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

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Apple Sauce

Here are some of the ways time is utilized in Parliament, and is taken by Canadian Press from Hansard, the official record of the House. Into the Commons record during the first hectic minutes of a Monday afternoon goes a mad confusion of small talk, belly-laughs and desk-thumping. Occasionally something serious is wormed in, too.

Today's verbal traffic jam, for instance, had to do with big red apples, the good ol' Toronto Maple Leafs—and a mysterious letter addressed to St. Peter.

The sharp-eared, poker-faced reporters for Hansard official record of debates started it off for posterity this way:

"The House met at 3 o'clock." Then, in big black type, the word "Apples."

"T. J. Bentley (C.C.F.—Swift Current): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I find on my desk an apple under which there is a card bearing the following words—

You have tried the rest. Now try the best.

"I want to point out that the best apples come from the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia."

It turned out later that Thomas Reid (L—New Westminster) supplied the apples—one on every member's desk. But before the apple question was settled, hockey was on deck. Said D. G. Ross (P.C.—Toronto-St. Paul's):

"I was wondering if the Prime Minister recognized the fact that another layer of gold had been placed on our maple leaf by the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens."

Elmer Lach of Montreal Canadiens had copied the title of top scorer in the National Hockey League, said Mr. Ross. And Turk Broda had been adjudged the year's best goalie.

"My question of privilege is this: Some people think that Turk Broda, Connie Smythe and Sylvanus Apps are foreigners. ... Turk Broda, Connie Smythe and Sylvanus Apps are all Canadians and good Progressive Conservatives."

Prime Minister Mackenzie King didn't crack a smile.

E. G. McCullough (CCF—Assiniboia) was on his feet next. He had received from Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, Commons clerk, "a letter enclosing a second one to Saint Peter, addressed to Heaven."

"My point is that I am not Saint Peter and my address is not Heaven."

"Never will be," interjected George Cruickshank (L—Fraser Valley).

Mr. McCullough said he intends to send the letter to Mr. King "in the belief that he may be the person to whom it was meant to be forwarded."

Back to apples. A. E. Robinson (P.C.—Bruce), describing a fatter "national in scope," announced Mr. Reid was their donor. But he added:

"I take exception to one line that appears on the card accompanying these apples and that they come from Canada's premier province. I think it is well understood that Bruce County is the leading county of the best province."

Mr. Reid addressed himself to Speaker Gaspard Fautoux:

"May I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that you pay no attention to the jealousy exhibited today. So far as apples are concerned, honorable members have the best before them."

Ralph Maybank (L—Winnipeg South Centre), made this personal observation:

"When I get an apple for nothing, I believe everything that is on the card."

For City Hospital

One always looks forward to good entertainment when sponsored by the St. Charles Auxiliary Society of the Charlottetown Hospital, and the production arranged for this Easter Monday will certainly not prove an exception in this regard. The play, a sparkling comedy by Austin Goetz who has written many successful comedies, is entitled "Hold Everything." It is produced and staged under the competent direction of Mr. J. Austin Trainor, C.D.A., with a local cast of players, orchestra and specialties. The play, which will be given in the Prince Edward Theatre this afternoon and evening, is under the patronage of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bernard, the Premier and Mrs. Jones, and His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. MacDonald. The proceeds go toward maintenance of the Charlottetown Hospital and construction of the new wing which is now under way.

The splendid work which the Hospital is doing need not be emphasized here. Suffice it to say that this opportunity of contributing to the cause is also a most inviting one from the entertainment standpoint. It can be commended most warmly on its own merits.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Roads still require plowing, notwithstanding snow thaw.

Hold Everything in aid of the Charlottetown Hospital tonight at the Prince Edward.

Another store half-holiday Wednesday seems almost too much of a good thing.

Longshoremen and stevedores are to be covered by unemployment insurance under a new ruling. It will be interesting to see the effect upon employment in seasonal industries.

With new poultry disease making an appearance in the Dominion the Island is fortunate in having developed its own hatching facilities.

Fifty-five bills passed into law, in addition to debates on the Address and Budget, is not a bad record for a month's session of the Legislature, including week-end adjournments.

Canada's bill for imports in January was \$32,300,000 greater than in the same month last year despite efforts to save foreign exchange. January imports totalled \$206,100,000 this year; last year \$173,800,000.

Toronto University has added a famous physicist to its staff. Prof. Edeard Crisp Bullard, formerly of Cambridge, was one of the pioneers in developing "degaussing girdles" to protect shipping from the magnetic mine.

The Students Union of Mt. Allison are considering withdrawal from the National Federation of Students because of its aligning itself with the International Union of Students which is claimed to be pro-Russian in its policy.

Even the most enthusiastic Islanders sometimes wish the time shorter between thawing of the roads and drying of the land. This season it also makes travel across the harbour difficult. The ice is usually unsafe for some time before the ferry starts its run.

Many warnings were sounded during the session of the danger of inroads on democratic rights and freedom. These warnings were not addressed by members to one another but to each and every one of us. Freedom is not an easy goal to attain or to hold. When lost it is not usually forcibly taken away but allowed to go by default.

Britain has firmly stuck to its decision to quit Palestine. Both the foreign and colonial offices have served notice that the timetable for pulling out of Palestine will not be changed by the United States withdrawal of support for the United Nations plan to divide the Holy Land between Jews and Arabs. Under the timetable Britain will give up its mandate May 15 and move out the last British troops by Aug. 1.

Mr. Earl R. Nichols, of London, Ont., president of the Canadian Restaurant Association, says that never before had Canada's restaurants been so clean and as well operated despite the fact that anyone regardless of qualifications could open an eating place. He thought eating houses or restaurants should be registered and inspected.

Farmers appear to be good financial risks. A Government tabled report disclosed that no losses have been suffered through the Farm Improvement Loans Act and nearly half the money advanced has been repaid. Since 1945 farmers have borrowed \$31,381,742. Although repayment can be extended over 10 years with simple interest at five per cent, they have already repaid \$15,448,045—49.1 per cent. Loans are limited to \$3,000 and are intended for improvement of land and buildings.

Pictou Lodge, summer resort, will open on June 30. Mr. J. F. Pellerin will manage Pictou Lodge again in 1948. "There will be a larger number of Americans travelling to Canada this year and because of international travel restrictions Canadians will visit our own resorts in the Dominion," Mr. Robert Somerville, general manager of C.N.R. Hotels, says. "I am certain that Pictou Lodge will benefit from this increase in tourist business."

Alberta is following P. E. I.'s example in amending its labour law. A bill has been introduced by Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Trade and Industry, who under the legislation's terms will become Minister of Industries and Labor. Amending the Alberta Labor Act, the bill has two clauses unique in Canadian labor legislation: 1. Provision for references to the courts for ruling on the legality of strikes; 2. Provision for fines against unions at the rate of \$1 a person a day if the strike is declared illegal. Legislation now in effect provides for fines against individual employees but this never has been invoked.

John Keble, English priest and poet, died this date 1866; had a brilliant career at Oxford; ordained priest 1816; elected tutor of Corpus Christi 1818, retiring in 1823; four years later he published Christian Year, a book of meditations in verse for holy days; appointed professor of poetry at Oxford in 1831; was founder of the Tractarian movement, being closely associated with Newman and Pusey, with whom he issued Tracts For The Times; Keble College, Oxford, was founded in his memory:

"Oh! might we all our lineage prove, Give and forgive, do good and love."

Teachers at their convention will consider homework of pupils. If so they will be interested to know that Shaw, the deputy Minister of Education, but George Bernard, is totally opposed. Over there they call it prep, and Mr. Shaw says "it is monstrous. Prep should be abolished. The school managers ought to be warned by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children." Mr. Shaw told a reporter that if he were a school teacher he would begin "by threatening to murder my classes if they ever dared to think of their lessons out of school." He advocated that children receive less concentrated mental work and more practical tasks like learning the art of "tuning the wireless sweetly."

Notes By The Way

More and more it is becoming evident that parents of today are losing control of their children. Lack of parental control is evidenced day and night. Lindsay is not alone in this respect, but parents would do well to take stock and call a halt before their offspring go entirely haywire. —Lindsay (Ont.) Watchman-Warder.

The old Fourth Reader, which was in use in Ontario schools before the new curriculum was introduced, contained selections which are now recognized as being of upper school or university calibre. But youngsters passed their entrance examinations on that old Fourth Reader. It was adult fare, but with some trouble and exertion they memorized Gray's Elegy and Keat's Ode to Beauty. Phrases of those immortal poems still ring in their memories and rise to their lips. John MacCrae used the Fourth Reader. —Chatham News.

While regarded by many as the colourless months, winter actually is a time of much pure colour, the crystal clearness of the winter skies, blue-green in the sunshine of midday, soul-moving crimson mauves and purples in many shades soft, pure and of great depth, at even time, skies sometimes almost pure golden, often times vivid red. Then there are the many hues of the bushland, the warm umbers, the soft-toned Venetian reds, the deep purples. Even the snow itself is far from white, but rather blue tones, yellows, perhaps mauves here and there or other shades reflected from the skies. —Owen Sound Sun-Times.

We give her (Barbara Ann Scott) credit for more than her natural charm. She is not a weak champion by accident or by luck. Barbara Ann Scott must have been born with the inherent qualities of grace and agility, but their development to their state of present perfection came about through years of practice, hard and constant training, a degree of concentration on a distant objective of which not many are capable. That is the lesson, we should say, for the thousands of school children whose cheers go up today for their current heroine — that success such as hers is not luck but comes from hard work not for a few days but for years. Miss Scott followed her star and it led her to the world honours that lure her ever on. The goal was worth the effort, but it is the sort of goal only a few ever will reach because of the great majority lack the patience, the perseverance, the power of concentration of this girl. We honour today. —Ottawa Journal.

One of the worst dilemmas with which a magistrate has to contend arises when he is compelled to sentence, for a short term, a person who is not a criminal at heart. Justice demands that the offender be jailed for a period; and yet this penalty automatically may carry with it a greater one—loss of his job. In Rochester, N.Y., the law is being tried out that may ease this problem. It calls for "week-end" sentences. A man arrested for intoxication, for example, may be ordered to spend the following three Saturdays and Sundays in the county jail. In this way he is punished, and yet undergoes no risk of the loss of his job or earnings. —Chatham News.

The City Club of Chicago is seeking to stimulate interest in a program of tree planting for Chicago streets. It is pointed out that in the last several years, 80,000 trees have been removed, with practically no replacements. There are many reasons for desiring trees in the city. They purify the air, they lower the temperature, they attract birds, and they give a neighborhood an atmosphere of restfulness, something of beauty and interest. Money and effort is not great and the returns are tremendous. The difficulty is to enlist the interest of those whose leadership could get results. It would be a worthy program for all neighborhood civic associations. —Chicago Daily News.

If anyone believes modern army is unduly rugged, let him read the following orders issued to troops at Fort Eben on October 25, 1942. "Members of this command when shooting at buffaloes on the parade ground, will be careful not to fire in the direction of the CO's headquarters. The troop officer having the best trained regiment for this year will be awarded one barrel of rye whisky. "Student officers will discontinue the practice of roping and riding buffaloes. Attention of all officers is called. Par. 109 AP, in which it provides for uniform regulations that will see that all officers will wear beards." —Wall Street Journal.

Peter Bullock, the 15-year-old member of the Ste. Anne de Bellevue Boy Scout Troop who 11 days ago was presented with Scouting's highest award, the Cornwell Badge, for undergoing "great suffering in heroic manner" died of leukemia in Royal Victoria Hospital. Peter had known his fate from the time two days before Christmas, when he was taken to the hospital. He was wholly without apprehension. His chief concern throughout the long fight for his life was to alleviate the sorrow of his family and friends. He rose bravely above the continuous pain that was his lot and remained cheerful, considerate, charming. He died. Modern science at its most devoted was unable to prevent that. But in dying Peter created a legend of the spirit that will long inspire Scouts everywhere. —Montreal Gazette.

The Poet's Corner

SCARECROW

Winter-long the scarecrow stood Lonely in the stubble field That stretched beside the wingless wood And had the sky's white grain for yield. He flapped his arms in the north-west wind, And through his rags the gale blew bitter. Not one crow had remained behind And his feet were drifted deep in glitter. But today he guards the new-plowed ground: His hat is tilted at an angle. Last night he heard the wild-geese sound Northbound against the starry tangle. This morning, with lonely winter done, In his tattered coat his heart grows warm; Jauntily he leans in the blossoming sun With five crows perched on his scrawny arm. —Frances Frost in The New York Times.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

MARRYAT AT BAY FORTUNE

Reference has been made in this column to the visit of the famous English novelist, Captain Marryat, to Bay Fortune, as recorded in his novel "Frank Mildmay, or the Naval Officer," published in the year 1829. Here is the excerpt, which is preceded by an account of Marryat's ship, H. M. frigate "Aeolus," leaving Halifax for Quebec: "We had not been long at sea before we spoke an Irish Guinea man from Belfast, loaded with emigrants for the United States. (Lord Townsend) had some twenty thousand acres on the island of St. John—or Prince Edward Island, as it is now called—a great amount of ancestors which had been bequeathed to him, and from which he had never received one shilling of rent, for the very best reason in the world, because there were no tenants to cultivate the soil. It occurred to our noble Captain that this was the very sort of cargo he wanted, and that these Irish people would make good farmers of his land. He made the proposal, and as they saw the chance of getting to the United States, and provided they could get nourishment for their families, it was a matter of indifference to them where they colonized. The proposal was accepted and the Captain obtained permission of the Admiralty to accompany them to the Island and see them housed and settled. A few hours afterwards we sailed and going through the beautiful passage between Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, known as the Gut of Canso, we soon reached Prince Edward Island. "We anchored in a small harbor" (Fortune) near the estate, on which we found a man residing with his wife and family. This fellow (Edward Abel) called himself the steward, and from all I could see of him during our three weeks' stay he appeared to be rational enough for the stewardship of any nobleman's estate in England. The Captain landed and took me as his steward-camp. A bed was prepared for his Lordship at the steward's house, but he preferred sleeping in clean hay in Abel's barn. His Lordship, after we had taken up our quarters for the night of the soft, dry hay, said—"I say—a pause. "My Lord? "What would they say in England at our taking up such quarters? "I think, my Lord, that as far as regards myself, they would say nothing; but as regards your Lordship, they would say it was very indifferent accommodation for a nobleman." "Hum." "What further observations he was pleased to make that night I know not, for I fell fast asleep and did not wake till the cocks and hens began to fly down from their roosts and make a confounded clamor for their breakfast, when his Lordship jumped up, gave him a good shake, and then gave me another of a different sort. "Come, rouse out," said my Captain. "Do you mean to sleep all day? We have plenty to do." "Ay! ay! my Lord, said I. So up I jumped, and my toilet was completed in the same time, and by the same operation as that of a Newfoundland dog named A large party of the ship's company came on shore with every implement useful in cutting down trees and building log houses. "We next cleared, by burning and rooting up, as much land as would serve to sustain the colony for the ensuing season; and having planted a crop of corn and potatoes, and given the settlers many articles useful in their new abode, we left them agreeably to our orders."

Sinking Fund Sample Account

Table with columns: Date, Dr., Cr., Balance. Rows include March 31, 1946 (1,500,000), June 1 To Bonds put in or bought (100,000), July 1 By Bonds Sold or out (50,000), Aug. 1 To Deben-tures bought (put in) (710,000), Sept. 1 By Deb. sold (260,000, 2,000,000 Dr.).

THAT HOG BONUS

Sir,—During the Budget debate, and while Mr. D.L. Mathieson, Charlottetown, was discussing various matters that came under legitimate sway for consideration, he again referred to the Packing Plant "affair" in a rather futile effort to obtain pertinent information. He addressed himself particularly to the Minister of Agriculture, in an effort to find out why the Provincial Government "bonus" on overweight hogs was not paid to hog producers who otherwise qualified, except that they did not deliver their hogs to the Canada Packers' plant at Charlottetown. The Premier, who with the Minister of Public Works deemed it expedient to come to the aid of their colleagues in office, is credited with making the following observations, according to press reports: "My Honorable friend should know that the bonus is paid on hogs for export. They must be killed in approved packing plants. Swifts were not running at that time." Then again, he is similarly credited with saying: "Since the plants were opened up the Dominion Government attempted what we were doing here. The Dominion Government paid the bonus to all plants for overweight hogs." To these statements, for the information of all hog producers, I must take exception; I make bold to say that the Dominion Government did not "pay the bonus to all plants for overweight hogs"; nor do I believe the Dominion Government paid a bonus on overweight hogs to any plant in the Maritime

CULTURAL RELATIONS

LONDON (CP)—Britain and France have agreed to exchange students, teachers and theatrical companies. Adjustments in scholarships will be made to allow French and English students to study in each other's countries.

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 SINKING FUND

Sir,—Last night I had a dream. I dreamt that I had been appointed accountant for a provincial government. The Premier came along and said "I hope you will like your job. There is one thing about the accounts which you now are that I do not like, that is the Sinking Fund. The debt is \$10,000,000 and the Sinking Fund of \$3,000,000 will take care of it, or pay only 20 per cent of the debt. Not a very good showing, can you make it look better?" I said, "I think so, Mr. Premier. Go to the debenture office and take out debentures to the amount of \$9,000,000, that of course will put the debt up to \$10,000,000. "Put those debentures in the Sinking Fund, then the debt in the Sinking Fund will be increased by that amount or up to \$9,000,000 (that is 92 per cent of the debt of \$10,000,000. That is 92 per cent instead of 20 per cent." "Fine," said the Premier. "But Mr. Premier," said I, "blow all you like about the high percentage of the debt paid or provided for by the Sinking Fund and say as little as possible about the big debt." "Fine! fine!" said the Premier. "Now, said the Premier, "there is another thing, the arrangement of the Sinking Fund account on page 21 of the Public Accounts, it is an awful mess, no one can make head or tail of it. I don't think it can be untangled or unravelled," explained. Perhaps you could do something about it." "Oh yes!" said I. "I was just looking at that before you came in. It is quite easy to fix that, or tell how it should have been done for the last year. "The balance debit at the beginning of the year was \$1,500,000. The total of the debts put into the fund was \$500,000 more than the total of the credits by which the fund was lessened. That leaves the balance Dr. in the fund \$2,000,000. I cannot find the individual debits or credits by which the fund was increased or lessened. It's worse than trying to find a needle in a haystack. Interview the clerks and you might find out." "I'm looking over the accounts for some years back I see that this system of keeping accounts has been in vogue for some time and perhaps no one liked to take the lead in introducing standard accountancy, no one had pluck enough to "bell the cat," so Mr. Premier I am not blaming your clerks." "Fine," said the Premier, "but I would like to have a sample on paper of your method of keeping a Sinking Fund Account."

ACCOUNTANT

I got a pencil and a piece of paper and made out a sample S. F. account and gave it to the Premier. "Fine! fine!" said the Premier, "you're the boy," and he gave me an awful slap on the back. That was the last of the dream. I was wide awake and saying to myself "what wonderful things you can do, even in a dream." I am, Sir, etc., J.A. GILLIES

THE NON-UNION PROVINCE

Sir,—The laboring class of Prince Edward Island has been dealt with severely and unfairly during the period the Provincial Government was paying a preferential bonus on overweight hogs to a select number of Island hog producers. I am, Sir, etc., J.A. GILLIES

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Provinces or elsewhere in Canada. "We forget Prince Edward its a Province by itself", the could we get along? Could we manufacture all that is required clothing? What about farm agents, our building material, they not handled by union men, so, well what would happen, should refuse to sell to this line? I believe there was a big word said when our E said he did not want the of this Province to affiliate other unions. Its true end farmers' labor union could regarded as a labor union or an's tradesmen in our towns but in towns unions should be organized and recognized, if a union existed in our cl towns, for it would keep the ers' sons from taking the from the young men who a ing in town or city and which quite often is done at half I really believe that if the question had been dealt with liquor have been given a deal, for many of these la fought in the war and a good her must have helped in the election, so a square deal for would only be right. I am, Sir, etc., J.A. GILLIES

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