 220 of which were portraits.

Mr. J. F. Pouliot is not an "independent" Liberal any longer. When he shared desks with Professor Cyrus Macmillan he was "at outs" with Mackenzie King and ignored his leadership. But no sooner had Mr. St. Laurent been adopted leader than the redoubtable Mr. Pouliot swung back into line and ran, and was elected, as an adherent of the official Liberal party. But he still remains independent in his views and criticisms.

Canadian prisons came in for criticism by New York counsel for jewel thief Gerard Graham Dennis. "Their system," he declared, "has been very different from ours. They seem to have no provision for parole. Dennis had no chance in prison for learning a trade. . . (and at 16) was put in prison to mix with hardened criminals." The charges are not altogether fair but there is enough truth in them to remove any complacency we may feel as to our treatment of offenders.

Matrimonial murders are becoming so common nowadays, that when a Quebec farmer walked into the Granby police office and announced he had just murdered his wife, there was scarcely a ripple of surprise. The Canadian Press soberly relates that when "Constable Auger of the Granby police said he visited the farm shortly afterwards he found 31-year-old Rose Aimes Laporte strangled to death with a kitchen towel." All a matter of routine, not worth getting excited about, or even recording the why or wherefore.

Championship Boat Coming Up



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

Handicrafts, which are being re-introduced as a feature of the Provincial Exhibition this year, played a prominent part in the exhibitions of years gone by. The following account of the fair held in Charlottetown in November, 1852, is from Hansard's Gazette.

The Industrial Exhibition came off on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. as advertised, in the lower room of the Temperance Hall. There was a large concourse of visitors of all ranks and both sexes. It seemed to be the opinion of all competent persons that the woollen and other home manufactured goods were, in general, greatly superior to those exhibited last year, and in some cases far superior to anything to be met with in the shops.

"By the politeness of the Secretary we are enabled to give a list of the prizes: Best 20 yards of cloth spun and woven on the Island but finished at a Pictou mill, Mrs. Douglas, £1, 10s.; best 10 yards wool grey homespun, milled and pressed, Mrs. J. S. Lane, £1, 10s.; best 10 yards fancy mixture, Miss McBeth, £1, 10s.; best 10 yards Shepherd's plaid, Mrs. Jos. Lane, £1, 10s.; best 10 yards plain flannel, Mrs. Jos. Lane, £1, 10s.; best 10 yards men's wear, Mr. D. MacPhee, North River, 10s.; best 10 yards wool and cotton, women's wear, 10s.; best 20 yards carpeting, Mr. W. Mutch Hopeton, £1, 10s.; best pair of horse rugs, Miss Susan Seaman, £1; health rug, made of woolen yarn, Miss Catherine Stewart, £1, 10s.; best hearth rug, Mrs. C. Stewart, Charlottetown, 10s.; best woollen fancy plaid shawl, Mrs. Jos. Lane, £1, 10s.; best shawl, Mrs. Craswell, St. Eleanor's, 10s.; best long shawl or scarf, Mrs. Craswell, 10s.; best pair of thick knit woollen stockings for overalls, Miss Louisa Bryenton, £1, 10s.; best gloves, Miss MacKinnon, 3s.; best pair mittens, Mrs. Douglas, 3s.; best linen table cloth, Miss S. Hude, 3s.; best 1-2 do. table cloth, Mrs. J. S. Lane, 3s.; best 3 linen sacks, "McBeth", 15s.; best bonnet of grass plait, "Warren", 10s.; best 3 sheepskin mats, dyed and dressed, "Cross", 10s.; best chopping knife, Elisha Weatherby, 5s.; best manure fork, Elisha Weatherby, 5s.; best hay fork, Wm. McKenzie, 5s.

"Agricultural products: Best tub of butter, W. Smallwood, 10s.; best cheese, W. Hude, 10s.; best Swede turnips, R. Bagnall, 3s.; best field carrots, Bryenton, 3s.; best field cabbages, Bryenton, 3s.; best blood beef, L. W. Call, 3s.; best mangel wortzel, L. W. Call, 3s.; best parsnips, C. Newbury, 3s.; best pumpkins, Judge Peters, 3s.; best ears Indian corn, T. Hunt, St. Eleanor's, 3s.; best onions, T. Cairns, Bedeque, 3s.; best cabbages, Scantlebury, 3s.; best apples, W. Dark, 3s.

"On the recommendation of the following sums to be paid to the exhibitors of sundry articles not enumerated in the published list we premiss: John MacMillan for a piece of cloth on account of colour, 5s. 3d.; John Calladin, Lot 48, for a piece of plaid druggert, on account of its texture and pattern, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Parkin, for a superior woollen shawl but not woven in one piece, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Robert Robertson for 3 sacks, 5s. 3d.; Mr. Mungo MacFarlane for a piece of sackling, 5s. 3d.; for linen bedtick, 5s. 3d.; for white linen, 5s. 3d.; Mrs. R. Robertson for a counterpane, 5s. 3d.; Miss Jane Hunt, of St. Eleanor's, a girl under 12 years of age, for a white cotton bed-quilt, 6s.; Miss Susan Seaman for a pair of horse rugs, 3s.; Miss Margaret Hyde for a woollen counterpane, 3s.; Miss Catherine McLeod for a woollen counterpane, 3s.; James McKenzie, Lot 48, for a churn, 5s.; George Smith, New Glasgow, for a turnip sower, 10s."

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Before the Pharaohs, boats with oars and square sails were the principal means of transport in the Nile Valley.

Cocktail Bar Racketeers

(Ottawa Citizen)

Two newspaper reporters have made a survey of 15 Toronto cocktail bars with results that reflect significantly on the cupidity of a good many in the retail liquor business. They found that six lounges served a quarter of an ounce less than they advertised and that another two served an eighth of an ounce less than the amount represented to customers as the minimum drink. Some others served exactly what they advertised but by false markings on the measuring glass gave the customer the impression they were getting more. None served less than the legal minimum of one ounce.

The researchers into alcoholic fraud discovered that some of the measuring glasses were too small to hold the size of drink advertised. In other instances a false bottom in the "shot glass" fooled the customer. It was estimated that where the "drinks were a quarter of an ounce short, the cocktail bar operators were cheating their patrons to the extent of \$127.50 a day, or \$825 a week.

On the basis of general practice it is probable that an ounce and a quarter drink cost the lounge owner as little as 14 cents. So at 50 cents a drink they were making a profit of more than 250 per cent, and somewhat less than that on more expensive liquor — provided the customer got it at the 50-cent price. There is often a graduated scale of prices, depending on the brand of liquor served. One Toronto cocktail bar netted \$100,000 in six months, according to court evidence when the partners engaged in a law suit. It is obvious that, aside altogether from social disadvantages, cocktail bars degenerate into a racket — and that they did so in most of the places visited by the Toronto investigators.

The Age-Old Story

Thus saith the Lord, unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant even unto them: I will give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

BEARDED CRICKETERS KEW, Middlesex, England (O.P.) — Twenty-three cricketers donned false beards to play a "bearded piece" match on nearby Richmond Green in celebration of St. Luke's Church 60th anniversary. Onlookers were kept busy retrieving the beards whipped away by a strong wind. The 24th beard belonged to the vicar. It's real.

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The Poet's Corner

THE WISH

If I live to be old, for I find I go down, Let this be my fate: In a country town, May I have a warm house, with a stove at the gate, And a cleanly young girl to rub my back pate, May I govern my passion with an absolute sway, And grow wiser and better as my strength wears away, Without gout or stone, by a gentle decay.

Near a shady grove, and a murmuring brook, With the ocean at distance, whereupon I may look, With a spacious plain without hedge or stile, And an easy pad-nag to ride out a mile, May I govern, etc.

With Horace and Petrarch, and two or three more Of the best wits that reigned in the world before, With roast mutton, rather than venison or veal, And clean though coarse linen at every meal, May I govern, etc.

With a pudding on Sundays, with stout humming liquor, And remnants of Latin to welcome the vicar, With Monte-Piscone or Burgundy wine, To drink the King's health as oft as I dine, May I govern, etc.

With a courage undaunted may I face my last day, And when I am dead may the better sort say, In the evening when sober, in the morning when mellow, He's gone, and left not behind him his fellow, May I govern my passion with an absolute sway, And grow wiser and better as my strength wears away, Without gout or stone, by a gentle decay.

— Walter Pope, (died 1714)

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Notes By The Way

A new kettle "whistles, sprays and pours, and has an arrangement in the lid for boiling an egg or heating the baby's bottle." A more thoughtful inventor would think up a further attachment that would fry fish or freeze a brick of ice cream. — Ottawa Citizen.

The old railway pay car was a glorified caboose with a pay window at the end where the men received their pay in hard money and signed the payroll receipt. The pay car disappeared with the coming of better banking facilities and the use of cheques instead of cash. The old pay car was the most popular car on the road and its arrival was hailed with joy by workmen and townspeople alike. If it happened to be a day or so late, there was great anxiety in all quarters. — Fort William Times-Journal.

There is nothing old-fashioned about a need for moral leadership. There is still Christian leadership in plenty available in all churches. The churches are turning from ultra-conservative ideas of past decades. There never was a better time for the good people who do not go to church to learn something about the way it is facing today's problems. They would often be surprised to find that the church they have been thinking of as a stuffy relic is more progressive than they are. — Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

It is not the history of the tree that absorbs a man working the wood on his bench. It is the compelling concentration of fashioning its shape, cutting away the defects, affirming the strength of its material, bringing out its beauties and favoring its virtues. There is a close harmony between brain, hand, tool and wood as he planes to his lines. He gives himself to his task and the petty worries of the workaday world fall away. As the shabby exterior of his wood yields to his tool, the irritating roughness of external frictions are shed by his mind. It emerges cleaned and refreshed. — Victoria Times.

In the Soviet Union, music, drama and painting must show the proper proletarian inspiration, or suffer condemnation as valueless by the central committee of the Communist party. Even the laws of biology must agree with orthodox Communist doctrine. We had hoped the stars were out of reach, but it appears we were too optimistic. Last December, the Soviet Academy of Sciences passed resolutions attacking "modern bourgeois cosmology." Russian astronomers quickly caught the cue, and have now come through handsomely with promises to fight relentlessly against "cosmopolitan formalism" and particularly against the western theory of "so-called relativistic cosmology" and the "reactionary-idealistic theory" of a finite widening of the universe. "That sounds a bit technical, but we gather that from now on, the heavenly bodies had better straighten up and fly right (or rather, left). We wonder what will happen if they are obstinate north of Bombay. The resolution would suffice." — Toronto Star.

Death of 44 persons in the crash of a Royal Dutch plane in India has shocked the world. The fact that 14 of the victims were top-flight American newspaper and radio correspondents similarly has shaken the profession of the world over. The big machine, carrying 34 passengers and 10 crewmen, struck a hilltop on approaching the Santa Cruz airfield, 15 miles north of Bombay. The writers were returning from a tour of Indonesia sponsored by the Netherlands Government, when the tragedy occurred. The air crash, the worst in India's history, claimed the lives of two winners of the Pulitzer Prize for news reporting, H. P. Knickerbocker and S. Burton Heath. Many of Mr. Heath's articles, written for NEA, have appeared in The London Free Press, and his name is familiar to Free Press readers. This latest big-plane disaster in itself is no more terrible than others before it simply because some of America's best newsmen were among the victims. But apart entirely from any sense of personal loss or grief, it does serve to point out the risks of the most brilliant writer personnel. It should emphasize this folly to governments everywhere, to industry and to business. The wreckage that strews the hillside in India and the most brilliant figures in the newspaper profession. — London Free Press.

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