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

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EDITORIAL NOTES

In Montreal Witnesses of Jehovah have
switched from the now illegal distribution of
pamphlets to merely carrying Bibles. But a
number of these have been arrested for disturbing
the peace by ringing doorbells.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and
Engineers favors amendment of the B. N. A.
Act to empower the Dominion to control commercial
transport and enact social legislation. Both are
now provincial subjects except for inter-provincial
transport.

Australians are perhaps the most independent
people in the British Empire, but they have
maintained rationing of butter, sugar, tea, meat
and clothing in peacetime in order to shore her
supplies with Britain and other hard-hit countries.

One of the less popular of Britain's expedients
is to reduce electricity consumption and ease
the strain on transportation facilities. Even the
best economic arguments fail to reconcile the
worker to a change in his daily schedule.

Montreal is so satisfied with the resumption
of mounted police, that it has added an additional
six, raising the number to eleven. Perhaps the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police will now follow
Montreal's lead.

If it can be done an easy way a school boy
will discover it. At Dartford, Kent, England,
officials in charge of a machinery display in the
interests of sales were puzzled when they noticed
a great many school boys attending the exhibition.
They investigated and found the boys were
doing their home work on an electric adding
machine.

The number of Canadian pensioners for the
Second Great War has increased more than 50
per cent in the last year and now exceeds the
number for the First Great War, J. L. Melville,
chairman of the Canadian Pension Commission,
reports. The total for the Second Great War
stood at 66,677 awards in payment and an annual
liability of \$26,996,039 at Aug. 31, 1942.
Last Aug. 31, there were 97,729 pensioners and
an annual liability of \$35,136,407.

Remembrance Day will be observed as usual
November 11, though by Royal Proclamation it
is to be observed in Britain on Sunday the 9th.
A State Department official at Ottawa says it
is the practice in England for the King to direct
by proclamation the day to be set aside for this
purpose, while in Canada, Remembrance Day is
fixed by statute as a Nov. 11 holiday and the
date could be changed only by an Act of Parliament.
Remembrance Day has never been a
holiday in the United Kingdom.

Mr. J. T. Bryden, Assistant General Manager
of the North American Life Insurance Company,
in an address at the financial section of the
American Life convention in Chicago said
that Canada's future policies must be predicated
on whether it thinks the free convertibility of
sterling will be restored in the near future.
"If it believes this will occur it will be justified
in thinking in terms of relatively temporary
expedients to tide it over until it can once more
convert sterling into dollars." The temporary
expedients might include reducing the value of
Canadian currency in terms of the United States
dollar; placing import restrictions on certain
United States goods coming to Canada; placing
a flat import tax on all United States goods—
which, he said, "would be contrary to the whole
Canadian philosophy of freer trade and would
introduce the danger of some kind of retaliatory
trade action; placing a bonus on production of
gold; tightening up on Canadian travel in the
United States, and/or borrowing in the United
States.

William Penn, English colonizer, born this
date 1644; was the founder of Pennsylvania; a
son of Admiral Sir W. Penn, he left the Church
of England and became a Quaker in 1669; in
the following year he was imprisoned for publishing
Sandy Foundations Shaken, and again imprisoned
for unorthodox utterances in 1670; he
subsequently, in 1680, obtained a grant of land
in America as quit-claim for crown debt; emigrated
to the new continent, he became governor
as well as proprietor of a new province, which
he called Pennsylvania after his father, and made
it a haven for persecuted Quakers. As governor
he proclaimed religious toleration and promulgated
in 1682 the "Great Law", which made
drunkenness, swearing, etc., punishable offences,
and founded the City of Philadelphia; was in
1707 imprisoned for debt, and thereupon mortgaged
the colony, incurring the first public debt.
Though lacking in administrative ability he was
an incalculable moral force setting up a high
standard for life in the new world; he wrote The
Great Cause of Liberty of Conscience; No
Cross, No Crown, etc.: "Generally money lies
nearest them that are nearest their graves."

Civil Liberty
The key to universal peace is still being
sought, and many and diverse are the solutions
suggested. According to the Fortnightly Law
Journal, the problem is essentially one of democracy,
and of the maintenance of civil liberty
above every other civil doctrine including that
of the supremacy of Parliament and the political
shibboleth of the safety of the state. Says
the Journal:
"There can only be true civil liberty if there
is complete rule of law and, there can be no
rule of law if any person or body is above the
law. Even the legislator and so the Legislature
must be subject to the law. It is almost three
centuries since a King was martyred to establish
constitutional monarchy. Today's problem is
to create a constitutional Legislature, otherwise
we have merely substituted one despotism for
another and we are not so sure that a single
despot is not preferable to a collective despot.
For one thing you can martyr an individual
while you cannot top the head off a Legislature.
Or can you? Perhaps the mythical Hydra is the
answer to that question. Two wars have shown
that there are still men and nations who will
fight for freedom and it may be that this
problem of putting civil liberty beyond the reach
of any rapacious hands is the solution of the
problem of universal peace at which so much of
the world's effort is today directed."

Notes By The Way

Civil service was instituted to replace
the old spoils system. It was
designed to keep new officials from
replacing old employees with political
friends. Civil service is an improvement,
but it hasn't proved a cure-all. It needs
modification in several particulars and
probably should be abolished for many
technical positions.—Minneapolis Star.

Of all the pests which threaten
the potato, the worst is the cook
who specializes in limp French
fries.—Brandon Sun.

Minneapolis garbage men found
a whole lot of bread in one garbage
container recently. There
were many individual slices of
bread that had no business in the
garbage. The trouble is that this
one spot check made in Minneapolis
is only indicative of the quantity
of what is going on in the city
and the nation. It is time that we
had a campaign against waste. If
we'd stop throwing away good
food in this country and every
housewife would undertake economical
food buying and utilization
we might be able to give Europe
much aid and at the same time
hold down our own food prices.—
Minneapolis Star.

Recently back from his visit to
Moscow, Mayor Lewis of
Ottawa marvels still at the cleanliness
of the streets of the Soviet
capital. There was not even a
squashed cigarette butt on the
sidewalk, he says. Perhaps he was
speaking figuratively, but there
is a system of some sort that keeps
litter to a minimum. Not all European
or American or Canadian,
cities achieve that degree of
tidiness and neatness. Lewis
brought back any pointers as to
how the Russians do it, he will
doubtless pass them on to the
Municipal Association and the
Mayor's Conference.—Brantford
Expositor.

People are losing heart in Europe
and that is a danger to Canada.
Instead of trying to help
themselves in every way possible,
there is the danger that too many
persons will give up and depend
on Canada and the United States
to do it all. Already there are
criticisms of Canadians and Americans
because not enough is being
done to help Great Britain, France
and other countries. This is a spirit
that is widespread in an atmosphere
of discontent. It is easy to
understand how the people would
lose heart. But, if they lose heart
completely, then chaos cannot be
averted.—Windsor Daily Star.

While our larger towns and cities
are being very vocal concerning
the housing shortages they are
experiencing, demanding that the
Government do something about it,
our small towns, with every habit-
able space being occupied, are
facing the same shortage. The
situation in the small towns is be-
coming so acute that it may very
easily have unwelcome repercussions
if not speedily remedied. In
Bismarck, for instance, the man-
ager engaged to operate the new
jockey plant had to relinquish the
position because he could not find
living accommodation. Conditions
are such that even the change in
ownership of a dwelling can result
in "displaced persons" such
plight is no much better, than
European "DP's" so far as finding
somewhere to sleep is concerned.—
Bismarck Express.

At noon and after the close of
school in the afternoon, scores of
students attending the Vocational
School leave for their homes on
bicycles. They proceed like a wolf-
pack, handle bars to handle bars,
taking up the full width of the
streets. Fort William motorists
know and understand the attitude
of youth. They slow up, or when
necessary come to a full stop
while the cyclists pass. But danger
 lurks. One of these days, if the
young ladies and young men keep
up their practice, a motorist who
is a stranger to the district is going
to be driving along. He will plow
into the litter of bicycles and one
or more of the eager young students
will ride in an ambulance to
the hospital. — Fort
William Times-Journal.

A WOMAN'S MIND

A survey revealed that in grocery
stores, 75 per cent of women
bought one or more items they
had not planned to buy.

LONDON (CP)—The King
has accepted the position of Air
Commodore-in-Chief of the R.A.F.
Regiment.

1/2 AWAKE Nights
1/2 ASLEEP Days...
When you are
tired by day,
at night, never
comfortable,
and you
feel over-tired
in the
daytime—
your kidneys
may be
blame. For
healthy
kidneys should
do 2/3 of their
work in the
daytime. If they
get
over-tired,
extra strain is
placed
on them and
they
cannot
do their
work.
That is the
reason
why
Kidney
Pills.
Dodd's
Kidney
Pills
help
relieve
this
cause
of
night
drowsiness
and
day
tiredness.
Help
you
enjoy
restful
sleep
and
active
recreation.
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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 PACKINGHOUSE
DISPUTE

Sir,—Last Saturday night I
attended a mass meeting of
farmers and strikers at the
Sporting Club. As I do not belong
to either of these groups and have
no interest in either the packing
houses or the Government, I went
there with an open mind and a
deep sympathy for the labouring
man.
I am sorry to say I came away
from the meeting with misgivings
and doubts and I am afraid
with diminished sympathy for the
strikers.
Mr. Borsk presented the case
for labour with great force and
conviction and although there
were many in the audience who
did not agree with everything he
said he was given a perfect hearing
and enthusiastic applause.
This was at it should be. He
was followed by Mr. MacNeil, who
spoke with authority of the arduous
work in the packing houses
and expressed the opinion that
the strikers were grossly under-
paid. He, also, received perfect
hearing and hearty applause.
The next speaker was Mr. Bal-
colm, who began his remarks by
saying that we had heard only
one side of the case. The strikers
immediately jumped to the
conclusion that he was going to
present the other side, either for
the packing houses or the Govern-
ment and in an instant all was
confusion and hubbub with about
a dozen strikers shouting at him
at the same time. The chairman,
Mr. Jones, made no attempt to
call for order, but seemed well
satisfied to have the speaker so
rudely interrupted. However, Mr.
Borsk appealed to the crowd to
give this speaker a hearing. Mr.
Balcolm then continued and made
the finest speech of the evening.
He said he was whole-heartedly
in favour of labour but pointed
out that under our democratic
way of life we must, in peace, as
well as in war, have understand-
ing and co-operation on all sides
in order to accomplish anything
worthwhile and for that reason
he was sorry that only one side
of the question had been present-
ed. As he made no attempt to
give the other side of the story
he too proved to be quite ac-
ceptable to the audience and was
given a good hand at the close of
his remarks.

The Poet's Corner

LAKE SUPERIOR COAST:
TRAIN WINDOW
East of the port, the gaunt euclidian
town
At the edge of the prairie sky, at the
venturous end
Of the sea's last traffic with the
climbing land
You come to the hills: the spruce
and rock steep down

To the mountain beach, inlet and
channel and reef
Returns in the slow dance of the
land's turning;
Shadowed and clear and dark in the
lost brief
Moment—flashed and repeated in
the drumming wheels:
Repeat... repeat... repeat...
the flashing earth
Streams in its rhythm. And the
moment's breath
Is time's delicate breath.
The wheeling hills
Drift with its tide; the hills, and
the litted flock
Of the sky; and a gull, remotely
flying
And soaring in flight...
Time; and the granite flowing
Of stoney water and pre-cambrian
rock.

Old Charlottetown
(And P.E.I.)

ROBERT STEWART'S
MONUMENT

A copy of the following circular
letter, dated Malpeque, July 31,
1890, who found among the papers
of the late Mr. Leslie Stewart Mac-
Nutt, father of Maj. T. Edgar
MacNutt, Charlottetown:
"Robert Stewart emigrated from
Scotland and settled in Malpeque,
P. E. I. in 1770, where he died in
1787. He was the first Speaker of
the first Parliament held in this
Colony in 1773. A tombstone was
erected in his memory, but the
lapse of time and exposure to the
elements has obliterated the in-
scription until it was almost illeg-
ible and the stone itself is too
much worn and broken to be re-
stored. A number of his descend-
ants have considered it desirable
to erect a new monument to his
memory and to mark the starting
point of our branch of the Stewart
family in this country. The under-
signed have been asked to act as a
committee to solicit contributions
from connections who may be in-
terested in this proposal.
"This circular is sent to you as a
suggestion that you will enclose
your contribution to James M.
MacNutt, Esq., Malpeque, who has
consented to act as treasurer for
the fund. If the project is favor-
ably received it is important to
act at once so that the matter
may be disposed of during the
present summer.
"Respectfully submitted by
(signed) James M. MacNutt, Mal-
peque; Henry Stewart, Hamilton;
Richard Hunt, Summerside."
The new monument for which
the above appeal was made was
erected shortly afterwards, and is
in good condition in Malpeque
church cemetery. It carries on its
front the following original in-
scription:
"Here lieth the body of Robert
Stewart who departed this
life the 13th day of February,
A. D. 1787 aged 58 years."
On the back of the monument
there is the following inscription:
"Errected to the memory of
Robert Stewart and his wife
Annabella and to replace a
tablet formerly placed here
bearing the inscription written
on the opposite side of this
Stone."
About the year 1700 the Rev.
Dugald Stewart was settled at
Robbessy, Scotland and was min-
ister there for about 56 years. He
had two sons.—Rev. Matthew
Stewart, the father of Professor
Dugald Stewart of Edinburgh, and
James who married Janet Mac-
donald and left one son Robert
who married Annabella Stewart,
sister of Peter Stewart of Camp-
bellton, Argyllshire, Scotland, who
became Second Chief Justice of
P. E. Island. Robert Stewart em-
igrated to P. E. I. (then St.
John's Island) in the year 1770.
He died in Princetown the 13th
February, 1787, aged 56 years. He
had a family of eight children.

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WINTER'S
AHEAD

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present for seeing that your
coal bin is filled, ready for the
first chill day. Order now,
don't wait. We are unloading
cars of both Hard and Soft
Coal.
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along democratic lines.
We should like to sympathize
with the union members but we
must also sympathize with that
much greater group, the farmers,
who are seriously affected by the
strike. Still more must we sym-
pathize with the starving people
of Europe whose very lives de-
pend on the food they will re-
ceive from us during the next few
months.

When Mr. Jones develops a
more charitable attitude towards
his fellow workers who differ with
him respecting the right to work
for the government, he may ex-
pect to receive the sympathy of
the public. In the meantime I
think most people will withhold
it or give it to Mr. Wright and
those who are endeavouring to
save the Province from the serious
financial loss occasioned by this
strike.

SEASONAL VARIETY

The Taos Indians of New
Mexico wear white blankets in
summer and red or blue ones in
winter.

RODENT RAVAGE

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United States destroy as much
food as 200,000 farmers could
produce in a year.

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