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

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Prepared Speeches

As already mentioned here, recently a P.C.
M.P. challenged a C.C.F. M.P. with reading a
prepared speech supplied him by C.C.F. head-
quarters. The C.C.F. indignantly denied the
allegation, and next day demanded an apology,
saying that nobody but himself had anything to
do with the preparation of the speech, that he
had "expressed his thoughts in his own words."

"If that was the case, we don't see why
there should be any objection. As a matter of
fact, if more speeches were prepared, parlia-
mentary sessions might be more enlightening.
We have few orators so gifted that they can stand
up, without preparation, and say briefly what
they want to say, in crisp, clear English. The
ordinary man who doesn't write his speech in ad-
vance tends to fumble around, repeat himself,
bore his listeners, and then find, when he has
returned to his seat, that he forgot to mention
some of the most important points."

There is another angle to it. When a man
prepares his remarks he is developing not only
his powers of expression but his thinking facul-
ties as well. Today there is a growing tendency
to resort to "canned" speeches and debates in
which the participants have had no responsibility
in preparation. This is specially marked in the
various radio forums. We are fast becoming a
people cursed with "canned" opinions issuing
from Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, and elsewhere,
delivered in various parts of the Dominion by
local speakers, who are sometimes so unfamiliar
with the subjects that they can hardly read their
script.

We complain about the centralizing of
control in Toronto and Montreal, but that is
nothing compared to the centralizing of public
opinion there, and even in New York and Chi-
cago, to be sent across Canada in the form of
"canned" speeches and debates by local speak-
ers.

It is a hundred times better to develop
our local talent, our own powers of speech, than
to have "Charlie McCarthy's."

Let our young men, our rising hopes, train
themselves to think on their feet, and at the
same time make careful preparation before at-
tempting in oration and debate to influence their
fellows. Thereby they will benefit and enrich
themselves as well as those they wish to con-
vince or convert.

What The Figures Show

A striking illustration of the transportation
handicap under which our Island potato produc-
ers and shippers are operating is afforded by
figures released last week by the Dominion Bur-
eau of Statistics. The figures are a revised esti-
mate of the production and value of the 1947
Canadian potato crop. The details are by Pro-
vinces, and they include values per unit repre-
senting average prices received by farmers for
the first half of the crop year from August 1,
1947, to January 31, 1948. It will be seen that
notwithstanding the superior quality of our Island
potatoes and the fact that in many places they
are actually selling at a premium, the average
farm price for this Province is, with the excep-
tion of Manitoba which grows a very inferior
potato, the lowest in all Canada. This undoubt-
edly is due to our extra rail costs and the lack
of adequate truck and steamer facilities, such as
those other Provinces enjoy. Here are the figures,
which speak for themselves:

Table with 5 columns: Province, Acreage, Yield per acre, Production, Average Price, Gross Farm Value. Rows include P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., and Canada total.

No. 1 Killer

A leading life insurance company states
that well over one-third of all deaths among its
policyholders in 1947 resulted from heart and
blood vessel ailments. Heart disease takes an
annual toll in the United States of a half-mil-
lion lives—more than twice the number of all
Americans killed in battle during World War
II. It kills three times as many people as can-
cer, and six times as many as accidents from
all causes. It is the No. 1 killer.

The majority of people, but by no means
all, who are suffering from serious heart con-
ditions are fully aware of it. They, at least, are
able to take precautions. Unfortunately, there
are much larger numbers whose health is im-
paired by heart conditions who are unaware of
it and who are taking no precautions. It is
estimated that one in every 20 persons is af-
fected by heart ailments.

Compared with the energy and money ex-
pended in other fields of medical research, the
study of heart disease has been largely negli-
genced. But some recent gains have been made—
particularly in the treatment of serious and
acute cases, once regarded as nearly always
fatal. There has also been surgical progress
in correcting congenital heart defects and in

relieving high blood pressure.
Early knowledge of developing heart trou-
ble is useful because it enables the patient to
take common sense precautions against heart
strain. Thousands of people with heart trouble
are able to live practically normal lives and their
expectancy of long life is fully justified. The
best advice, therefore, is to have a periodic
check-up and do what the doctor advises.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The prospects of dry streets for St. Pat-
rick's Day parade are now less hopeful.

The fisheries have been receiving some, at
least, of the attention which their importance
and problems warrant.

Monday was a day of unusual happenings,
when the Chief Justice became an Indian Chief,
and anti-Communist Rustico was officially des-
ignated "Russia" by the King's Printer at Ot-
tawa.

Captain and Farmer Andrew MacRae, East
Royalty, bearded the lions in their den when he
admonished the Rotarians on the vital questions
of margarine and Daylight Saving.

The Commons Price Committee seems to be
going around in circles looking for the basic
cause of price increases. The chances are they
never will find the answer if they confine their
investigations to this country.

The Provincial Government's interest in re-
forestation is commendable. Much of its other
work for good or ill will soon be forgotten but
the fruits of a wise forest policy will be enjoyed
for generations.

As many important roads are not to be hard
surfaced immediately the government should look
to the comfort of tourists and others by provid-
ing adequate supplies of calcium chloride or
other dust-laying materials.

Alexander Graham Bell, Scots inventor,
born this date 1847, invented the telephone which
he introduced at Philadelphia in 1876; invented
the photophone in 1880, the gramophone in 1887;
he also played a leading part in introduction of
wireless telegraphy and aeroplane flying, tests in
which he carried out in Nova Scotia.

Modernization of the United Kingdom min-
ing industry has been taken a stage further by
the placing of a large National Coal Board
order for diesel locomotives. The order includes
152 fully flame-proof locomotives and has a
total value of more than \$3,000,000.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Gallagher, Secretary of the
Canadian Council of Churches, told the annual
meeting of the Board of Evangelism and Social
Service that "eighty-nine per cent of young
Roman Catholics in Canada say they go to
church every Sunday, but only thirty-eight per
cent of young Protestants make this claim.

The Attorney-General's defence of the Gov-
ernment's action in seizing the packing plant is,
to say the least, a bit thin. The Agricultural
Products Marketing Act authorizes the estab-
lishment of schemes for the control and regula-
tion of marketing, but it certainly does not
authorize the government to seize private prop-
erty and do the marketing itself.

In Britain, a Socialist Government, carrying
the actual responsibilities of office, is (says The
Letter-Review) trying to dig in its heels. It is
taking the first mild steps to stop inflationary
pressures from increasing. It openly proclaims
that the capitalist theory that production is the
road to wealth is right. It pleads with its follow-
ers to remember that wages cannot go on rising
without prices going up, and that subsidies are
only a trick, which will, if carried far enough,
produce an economic crisis. Mr. Strachey has
announced that the price of eggs is to rise
60c per dozen, since no additional subsidy is to
be provided the farmer to compensate for the
latest price increases.

A new method of treating herring—where-
by they are broken down by chemical action into
their natural constituents, the most important of
which are edible oil and protein—has been devel-
oped by nutritional scientists of Britain's Depart-
ment of Scientific and Industrial Research. It is
considered to be such as to make a significant
contribution to the solution of the world prob-
lem of shortage of fats and proteins. It also
has a great value for the industry itself. It al-
lows widely varying quantities of fish to be ab-
sorbed day by day into the processing plants,
thus providing an answer to the problem of how
to deal with gluts without waste. A number of
these new plants are to be constructed in time
for dealing with the catch from this year's sum-
mer fishing season.

When the people of Ontario bought out the
privately owned power enterprises, it was because
they wanted "the people" to own the utilities.
This move was supposed to remove them from the
"clutches" of an "irresponsible group of private
capitalists." In recent weeks, Torontonians and
other Ontario people have had a chance to see
something of how such arms of government work.
People have been caught in stalled elevators. In-
dustrial processes have been halted with serious
loss. A large segment of the nation has been
seriously inconvenienced. What the public does
not like, and what it will long remember as typi-
cal of bureaucratic arrogance, says The Finan-
cial Post, is the manner in which power-saving
policies were put into effect; by pulling switches,
regardless of consequences. The private busi-
ness has its task to explain its problems and its
plans to the public in considerable detail. Its
welfare is tied inseparably with the public's will-
ingness to support it. If that understanding and
support is lost, the business is in for trouble.

-Notes By The Way-

A lecturer tells us that prehis-
toric man was neither as round-
shouldered as ourselves or bow-
legged. Then came taxes.—Guelph
Mercury.

The average person uses eight
matches a day, according to statis-
tics. What is done with all the
other ones people borrow? — Chal-
ham News.

The R.C.A.F. hockey player
showing Barbara Ann has
his eyes shut. A result, no doubt,
of his training in blind flying.—
Windsor Star.

There has never been a sumptu-
ary law, beer or liquor, in On-
tario, that has given a good sat-
isfaction, and there never will be.—
St. Catharines Standard.

Around 18 billion bottles of the
stuff (soft drinks) went down Amer-
ican throats last year, or 115 per
man, woman and child. That
was peak consumption, 15 bottles
per person more than in pre-war
1940.—Wall Street Journal.

Now, a bunch of dirt-disturbing,
publicity-seeking politicians and
pink-tinted union troublemakers
are trying to cause a rhuabarb and
embarrass a bunch of respectable
businessmen who decided to get
into the council where the busi-
nessman should have been all al-
ong.—Timmins Press.

In the upper reaches of North-
western Ontario, hundreds of
square miles of good hunting coun-
try await the first sportsman. But
of course before that can be done,
Ontario Government must make a
start in opening up the settled
section to the south. Which will
remind us that we have not yet
started on a highway from East-
ern Canada to Northwest shore of
Lake Superior from Sault Ste.
Marie to the lakehead.—Fort
William Times-Journal.

Canada has the raw materials
for synthetic gasoline in great
quantities. Alberta, has, too, abun-
dant supplies of water, which is
essential to such production. Re-
cent oil strikes in the province
have been most encouraging, but
they have not, and probably will
not, make Canada self-sufficient.
Now is the time for experimenta-
tion and development of syn-
thetic fuels, not when an emer-
gency suddenly cut off nine-tenths
of the country's supply.—Calgary
Herald.

We Canadians are a free peo-
ple. We are so free that we ap-
ply a nuisance to ourselves. Take
the matter of clean streets. Cana-
dian cities are dirtier than any of
the great European cities, dirtier
than most of the major cities of
South America. It is not so much
because our street-cleaning systems
are inferior. It is simply because
most free Canadians interpret as
part of their freedom the right to
strut down the streets, scattering
refuse gaily and thoughtlessly as
they go. That empty cigarette pack-
age, that banana skin, the dis-
carded newspaper, or package
wrapper—off they go, out of speak-
ing cars and into the street. Who
cares? The city will clean it up.
The responsibility is on every citi-
zen. Those who think and those
who care, will not litter up the
streets.—Guelph Mercury.

A complete survey of all foot-
paths and bridleways throughout
Britain with the preparation of
a national record is urged by the
Rambler's Association, who have
published their recommendations
to Planning Minister Lewis Sil-
lito's committee on "Rights of
Way." New footpaths which should
be created, say the association, are
a Pennine way of 250 miles from
Derbyshire to Northumberland and
a path all along the coast which
could become Britain's best long-
distance path. The association
points out that the development
of grouse moors and deer forests
has led to the complete exclusion
of the public from many beau-
tiful stretches of mountain and
moor. They demand an act which
will give everyone the right to
walk over land of that type. And
the association calls attention to
the increasing practice of charging
fences with electric current which
causes shock and discomfort, and
it should be treated as a nuisance
to the highway.—London Echo.

It was our dentist who told us
about it. How they got around to
the subject we don't know, but a
patient, an English lady of the
old school, related that her father,
a stockier for etiquette, insisted
on obedience to a rule. It was,
"when guests are leaving, never
close the front door till they are
out of hearing of the sound of
closing. Never turn out the light
till they are well away." We men-
tioned this to a friend. He was
much impressed. Now he hates us.
He says he followed the pattern
of manners one night when the
temperature was below zero. While
he, the perfect host, stood shiv-
ering on the threshold, the guest:
buttoned his overcoat, put on his
gloves, got into his car, couldn't
find his key, got out, took off his
gloves, unbuttoned his coat, went
through his pockets several times,
found the key, buttoned up his
coat, put on his gloves, got back
into the car, got out to scrape his
windshield, got in and sat for five
minutes with his foot on the start-
er. "I caught a chill," said the man
we once called friend, "and I had
a week in bed. Now, by golly, I
slam the door so fast I take peo-
ple's rubbers off."—Toronto Finan-
cial Post.

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.

MR. PROFIT REPLIES

Sir,—In your issue of March 1st
Mr. J. A. Gillies has a letter in
which he makes some accusations
regarding the executive of the
Federal of Agriculture. As
president of this organization, I
am obliged to write and deal with
these matters.

His statement that "the present
executive of the board of directors
of the Federal of Agriculture
has been antagonistic, biased, and
prejudiced against the manager of
the Marketing Board for some
time," is, in short, not correct. An
opportunity to prove my statement
in public, with the press attending
will be welcomed at the earliest
possible moment. That the execu-
tive is made up mainly of em-
ployees of the Department of Agri-
culture is also untrue, and can
very easily be disproved.

I may say it was not the plan
of the Federal of Agriculture to
have this Marketing Board
question aired or discussed at the
annual meeting on the 26th of
February. This matter came to
the meeting wholly unexpectedly
from the floor, and came in the
form of direct questions to the
president. Not wanting to prolong
a discussion on the matter without
Mr. Gillies' this board of directors
present, I entertained the idea
of appointing a committee, which
I felt, however, at the time, would
not be well received by Mr. Gil-
lies.

Some time ago, we made some
attempts to meet Mr. Gillies
and his board of directors, and
his unwillingness to discuss and
misunderstandings that are so
prevalent among our farmers, but
we failed to get co-operation from
the manager.

The statements coming to us
from the members of the Market-
ing Board were to the effect that
they had not had any annual
meetings for years. Further that
no auditor's statement was avail-
able for the information of the
board or the members. We felt that
these matters must be clarified,
and that, I can assure you, was
behind our first move.

We, as a Federation of Agricultur-
ists, are still willing to meet Mr.
Gillies and his board and have
these matters cleared up. If the
re-organization of this Marketing
Board of truly cooperative lines is
the answer, we again pledge our
support and cooperation.

It is not my intention to follow
this matter any further in the
press, but we naturally make any
clearing up necessary to bring
our boards together and have
mutual confidence and under-
standing restored.

I am, Sir, etc.,
R. A. PROFIT
Charlottetown, March 1.

WHAT A BOY NEEDS

Sir,—In a recent letter a corre-
spondent stated that, all things
considered, he thought a high
school in Charlottetown about as
necessary as a fifth wheel on a
coach. It is difficult to under-
stand how any interested adult
could truthfully make such a
statement.

There will always be some stu-
dents who will make the grade to
universities under our present set-
up. They would do well even if
they never attended a school at
all. And there are others who
would fall by the way no matter
how good the facilities. But there
is that large group in between
that is our chief concern.

Think for a moment of the ob-
stacles that they are up against
under the present system. Every-
body appreciates the problem of
the P.E.I. farmer and who can't
afford to leave the city to obtain
higher education. It is a real educa-
tional handicap when it comes
to jobs and promotions not to
mention his loss at not being in-
troduced to modern methods of
seeking after truth.

Lenten Meditations

(From The Times)
VALUE OF INNER PEACE

The frequency of the word
"peace" in the New Testament
suggests that it indicates a funda-
mental element in Christian ex-
perience, and that its possession
should be the distinguishing mark
of the Christian. The great words
of the New Testament—forgive-
ness, reconciliation, redemption—
seem to connote an experience
which, though possessing itself a
certain completeness, is yet es-
sentially a means to a still more
profound experience, an inner
peace which both leads to and is
based upon the attainment of har-
mony with God and therefore with
one's fellow-men.

The word describes not merely
negative state; it is not synony-
mous with passivity; it does not
suggest the absence of struggle
and difficulty, nor a pietistic with-
drawal, whether physical or men-
tal, from the problems and duties
of the common life.

There is, indeed, a spurious
peace which is due to insensitiv-
ness to the condition of the world,
which ignores the hard realities of
life and exists in a secluded gar-
den of mental withdrawal. Such
an attitude is the denial of all that
it means to be a follower of him
who "went about doing good."

Peace does not depend upon out-
ward circumstance. The picture
of our Lord asleep amid the storm
on the lake is symbolic. And even
when He faced the ultimate crisis
of His life He could say to His
disciples: "Peace I leave with you."
St. Paul's life was full of toil and
anxieties. He knew, as did his
Master before him, the meaning of
disappointment and seeming fail-
ure.

Not only was his life one of in-
cessant and arduous travel, and of
much persecution; there was al-
ways upon him the burden of "the
care of all the churches." Yet no
writer in the New Testament
speaks so often, and with such
deep conviction, of "the peace
which passeth all understanding,"
as the apostle Paul. He possessed men's
souls they would find it easy to
live together in true fellowship. A
writer has lately said that "the
chaos around is linked with the
chaos within." There are few to-
day who do not realize the in-
estimable value of inner peace,
and many would give much to
possess it.

Every day brings some new
source of anxiety, some new threat
to security and even to the con-
tinuance of civilized existence. Yet
the teaching of the New Testa-
ment consistently implies that it
is possible, even though the
waves of circumstance threaten to
overwhelm man's life in irretriev-
able ruin, to maintain that inner
peace and balance which are the
fruit of peace.

camera club or any one of a
dozen things. No longer is he just
an uncomfortable senior pupil in
one of the old schools, but is a
proud and enthusiastic member of
the Charlottetown High.

Of course, it would be foolish to
feel that a high school would be
a panacea for all our educational
ills, but surely it would introduce
fresh air into the stuffiness which
now prevails and give those young
people who are trying to complete
their basic schooling, at least an
even break.

I am, Sir, etc.,
INTERESTED CITIZEN.

HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION

Sir,—In reply to F.J. McMil-
lan's letter of Feb. 26th, I heart-
ily endorse his statement, "P.E.I.
needs composite rural high
schools about as badly as a coach
needs a fifth wheel," or better
still: "About as badly as a cat
needs two tails."

First we will ask the question,
Who is going to attend these
schools? What percent of pupils,
either urban or rural, continue
school until he or she has passed
grade IX or X extra?

In rural schools the question is
always answered—the over-crowded
class room; too many grades
in one room; the injustice done
to pupils in senior grades in these
schools. Well, what about graded
schools in cities or towns? Do they
show a greater percentage of
matured pupils than these rural
schools? Do not the rural
schools send out as many, if not
more than the town or city schools?

Suppose we have the Composite
Rural High School and we have
an service for the pupils—
I live about one and one half
miles from pavement and another
half mile from school. I have to get
up at an early hour, prepare break,
fast over a slow wood fire and it
is still fairly nippy if the morning
is cold at all. Well, by the time a
horse is harnessed, and the pupils
conveyed to school, some of them
are often crying with the cold.
This often happens after a storm
or snow-drifted road.

Mr. L.W. Shaw said in his radio
address of Feb. 24th (concerning
educational talks), it was better to
address the public over the radio,
through the press and correspond-
ence as weather was somewhat in-
convenient, and the roads might also
prove an obstacle for attendance
at these meetings if held through-
out the country. These statements
are true. We have been holding Farm
Forum meetings every Monday
night, and not once have we had
a full attendance on account of the
above reasons.

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The rainbow rhapsody.
The rustling forest-choir,
The concert of the stars.
The morning hymn of light,
Are dulcet melodies
That all may hear.
Wind,
Sea, and the chant of seas,
Moon-drift and floating scraps of
cloud,
Dark pine cones falling,
Small streams—
Music—
Earth's flow of song cannot be
stopped.
Its sound comes ever clearer:
It is more lyrical than verse
More eloquent than speech,
More beautiful than any work of
art.
And in its song a gift
Freely given—
The joy of life!
—Aline Powers Fisher, in the
Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

DEATH OF GOVERNOR READY
The death of Major General
Ready, Lieutenant Governor of the
Isle of Man—the once popular
Governor of Prince Edward Island
—occurred this year (1846) under
circumstances unusually affecting.
His Excellency had been long suf-
fering from ill health, and was in
the habit of having draughts fre-
quently administered internally
and embrocations applied exte-
rnally, for which purpose a bottle
containing Atropina, a deadly poison
on rested on his dressing table,
and which as a draught was mis-
takenly administered as Morphine,
causing his demise in less than
five minutes. —Pollard's History.

Government on the taxpayers who
will stock the store, and of course
a manager or salesman or sales-
men paid by the Government will
have to be provided. All this will
be done in competition with store
keepers a few miles away who
have to pay helpers and taxes to
the Government. Where will the
money come from to buy the goods
in the store? The Indian on Len-
nox Island has practically no goods
or service to exchange for dollars.
He is very often on the borrowing
end.
Much of this set up to me is very
expensive and fantastic in the
extreme, with so many local dis-
advantages, that it is difficult to
understand why any body of men
like the fact finding Parliamen-
tary Commission could recommend
such an outlay in such a place—a
1500 acre island, the greater part
of which is covered with scrub
bush, peat bogs, swamps and blue-
berry barren.
"Lo the poor Indian," incarcer-
ated and impoverished on Lennox
Island, has any genuine sincere
sympathy.
I am, Sir, etc.,
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Summerside, P. E. I.

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