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

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1917 Development Commission

The Province-wide mineral survey to be
undertaken here by Mr. Picher and other officials
of the Federal Department of Mines and Resources
is a matter of much public interest and importance.

The Commission of 1917 also recommended
the development of a brick and tile manufactory,
the utilization of our island peat deposits; the
extensive canning of small fruits and vegetables;

Associated with Mr. Hertz on the executive
of the Commission were Messrs. W. F. Tidmarsh,
A. J. McFadyen and J. A. MacDonald. The sub-
committees were constituted as follows:

Agriculture: Rev. Dr. Gauthier, chairman;
J. W. Callbeck, F. Boyer, F. L. Mellish, Jas.
Aeneas McDonald.

Education: Rev. Dr. Gauthier, chairman;
Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, J. D. Stewart, K.C.

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P. Callaghan, W. F. Tidmarsh, L. McNutt, D.
F. McDonald.

New Industries, Undeveloped Resources, Im-
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aghan, J. O. Hyndman, J. A. MacDonald, H. T.
Holman.

Transportation: N. Rattenbury, chairman;
W. L. Poole, P. W. Clarkin, W. P. Callaghan.
Programme: Frank R. Hertz, chairman;
N. Rattenbury, W. F. Tidmarsh, Percy Pope, J.
O. Hyndman.

Many of these gentlemen have since passed
away, while others are still prominent in public
affairs. Noteworthy is the fact that the Com-
mission was widely representative of both political
parties, and one of the most interesting
features of their report is the emphasis which
it placed on the need of working together and
forgetting partisan politics.

"Politics," says the report, "is all right;
we must have it. It will be always with us, of
course, like the poor; but we don't want to see
too much of it. . . . The object of our coming
together is to co-operate, to work in harmony
with a view to making this island what it should
have been long ago. Co-operation is opposed to
self, and we have been selfish. This is one of
the effects of original sin. We are all too selfish.
We are not broad enough."

Had this admonition of thirty-one years ago
been more carefully heeded, there is no doubt
that our Province would be better off today,
materially and spiritually. Nor is there anything
outmoded in the following commentary which
concludes the Commission's introduction to the
report of its sub-committee on agriculture:

"Honesty, industry, intelligent co-operation
and an adequate realization of the obligations of
citizenship as essential to the well-being of the
state—these are the foundation of all true pro-
gress. These we must strive for and in this
struggle every individual is called upon to play
his or her part. This is the note that we seek
to strike with all the emphasis possible, as pre-
liminary to any definite programme of work.
Given sterling honesty, industry and a spirit of
generous co-operation we must succeed. Lack-
ing these, true success becomes impossible."

Something Quite Different

The Winnipeg Free Press takes exception to
the interpretation placed in the eastern Provinces
on a resolution passed by the Manitoba
Legislature last session, dealing with the sale of
margarine in Canada. It appears that the res-
olution was interpreted as advocating such sale,
and it has been described as "the thin end of
the wedge" by those favoring the margarine bill
at Ottawa.

The text of the Manitoba resolution con-
tains an important reservation. It reads as
follows:

"That in the opinion of this House, the ban
on the manufacture, importation, and sale of
oleomargarine and other butter substitutes in
Canada should be removed coincident with and
as part of a general national policy of removing
all duties, tariffs and embargoes which increase
the dairyman's costs and (or) reduce his price to
the end that the Canadian producers and con-
sumers shall have the benefit of competitive
and free trade in butter, oleomargarine and
other edible fats.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Farmers generally will be getting in on the
soil now, though about a week later than
anticipated.

Our Federal members at Ottawa are work-
ing hand-in-hand solving provincial problems and
straightening out wrongs that should be righted.

Tomorrow, or rather at six o'clock this eve-
ning local time, British responsibility for Pales-
tine comes to an end. Apres nous, le deluge.

With the meaning and purpose of educa-
tion such a live issue we may expect to hear the
problem fully dealt with at the respective con-
ventions of our Island colleges.

The United States does not seem alto-
gether enthusiastic about a two-power confer-
ence. There are certainly advantages in hav-
ing additional parties if only to keep the record
straight.

It is not too early to think about band
concerts in Queen Square. These have always
proved highly popular and the bandsmen and pro-
moters deserve every encouragement to carry on
the good work.

When the American universal military train-
ing plan gets into operation it is going to be
difficult to convince our Southern neighbours
that Canada is pulling her weight in world af-
fairs unless we adopt similar measures.

The three way talks between Ottawa and
local officers of the Revenue Department and
taxpayers as represented by the Law Society
and Trust Companies should lead to better
understanding all around. Ottawa is a long
way off, and the more personal contacts that
can be established the better.

A glance around our public buildings, re-
marks a visitor, shows that our Provincial Gov-
ernment has for long fallen down as a patron
of the arts. Where are the portraits of Island
Governors, judges and recent Speakers of the
House? Where are episodes of Island history
recorded on canvas?

Albert Einstein, Swiss professor of mathe-
matical physics, born this date 1879. He enun-
ciated his theory on Relativity in a paper read
in Berlin Academy in 1915, and published his work
on the subject in 1920. He is an ardent Zion-
ist and was keenly interested in the proposed
Hebrew University at Jerusalem.

Summerside "did itself proud" in entertain-
ing the civic delegation from Charlottetown
Wednesday. The western capital has every
reason to be proud of its progress and aggress-
iveness. It has live business men, not only in
its councils but behind the scenes, ever seeking
municipal and provincial improvements and
developments.

The undergraduate returned from college
has a hard choice. Many have been away from
home for many years with but the briefest re-
turn and now are faced with the search for
employment to finance another year at college.
Only the lucky ones will find it where they can
at last enjoy the luxury of home life.

The Maritime Central Airways is becoming
practically indispensable in transportation, both
to and from the Province. Captain Burke is to
be congratulated on extending its express ser-
vice to Nova Scotia points, as instanced in carry-
ing Yarmouth lobsters to American markets. We
are already familiar with its invaluable services
in connection with the Magdalenes and New-
foundland.

Are there Communists in training in Scot-
land? Glasgow Police raided the premises of
"Young Scotland", a movement with extreme
nationalist views, and took away two loads of
high explosives. They also removed documents.
At the same time a number of houses in the city
were visited and three men taken into custody
charged with unauthorized possession of explosives.

Our potato exporters are resorting to the
right means of strengthening their position with
regard to the supply of reefer cars, etc., for ex-
port purposes. By co-operation they should be
able to assist both themselves and the railway
in having a plentiful and proper allocation of
cars throughout the Province in the shipping
season. Of course, an additional ferry would
help materially.

Behind the "Iron Curtain" scientists seem
to be busy. Russia has just laid claim to the
fastest radio transmission speed in the world.
The official News Agency, Tass, quoted "the
well-known Soviet radio expert, Alexander
Mints," as follows: "European and American
stations transmit 120 to 150 words per minute,
whereas in the U.S.S.R. the average transmission
speed is 300 words, and the maximum over 500
per minute."

The Provincial Government deserves credit
for taking action in connection with our special
freight service between here and Newfoundland.
When the service was inaugurated and obtain-
ed a subsidy it was for the special purpose of
helping out the two islands' trade. Now, as usual,
Central Canada is butting in and attempting
to monopolize the service in their own interest,
shutting us out from the trade which we in-
augurated and are doing our best to increase to
our mutual advantage. Probably our Special
Representative at Ottawa, who is supposed to
look after these sort of things for the local Gov-
ernment, will be the best one to handle the
situation effectively with the department con-
cerned.

Notes By The Way

The savages have us beat in one
way. They can stand a lot of leisure
without making a problem of
it. — Calgary Albertan.

We read the other day about a
milliner "planning a hat." Some
hats we have seen looked more
like products of doodling than plan-
ning. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

President Truman will be glad
to see Mr. Stalin — in Washington.
If Truman and Stalin could put
up their feet in that new White
House porch and talk as man to
man they might resolve many dif-
ferences — but it isn't likely to
happen. — Ottawa Journal.

Latest report from Filin Flon,
Manitoba, is the discovery of a one-
eyed fish. This on the heels of
uranium and diamond discoveries
near the northern town, to say
nothing of the sardine with a pearl
in its mouth, makes us inclined to
remark that Filin Flon is deter-
mined to make "Time." — Saskatoon
Star-Phoenix.

The United States as a whole is
one of the less densely settled coun-
tries of the world and will continue
to be so for many years to come.
According to forecasts based on
assumptions of medium fertility
and medium mortality, our popu-
lation will be about 166,000,000 in
1975; this would mean a density
of 56 per square mile. Even on the
most favorable assumptions, our
population in 1975 will be about
188,000,000 which is still only 62
persons per square mile. — Metro-
politan Life Bulletin.

Until industry is brought back in
some way to the smaller centres of
population throughout the province
our manufacturing structure will
be top-heavy and loaded in favor
of the larger places where the gen-
eral conditions of existence, no
matter how glittering, cannot be
too satisfactory, and where they
are frequently unsavory, and the
smaller centres, with their people,
will fall to enjoy the security and
the opportunity to obtain employ-
ment right at home which is their
undeniable right. — Brockville Re-
corder and Times.

Down in Atlanta, Georgia, a man
was seen to mount a verandah after
a carrier boy passed and steal the
newspaper. For this offence
the magistrate fined him \$50. The
sentence may seem severe to some
people, but we regard it as one
of the most heinous crimes in the
calendar, comparable to stealing a
horse in days gone by. In a by-
gone era a man who lost his horse
by theft was in a serious plight.
Today, a man or any member of
the family who has no evening
paper to turn to, is like a lost soul.
A \$50. fine! The scoundrel got off
lightly! — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Washington is trying a fearsome
experiment. On the request of 92
percent of the commuters polled,
the trams and buses of the American
capital are to have radios in-
stalled. First the poor passengers,
especially the important but protest-
ing eight percent—driven to
work in the morning to the note
of setting-up exercises, brought to
lunch and back to the sobbing
candies of a soap-opera, and driven
back, in the evening a weary strap-
hanger, to the insistent and madden-
ing beat, beat, beat of the syn-
copated tom-tom. — Halifax Chroni-
cle.

Dandelions, the surest sign of
spring, may be a nuisance on the
lawn, but they're a boon to the
kitchen, more so this season with
the Government's austerity pro-
gram putting restrictions on im-
ports of fresh vegetables. People of
this community have long known
how appetizing dandelion greens
are when properly prepared. They
are at their best before the plant
begins to flower. According to the
U. S. Department of Agriculture, a
half-cup of dandelion greens steam-
ed furnishes 11,600 units of vitamin
A, which is more than twice the
daily adult requirement. — Kitch-
ener-Waterloo Record.

Somerville police show that they
know how to take care of young
rowdies who are given to vandali-
sm. When three were rounded
up after letting the air out of au-
tomobile tires, patrolmen saw to
it that the boys were put to work
with a pump and that the tires
were inflated properly. With this
bit of backaching punishment they
drove home to these boys that the
property of others must be respect-
ed. Punishment such as this in the
teen-ages will go a long way to-
wards making such boys worthy
citizens later. — Boston Post.

The inventor who says a plant
has been developed which will bear
blue tomatoes will probably make
them more acceptable to the public
if he can show that they have
any particular advantage over the
common red ones. The yellow to-
mato has been raised for some
time and while it is not sold as
widely as the common variety, it
is very palatable and some people
like it fully as well as the regular
one. The chief resistance to over-
come is the eating habit. The pub-
lic has long been accustomed to
red tomatoes, so it is a matter of
educating the eye as well as the
palate if the introduction of multi-
colored tomatoes is to be a suc-
cess. But it is not so very many
years ago that tomatoes were not
considered fit to eat in any color.
Consequently, it is possible that the
blue tomato, if practicable, may
be as popular in time as any other
variety. — Boston Post.

LARGE PART OF EXPORT
Forest products account for one-
third of all Canadian exports.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by corre-
spondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

NET FARM INCOME

Sir,—I liked the accent being
placed on "net" farm income in
that editorial on "Farm Produc-
tion" (Guardian, May 8) because I
am one of your readers who be-
lieves that far too much emphasis
has customarily been placed upon
gross rural revenues in the past,
when every urban Canadian is well
aware that, as the business adage
goes: "It is the net that counts."
I take it as a first-rate sign that
at long last, appropriate attention
is beginning to be paid to the
immense "operating cost" entries
on the opposite side of the agri-
cultural ledger—entries which, ac-
cording to the latest figures I've
seen, reach to over \$20,000,000.

However, I must say that I was
surprised and disappointed to learn
from the above editorial that, ac-
cording to a speaker in the Com-
mons (Mr. Wright, Melport, Sask.)
dealing with the agricultural esti-
mates: "28 per cent of the farms
in Canada today are subsistence
farms." He used this term, he ex-
plained, to define farms which
produce less for sale than is con-
sumed on the farm itself. . . . Al-
berta has the lowest percentage,
namely 15; Saskatchewan has 16
per cent; Prince Edward Island, 40
per cent, and New Brunswick 51
per cent.

It would be interesting to have
some further light given on this
astounding situation. Here, at any
rate, in one grim generalization—
covering 200,000 of the nation's
781,000 farms—would be an explana-
tion as to why farm income tax
is such an endless headache?
Apart from the location of these
"subsistence farms", whose pur-
chasing power is at the floor, or
below it, it has to be remembered
that a subsistence farm represents
a poor customer for industrial
workers and the products of Can-
adian factories. There are 260,000
farms across Canada ranging from
1 to 100 acres; and 225,000 farms
ranging from 100 to 200 acres; and
while the former group would in-
clude as many highly-produc-
tive suburban enterprises, it
seems reasonably sure that the
"subsistence" farms would be with-
in those two acreage groups. Yet,
100 acres would be "some" farm, in
Europe!

I am, Sir, etc.
A. E.

Back To The Kilt

(United Kingdom Bulletin)
The Army Council has granted
permission to the Highland Light
Infantry to discard the trews they
have worn for nearly 140 years and
resume the kilt.

Ironically enough the gallant
HLI who have more battle honors
than any other Scottish regiment,
lost their kilts through distinguish-
ing themselves at Corunna, when
they were promoted to the Light
Division and kilts were deemed un-
suitable for skirmishes. The HLI
were raised for service in the Am-
erican War of Independence in
1777, but never saw America, being
shipped off to India instead.

At Assaye in 1803 it had all its
officers killed or wounded, and
hence it is known as the Assaye
Regiment or, alternatively, as "the
Giesca Keelies", most of the re-
cruits coming from Glasgow dur-
ing the Peninsular War. In the
First World War it had 26 batall-
ions serving. A French General,
captured by a HLI corporal in the
Peninsula offered him his purse.
"Sir," said the corporal, "we are
soldiers, not plunderers!"

Whether HLI ever did duty at
the Tower of London is doubtful.
But they have a romantic link
with that grim historic edifice.
They were raised by a son of the
Earl of Cromarty who was out
in the '45, imprisoned in the
Tower, and having his estate con-
fiscated, served 30 years with the
Swedish Army.

They will wear the Mackenzie
kilt, differing from that of the
Seaforth Highlanders only in that
their central stripe will be white
instead of red. In their case the
distinction consists purely in the

The Poets Corner

FROM "STANZAS WRITTEN IN
DEJECTION NEAR NAPLES"

. . . I see the Deep's untrampled
floor
With green and purple seaweeds
strown;
I see the waves upon the shore,
Like light dissolved in star-show-
ers, thrown;
I sit upon the sands alone, —
The lightning of the noontide,
ocean
Is flashing round me, and a tone
Arises from its measured mo-
tion . . .

Alas! I have nor hope nor health,
Nor peace within nor calm abroad,
Nor that content surpassing wealth
The sage in meditation found,
And walked with inward glory
crowned . . .

Yet now despair itself is mild
E'en as the winds and waters are;
I could lie down like a tired child,
And weep away the life of care . . .
—Shelly.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

POSTAL MISCARRIAGES

"We, having considered the var-
ious miscarriages, to which letters
and parcels addressed to persons on
this Island are subjected, owing to
their being enclosed in the Halifax
mail and left in the post office
there, exposed, from whence they
have been committed to the cus-
tody of any individual willing to
take charge of them, by which
means they have frequently been
lost or interchanged, humbly request
that your Excellency will be pleas-
ed to represent His Majesty's Sec-
retary of State the above insecure
and uncertain mode of conveyance
of letters from England to this Is-
land, and request that he will be
pleased to direct that a separate
mail or bag be made up and en-
closed at the post office in London,
directed for the postmaster in this
Island and forwarded in the packet
with the Halifax mail at the usual
periods."

—Petition from the Legislative
Assembly to Lieutenant-Governor
Fanning, November, 1802.

The Irish Came First

(Port Arthur News-Chronicle)

Recent revival of speculation about
the Norsemen's early wander-
ings in this part of the world
adds interest to a reminder in the
current issue of The Canadian
Geographical Journal that long be-
fore the Norse discovery of Green-
land by Eric the Red and Lief
Ericson's settlement of Vinland,
there was a recorded cruise by Eu-
ropeans along the shores of Canada.
It was reputedly in the year 551
that Brendan the Navigator and
his company of fellow Irish monks
set sail from Aran, as R. Wyse
Jackson writes in "Ancient Ireland
and Its Links with Canada." For 40
days they sailed westward, guided
vaguely by the stars and encoun-
tering such wonders as an ocean

pleating of the material.
The old HLI has gained the es-
teem of all English soldiers who
fought side by side with it in bat-
tles long ago and two World Wars.
In the first of the latter a full pri-
vate of HLI, nearly gave an RE
Colonel a good lesson by criticising
some engineering orders — until
it was revealed to the outraged OC
that the private was a professor
of engineering at Glasgow!

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of fog and a "floating mountain"
which they described as the "color
of silver, harder than marble, of
substance of the clearest crystal"—
the first iceberg ever seen.
When they sighted land it was
a cruel, jagged land of cliffs where
great beasts belov'd — beasts
which according to their descrip-
tion had "cat-like heads, eyes the
color of bronze cauldron, fussy
pells, hoar's tusks and heavy spotted
bellies" — a fair description of
walrus.
Where or if Brendan and his bro-
ther monks landed is not certain,
but they did cruise south, seeing
on the way back naked pygmies
and finally landing on a green and
sunny shore. No one knows now
whether it was one of the Ba-
hamas or Florida or some other
part of the mainland, but their
description of it was lyrical: "A
land odorless, flower-smooth, bias-
ed; a land many-melodied, shout-
ing for joy, unmountainful."
In any case, years before the
Norsemen, this was a much earlier

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