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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
 the Weakest Ink"

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Saint Andrew's Day

Saint Andrew's death occurred at Patras, about the year 70 A.D. From Patras, three centuries later, his relics were taken to Constantinople, and thence, when the city fell to the Crusaders from the West, to Amalfi in Italy. According to legend they were taken by Acca, Bishop of Hexham, to the Pictish King Angus between 731 and 761, and buried where the city of St. Andrews now stands.

Saint Andrew is mentioned in Scripture as one of Christ's earliest disciples, zealous in propagating the faith and in enduring martyrdom for it. His high ideals and noble effort have been an inspiration to succeeding ages—to none more so than the Scots, who have honoured him as their patron saint for centuries. Today's observance of the anniversary will be world wide, and will suffer nothing through distance from the land in which it took its rise.

Tonight a special treat is in store for those attending the St. Andrew's Day dinner under the auspices of the local Caledonian Club. The toast to "The Day" will be responded to by the Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Premier of Nova Scotia, an outstanding Canadian who is proud not only of his Highland ancestry but of his ability to speak Gaelic fluently. His father's people came from Inverness-shire more than a century ago, and his grandfather was for many years Speaker of the Prince Edward Island Legislature, and at the time of his death represented an Island constituency in the House of Commons. This makes Premier Macdonald not only an honoured guest, but "one of our ain."

His career in public life has reflected credit upon his ancestry, both at Ottawa, where he held the onerous portfolio of Naval Minister during the war, and in his native Province where he assumed the government leadership first at the age of forty-three. Throughout Canada he is known as the leading champion of Maritime claims, and also as one of the most eloquent and pleasing after-dinner speakers. An authority on many subjects, he is reportedly at his best when speaking on a Scottish theme.

As on other occasions, too, the Haggis will be ushered in with the time-honoured ritual, and other post-prandial speeches will reflect the modest pride the Scot takes in his national heritage and achievements.

Mr. Gardiner's Statement

Addressing the opening session of FAO in Washington, Agriculture Minister Gardiner is quoted as saying that this country no longer had a surplus of food for the export market. The impression he left, says the Ottawa Journal, must not have been very complimentary to Canada, for the people he was talking to knew very well what the farmers of Canada can do, and have done, in the way of production.

As a result of heavy Government buying of certain commodities and somewhat shaky contracts with the United Kingdom, surplus foodstuffs are not an immediate problem in this country; but that condition is purely artificial and could change within a few months. Given the slightest encouragement the farmers of Canada could soon produce food for export.

The Canadian farmer finds himself in an ambiguous situation today. His prices are largely controlled by Government buying and contracts yet these are only being negotiated and prices announced at almost the last minute. This has been true for years, and largely as a result there has been a gradual decline from wartime production peaks. The farmer must plan in an atmosphere of uncertainty in the one business that requires some confidence for an all-out effort. Brave promises were made to farmers during the war and now they see the whole edifice collapsing because of a world currency muddle which few of them even pretend to understand.

Dr. Steel Honoured

Members of the Government and Prince of Wales College faculty honoured themselves Monday night in paying tribute to Dr. G. D. Steel, who served the College and the educational interests of this Province so faithfully during his years as teacher, vice principal and principal. He was particularly concerned in giving students that broad perspective which is attained through the humanities; and those privileged to study the classics of English literature under his guidance were fortunate indeed.

On the occasion of the opening of the present P. W. C. building in 1933 Dr. Patterson, president of Acadia University, gave

an amusing anecdote about a retired professor, in whose honour a function had been arranged by grateful former pupils. One such gentleman, who appeared to have prospered in later life but was by no means outstanding in his class, thanked his old teacher profusely. He recalled particularly the professor's dramatic interpretation of the opening scenes from "Hamlet." "That was marvellous," the ex-student said; "I have often wondered how that story came out!"

Dr. Patterson went on to say that this kind of superficial knowledge was not what students at Prince of Wales College were encouraged to acquire. "Those who get their diplomas from this institution have not marked the end of their educational activities," he said. "They have merely sharpened their faculties while they have been here, and they have gone on to secure further education for themselves."

For this well-merited tribute Dr. Steel has in late years been chiefly responsible. Under his successor and former pupil, Principal MacKinnon, the good work is being continued. The curriculum may change from time to time, but the broad basic principles of a rounded education are kept in mind.

EDITORIAL NOTES

H. R. H. Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, born this date, 1902.

St. Andrew's Day, when Scots discard their wonted modesty and openly admit the superiority of all things Scottish.

Newfoundland is facing the shutdown of its secondary industries, bedding, shoes, clothing and paper bags. The other Maritime Provinces went through the process a long time ago, but hope that with the iron ore deposits of the Labrador as a backlog, the tenth Province will make more satisfactory and rapid adjustments.

It is curious that when winter comes and with it the need for rubber footwear, we continue to wear the outdoor shoes of other seasons, pulling over them the extra protection against wet and cold. It would be a most independent individual who habitually wore, say, household slippers while not actually tramping through wintry streets.

Congratulations are due Mr. Alfred Pickard upon his appointment, as successor to Mr. J. LeRoy Holman, Summerside, as a director of the Bank of Canada. It is a well deserved honour, for Mr. Pickard has been long one of our outstanding business men. We should now be certain to have a branch of the Bank relocated here.

Egg prices on November 25 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

	1949	1948	1947
Montreal	50	52-54	50 1/2-51
Toronto	47-48	51	48 1/2-49
Winnipeg	44	45	43
Vancouver	46	57	40
Edmonton	46-51	48	41
Regina	50	48-50	42
Charlottetown	46	51	46-46 1/2

Rt. Hon. Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, British statesman, born this date 1874, son of Lord Randolph Churchill; has filled many roles—soldier, war correspondent, novelist, lecturer, politician; educated at Harrow and Sandhurst; served with the Spanish forces in Cuba; in the Sudan, in the South African War. In 1900 he entered parliament as a Conservative, but in 1904 joined the Liberals, and was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty in 1911. He entered the first Coalition, and in 1917 became Minister of Munitions in Lloyd George's Coalition; subsequently became Prime Minister, and now is virtual head of the Conservative Party and foremost voice in the House of Commons advocating British policy in post-war restoration.

Successful doctors are still those who depend on the providence of God, says a Viennese doctor, who believes "the unseen hand of God" helps make an operation successful. He has won the highest honor bestowed by the International College of Surgeons, the title "Master of Surgery." Dr. Hans Finsterer of Vienna is the fifth surgeon to be awarded the honor in the college's 14-year-old history. Finsterer, 72-year-old professor at the University of Vienna, has performed more than 20,000 major operations. He told the annual assembly of the College's United States Chapter that although considerable progress has been made in medicine and surgery in the past few years "all advances are not sufficient in themselves to insure a happy outcome in every operation." "Of late years, unfortunately, many patients and doctors have lost the conviction that all things depend on the providence of God," he said.

The Poet's Corner

WINTER FIELD

Sorrow on the acres,
 Wind in the thorn,
 And an old man plowing
 Through the frosty morn.

A flock of the dark birds
 Rooks and their wives,
 Follow the plow team
 The old man drives;

And troops of starlings,
 A-tittle-tat and prim,
 Follow the rooks
 That follow him.

—A. E. Coppard.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

125 YEARS AGO

"On Tuesday the 30th. ult., being St. Andrew's Day, a Levee was held at His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's quarters, which was numerously attended.

"In the afternoon, thirty-four gentlemen dined at Mrs. Basmall's to celebrate the day. William J. Stanstone, Esq., in the chair, who was ably supported by Mr. Ewen Cameron as croupier. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and His Honour the Chief Justice, honoured the company with their presence. The dinner was excellent, nor was the great chieftain of the pudding race, Scotch Haggis, forgotten.

"In the course of the evening the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Justice, the President, Vice President John Stewart, Esq., the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, and the High Sheriff severally addressed the company on their healths being drunk. Mr. Robert Hodgson in a neat speech on behalf of himself and Mr. Paul Mabey, returned thanks on the health of the newly elected members for Charlottetown being toasted. A variety of national and convivial songs and toasts in the course of the evening added greatly to the hilarity of the festive scene.

"A little before twelve His Excellency withdrew, and was some time after followed by the Chief Justice and some other gentlemen, but a resolute band of about twenty rallied around the President 'till the morning was well advanced."
 —Prince Edward Island Register, Dec. 4, 1824.

Coal Subsidies

(Moncton Transcript)

The proposal announced by Trade Minister Howe that Parliament will be asked to enact legislation authorizing federal loans not exceeding \$10,000,000 in all to assist the coal mining industry in the Maritimes shows recognition of the need for governmental aid to give stimulus to an industry that forms a considerable segment of Maritime economy.

The government's plan would have three-quarters of the amount, or \$7,500,000, go to assist the largest operators—Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries—in the installation of modern, mechanized equipment to facilitate mostly all underground operations, including digging, loading, transport and elevating coal to the pithead.

The balance, \$2,500,000 will be for use of the other mining companies such as the Maritime Coal and Railway Company of Joggins, N. S., the Intercolonial Coal Company of Pictou County, the Inverness coal mines—which have been operated largely under Nova Scotia government subsidy for some years past—and the various coal companies in New Brunswick's Minto and Chipman areas. The federal ministry's projected plan of financial aid is implementing in part the recommendations of the long investigation conducted by the Royal Commission more than two years ago. Lacking greatly in modernized mechanization, it was then pointed out that this constituted the main bugbear to quantitative output by Maritime collieries—and in some cases uneconomic operations.

Credits To Be Withheld

(Ottawa Citizen)
 A number of veterans of the Canadian armed forces in World War II are ineligible for their re-establishment credits unless they buy insurance or use the funds to further their education. Unlike other veterans, they are not given a wide choice for disposal of these credits. They can not buy furniture, tools, make a down payment on a home, or use the money to help them get started in business.

These are the ex-servicemen who did not remain in Canada after the war. Some were United States citizens who served in the Canadian forces, and returned to their homes upon discharge. Some are Canadians who decided to seek their opportunities in the U. S. or other countries after the war. Some are men who found jobs with Canadian firms, but were sent abroad by these firms. But whatever the reason, they do not receive the full benefit of the re-establishment credit which the Canadian government considered necessary to help veterans get started in their war services.

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Notes By The Way

Some 40 per cent of boys of 14 and 15 who wished to join the Navy were rejected because of their failure to pass a simple education test, Captain G. N. Brewer, Director of Naval Recruiting, told reporters at the Edinburgh naval recruiting center. Some were unable to spell correctly three words out of 20, while others could not add simple fractions, such as three-quarters plus one and a quarter. —The Manchester Guardian.

There was a time when the infant mortality rate in Newfoundland was about twice as high as the 62 per 1,000 live births reported by the Child Welfare Association for last year. But that does not make the present rate any less shocking. Only in New Brunswick, among all the provinces of Canada, was the index figure higher but that was in 1946 and the Maritime Provinces may have been able to reduce its rate substantially during the past two years. The Canadian average in 1946 was 47 which was much too high but well below the Newfoundland figure.—St. John's News

Mr. Garson and Mr. McGregor by their falling-out have provided a neat fifth-act climax for the long-drawn-out farce of combines investigation in Canada. When bureaucrats fall out the average citizen sometimes gets a glimpse of the truth. In this case the truth is that the legislation and machinery for combines investigation in Canada have never been anything more than window dressing, a sop by the politicians to the popular hatred of trusts and combines which had a greater vogue in the early years of the century than it has today.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Your garden soil is hungry for leaf mould and persons can start conservation right at home. Leaves contain organic matter, nitrogen, minerals, phosphorus, potash and calcium; all valuable elements in increasing the fertility of the soil. Instead of burning the leaves, pile them on the compost heap in your garden. Pile them in layers about eight inches deep, damp-

en down with water, and then add alternately two inch layers of soil. The trick is to keep the compost pile hollow in the centre so that the rain will soak in. In a few months the result will be a leaf mould ready to apply to the soil of the garden. With all the talk of conservation these days, this is a good conservation practice, one a person can carry on right in his own backyard. —Brookville Recorder and Times.

The voluntary efforts being put forward by trappers in the Sudbury district to exterminate wolves thereby protecting their trapping grounds, is evidenced in a new story in the Star last week. The story told of Wallace McKee, president of the New Ontario Trappers' Association, and a companion, Victor Growbarger, who carried out a diligent hunt in the Thor Lake district for the predators. The two hunters bagged only four wolves in two weeks, resorting to traps, snares and guns, and have reached the conclusion that the wolves have chased the deer out of the area and have themselves deserted the district. Mr. McKee estimates that one big wolf will kill 10 deer in a season and he suggests that some form of predator control should be instituted. The thought is one worthy of consideration by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests when trappers show a willingness to voluntarily devote time to the destruction of wolves. —Sudbury Star.

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The Cotter's Saturday Night

By Robert Burns

November chill blows loud w/ angry sigh;
 The short'ning winter-day is near a close;
 The miry beasts retreating frae the plough;
 The black'ning trains o' craws to their repose;
 The toil-worn Cotter frae his labour goes,
 This night his weekly mool is at an end,
 Collects his spades, his mattocks, and his hoes,
 Hoping the morn in ease and rest to spend,
 And weary, o'er the moor, his course does hameward bend.

At length his lonely cot appears in view,
 Beneath the shelter of an aged tree;
 Th' expectant wee things, toddlin', stacher through
 To meet their Dad, w/ flichterin' noise an' glee.
 His wee bit ingle, blinkin' bonnille,
 His clean white smyle, his thrifty wife's smile,
 The lispin' infant prattling on his knee,
 Does a' his weary klaugh and care beguile,
 An' makes him quite forget his labour an' his toil.

Belyve, the elder bairns come drapping in
 At service out, among the farmers' roun';
 Some ca' the plough, some herd, some gentle rin
 A cannie rig and a neibor town; The eldest hope, their Jenny, woman-grown,
 In youthfu' bloom, love sparkling in her e'e,
 Comes hame, perhaps to shew a brow new-grown,
 Or deposite her sair-won penny-earn,
 To help her parents best, if they in hardship be.

With joy unfeign'd brothers and sisters meet,
 An' each for other's welfare kindly is concern'd;
 The social hours, swift-wing'd, un-noticed fleet;
 Each tells the uncas that he sees or hears;
 The parents, partial, eye their dippers;
 Anticipation forward points the view.
 The mother, w/ her needle an' her sheers,
 Gars auld cles look amais at her weavers;
 The father mixes a' w/ admonition due.

But hark! a rap comes gently to the door;
 Jenny, who kens the meaning o' the same,
 Tells how a neibor lad cam o'er the moor,
 To do some errands, and convoy her hame.
 The wily mother sees the conscious flame
 Sparkle in Jenny's e'e, and flush her cheek;
 W/ heart-struck anxious care, inquires his name,
 While Jenny haffins is afraid to speak;
 Weel pleased the mother hears it's nae wild worthless rake.

W/ kindly welcome, Jenny brings him ben;
 A strappin' youth; he takes the mother's e'e;
 Blythe Jenny sees the visit's no ill-taken;
 The father cracks of hoes or ploughs, and kye,
 The youngster's artless heart o'erflows w/ joy,
 But blate and laithfu', scarce can weel behave;
 The mother, w/ a woman's wiles, can speer
 What makes the youth see bashfu' an' sae grave;
 Weel-pleas'd to think her bairn's respected like the lave.

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