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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Misleading Pronouncement

A highly-placed government official is credited with making an extraordinary faux pas, to which attention is drawn editorially in the Globe and Mail.

Having started on this wrong premise, Mr. Fortier plunged deeper into error when he said the agricultural population of Canada is approaching its zenith, and that future growth can only occur through industrial development.

More important even than new territories is the role to be played by irrigation and conservation programs throughout the nation.

The trouble with Mr. Fortier's reasoning, concludes the Globe and Mail, is its apparent obsession with statistics.

Of Mutual Benefit

An excellent moral is underlined in the following editorial from the New Glasgow Evening News: "A cartoonist in the Charlottetown Guardian has the sunshine of prosperity shining on Sydney to which boats are coming with iron ore from Labrador."

"Of course, he is absolutely right. And so in the reverse — when the sun of prosperity shines on P. E. I., Cape Breton gains. We do, too, in Pictou County."

"The fact is that the various parts of the Maritimes are not in competition with each other. Rather, they are an economic unit. Gain to the one is gain to all and the sooner that idea sinks in the better."

"So when we select a Maritime-made grown article, we are automatically supporting ourselves."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Recent property sales indicate prices are still on the ascent. Good properties are well worth the enhanced prices.

Prince County is not the only one which has arrears of land taxes. Kings and Queens have still to be heard from.

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The ports of Halifax and Saint John will benefit by the extension of through rates on C.N.R. and C. P. R. freight traffic moving from Canadian and United States points to St. John's or Cornerbrook.

Danger of bush fires is about over but it will not be long before the annual spots of

fires originating from long unused and defective systems commences. That danger can be largely eliminated by a proper check now of furnace and chimney.

Professor Norman H. Snaith of Wesley College, Leeds, England, praised Britain's system of government-paid medical care in a talk to the Dallas Lions club.

The British Commonwealth Scientific Conference is now meeting in Australia. Part of Canada's contribution will be the milkless diet which nevertheless produces a fine type of bacon hog.

A London piano maker thinks that a piano in every home belongs to the dead past of Britain. There is some danger that the home will follow the piano into oblivion when that centre of fellowship vanishes.

London plans to introduce a radically new system of marking traffic routes by colour as well as number to help motorists find their way.

The new metal houses in the Old Country hold some surprises for their owners. One man is reported to have come home to receive electric shocks from his latch key and from a window frame.

The last British war crimes trial opens at Hamburg today, that of Erich von Manstein charged with 17 offences. The trials broke new ground in international relations.

Ottawa reports that 933 Canadian doctors and nurses sought greener fields in the United States last year compared with a total of 600 doctors and 3,000 nurses turned out by our schools.

In order to encourage total abstinence, an executive of the American Temperance Society advocates that "a skull and crossbones and the word poison should be printed on bottles of government vendored liquor."

The grave closed yesterday over the remains of the late Mr. Lauchlin MacDonald, who, for so many years went quietly in and out amongst us. He had reached a ripe old age, and enjoyed wonderfully good health until within the last two years.

Communists are following the example of the C.C.F. and conducting schools to train "fellow travellers" and others in the tenets and policy of their party.

William Ernest Henley, English editor, critic and poet, born this date 1849. A lifelong invalid, he edited in turn, London Magazine of Art, Scots (afterwards National) Observer, and the New Review.

Our military forces may anticipate soon a new issue of uniforms, following the lead of the old country.

"What was done then, no one has succeeded in undoing since. And some of the reasons for this are the observation can only be viewed with a kind of sardonic amusement today."

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The Poet's Corner

SONG FROM "COMUS"

The star that bids the shepherd fold
Now the top of heaven doth hold,
And the gliding ear of day
His glowing axle doth ally
In the steep Atlantic stream.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

A COURTEOUS BEAR

"A Mrs. Donnelly, a few days since, on a journey from hence to Seaside, in the quarters of a mile of Mrs. McAulay's, Elliot River, met with two Bear Cubs, which she at first mistook for pigs, but was a few moments convinced to the contrary by the appearance of a large Bear, trotting at a quick pace behind her."

When Nova Scotia Was Partitioned

(H. L. MacPherson in the Windsor Star)

Now that Newfoundland can be regarded as one of the Maritime Provinces, and contacts among the four are closer and more numerous than ever before, it is not strange that provinces having so little in the way of population and square mileage should be content to go their separate ways.

These are talking points, at least in considering them. It is not the fact of it was that milling, unhappy horde of displaced persons, the United Empire Loyalists, who came pouring into an almost empty Nova Scotia in search of a new life and whatever could be picked up in the way of patronage.

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The Man In The House By The Side Of The Road

IN SPRING HE MAY SEE HIS TOPSOIL CARRIED AWAY BY TRICKLING STREAMS



BUT IN SUMMER IT BLOWS RIGHT BACK!



The Age-Old Story

He led him about, He instructed him. He kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stretch up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, heareth them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him.

Oil Truck Hit By Train

OTTAWA, Aug. 22 (CP) — Victor Robert and John Barran, both of Rockland, Ont., escaped with a shaking-up today when their oil truck was almost completely demolished by an Ottawa-bound Prescott train a few miles south of here.

Pheasants Fair Game

FREDERICTON, N.B. — (CP) — For the first time in the province's history, New Brunswick will have an open season for hunting cock pheasants. It will last from Nov. 1-5, with a bag limit of two cock pheasants for each hunter.

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Notes By The Way

The late Stephen Leacock was once lauded by one of his McGill University students in a political economy about the terms recession, depression and panic. "It's all a matter of degree," said the professor. "A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt. In a depression you have no belt to tighten, and, when you have no pants left to hold up, it's a panic."

As a result of the protest of the Victoria branch of SPCA against the disgraceful horse trade with Belgium, Ottawa has given assurance that no further permits for re-shipment of horses overseas from Canada will be permitted.

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The Ottawa Journal draws attention to the fact that Yvonne March, presumably an English girl, has been proclaimed "the perfect schoolgirl of 1949" in Britain.

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