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

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Tourist Ferries Needed

In the opinion of Mr. J. R. MacNichol, M. P., who visited here last week in his fact-finding tour of the Maritimes, what we need for this Province in addition to the new car ferry now being completed at Sorel are a number of high speed tourist ferries.

Actually it has been stated in the Legislature that an auxiliary ferry is being provided; but no such assurance appears in Hansard, and it is noteworthy that Mr. Chevier, in the two addresses he gave on the Island last Monday, made no reference to this subject.

Calendar Reform

The World Calendar Association, Inc., is carrying on its persistent campaign to persuade national legislatures to not only see the error of the present eccentric calendar but to do something about it — namely, adopt the World Calendar.

In July 15 and August 1, respectively, bills were introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives and Senate. They are described as having both Democratic and Republican support, being jointly sponsored.

New Rust-Proof Wheat

A striking example of the need for constant vigilance comes to light in the development, by plant breeders and pathologists of the Dominion Rust Research Laboratory at Winnipeg, of a new variety of oats which is resistant to all types of rust now known in this country.

The laboratory was already prepared for just such a contingency. Fourteen years ago they had made the first crosses leading to the variety which is now in process of multiplication so that there will be enough for all western farmers who want to grow it.

For it is not yet established beyond doubt that the new strain is completely satisfactory in all respects. Its originators are the first to make that clear when they point out that while resistance to every known race of stem and crown rust is a definite attribute, they are not so sure just how good a yielder it is in comparison with today's standard oats.

have been possible hitherto. In the matter of yield, however, they hope the new oat will be at least equal to the well-known variety Vanguard, whose blood runs in its own veins.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summerside has become the laundry of the Island, barring the services of the industrious Chinese citizens.

In days past, Newfoundland was known as "the graveyard of the mariner". Now it seems to add to that reputation "the graveyard of the airman."

Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, recently stated: "The free exchange of ideas and facts between the peoples and nations of the world, is the very life blood of the United Nations."

A reporter asked a German in Nuernberg last week if he was in a line-up to hear judgment in the war crimes court. "We are lining up for fish," the German said. "A special ration of one herring a head has arrived in Nuernberg."

Even the Germans do not want to harbour three of their number who escaped conviction of the Nuernberg trials. Henceforth they will apparently be men without a country. By the same token, we have a convicted fourth, doing time in Dorchester penitentiary.

Interest is becoming keener in the prospective appointment of a Supreme Court Judge in succession to Hon. Mr. Justice Arsenault, about to retire. Many feel themselves "called", but only one can be "chosen" and his choice is largely in the hands of Messrs. Douglas, Grant and McNaught, with the Premier probably having "a say" should the recommendation to the Federal Government be divined.

Wendell Wilkie, U. S. A., Republican candidate for the Presidency, died this date 1944; he earned distinction in two respects, first, as a rank outsider, capturing nomination at his party convention; and second, in swinging round and wholeheartedly supporting his political opponent's policy in entering the war on the side of the Allies; he did more, he undertook a mission to European capitals in the interest of President Roosevelt's administration.

Rev. Harold L. Henderson, B.A., who is mentioned as an independent candidate in the Portage La Prairie (Man.) Federal by-election, was one of the outstanding debaters in P. W. C. debating society when he attended there. Subsequently as a student at McGill he took an active part in the debates of the Students' Council, and since then he caused somewhat of a sensation in a discussion in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. He is a go-getter, and pursues his course with the enthusiasm of a convinced reformer.

If ever Prime Minister King had an opportunity to abolish, or even reform the Senate, as he threatened in the days of Borden, Meighen and Bennett, that opportunity is now when there are 65 Liberals against only 23 Progressive Conservatives. On the other hand, should the forces of Mr. Bracken win at the forthcoming redistribution election, and with the Duplessites form a Government, it will take another two generations for the Progressive Conservatives to get control of the Upper House, which Liberal Senator Duff now claims is so essential to the well-being of Canada.

Opening a Conference on "home-making for all," Miss Ellen Wilkinson, British Minister of Education said that thousands of teachers are now being specially trained to give home-craft instruction to schoolchildren, young people about to be married and to husbands and wives. Eleven special training colleges providing three-year courses are packed to overflowing while 5,500 in the past year have attended local refresher schools. Home instruction starts in the nursery schools. The aim in secondary schools is to give each girl a long weekly lesson for at least two years before leaving school.

What happened in the Pontiac by-election will have more weight in the East block at Ottawa, says a correspondent, than what is to come this month in Parkdale (Toronto) and Portage (Manitoba). The Liberals are not so rash as to hope for any upset in Toronto, and the latest news from the Manitoba battleground is far from heartening to the Federal cabinet.

How does the Saskatchewan Provincial Government regard the farmers' strike? In view of the U. F. C.'s willingness to resume deliveries immediately upon the Federal government's accession to such a "just and reasonable request," organized groups in western Canada should bring all possible pressure to bear on the Federal government to set up a fact-finding board, Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan declares. The U. F. C. gave assurances that for the present flow of fluid milk would not be stopped. Mr. Douglas pointed out to the executive that picketing should be confined to persuasion, and any resort to violence would compel police to protect those making deliveries. He received the assurance that all picketing would be of such-a-nature. Agriculture Minister Nallet had been greatly concerned with possible results of a farm strike in which farmers let their cows go dry, with resultant shortage of milk, cream and butter, and it was impressed on the U. F. C. executive that any drop in milk production now will have very serious effects later.

Notes By The Way

The average hubby likes a wife who is a good mixer—in the kitchen—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

A diplomat is the fellow who claims he didn't do any such thing—and promises he never will again.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Recent time studies have shown that men's shirts could be manufactured with much less trouble than it takes the manufacturers to explain why there are no shirts.—Edmonton Journal.

—Now comes a food chemist to say that teenagers are ruining their prospects for motherhood by ice cream sodas. The innocent soda now takes its place with cereals, high heels, late hours, dancing, cigarettes and cocktails, and the many other things that have been making women unfit for motherhood during the last century or so.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

It would be pleasant to forget all about the atomic bomb. Many of us have been doing that in a way. But the war departments and other powerful nations would-be powers do not forget. The United States has the atomic bomb and only something just as good, if not better, will satisfy them. The arms race is on.—Minneapolis Star-Journal.

Professional football players in Great Britain recently threatened to strike. The Government rightly lost no time in stepping in and preventing the strike. After all, the public may be willing to stand for having its gas shut off, its food supplies threatened, export curbs or currency port tied up because of labor disputes. But it will not stand for any monkey business in such an important industry. Fun comes first.—Winnipeg Tribune.

New York's police force before the war numbered almost 19,000. In the war it dropped to slightly over 15,000. Last week some 2,000 war veterans joined "The Finest." The New York Times reports. The rookies will earn \$2,140 a year, plus a \$350 cost-of-living bonus. They work eight-hour shifts. They have the prospect of pensions and in general find the job on the force attractive. There is, however, one drawback. Because of a shortage of blue uniforms, the men must temporarily wear khaki.

Eavesdropping on bread talk is not all as reassuring as our correspondent finds it at his holiday hotel, comments the Manchester Guardian. There are grimmer aspects on the local buses—as witness two housewives on the same subject the other day. Without giving names, the reporter says, the conversation was "lost" but voices were raised towards the end and there was no missing the words "There'll be a revolt, that's what there'll be, love. That's what started the French Revolution, y'know — bread, y'know, and cake."

It cannot, unfortunately, be said that the King's past record gives confidence. His first tenure of the throne was ended by sentence of banishment for plotting the overthrow of the constitutional government of the country. Within a year of his return he had given permission, on the pretext of Communist revolution, to abolish parliament and introduce the apparatus of dictatorship. Next he set up a country incomparably more turbulent and possessing greater opportunities and excuses for a repressive and arbitrary rule. He also expects more of her King, and it is to be hoped he will rise to the occasion.—London Economist.

A survey of the women students of almost any Canadian university will show a considerable proportion of them proposing to engage in such studies as pathology and bacteriology, or in occupational and electrical therapy, X-ray, or that newest of them all, Life. The King, it is thought, demands the oldest profession ancillary to that of medicine — nursing — so — daily lacks of nursing students in the hospitals projected and building are taking shape. They are going to obtain the necessary nursing staffs.—Halifax Chronicle.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, established himself with us as a man of discriminating taste and as a reserve upon which he delighted him to ride with a police escort straight through all red lights. That, Archbishop, is the King, the King, the King, with a capital L away back there before learning how acutely and stubbornly uncivilized it usually manages to remain. It is well enough to ride in the cab of a locomotive engine. It is fine to ride an elephant in the opening grand march of the circus, depicting the splendor of the Sultan's court. But for the near-by without a horn, the road without a sign, the car without a driver, give us a ride with a police escort. Us and the Archbishop.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A fast black saloon car drew outside the Holborn-Valduct offices of the Diamond Corporation in London the other day. Out of it stepped a man with five small boxes — wire-bound sealed and wrapped in canvas, relates the London Daily Mail. In the boxes were \$216,000 worth of diamonds — industrial diamonds, and the new consignment of £4,500,000 worth which during the past few weeks have reached the city from Montreal, via London airport, in BOAC Liberators. They have travelled up from the airport with only one guard — an airport security man. This vast fortune in stones is the residue of the stock representing nearly 12,000,000 carats built up by the Allies in Canada in 1942 — for safety's sake — and as a reserve upon which American war industry could draw. This has now been restored to its owner — half a dozen of the biggest diamond firms of Britain, Belgium and Portugal.

Sheepskin Glamorized

(Larry Dack in the Financial Post.) Perhaps the fastest-growing business in Canada today is Mouton — which means sheepskin glamorized.

Three or four years ago there wasn't a mouton fur coat in captivity. Now mouton is offering the customers fur coats at \$200 that are hard to distinguish from thousand-dollar seal or beaver coats. This winter mouton will appear as mink and perhaps in reds, blues and yellows never found in any natural fur-bearing animal before.

Mouton has opened Fifth Avenue to sheepskins and might otherwise never have done more than line a work jacket. At the same time mouton has made fur coats for all real possibilities. At the time when all fur coats have gone up sharply, mouton coats still sell for about half the price of mink — a fifth the price of seal.

The story is a triumph in research of Canadian and American fur laboratories and experts think the results will pretty well revolutionize the fur industry. In the new process sheepskin gets sheared, combed and "plasticized" into a thing of beauty. The kinky wool is transformed into a mass of lustrous plastic hairs that no longer tangle and are water repellent.

Last winter, demand for the new mouton coat exceeded production capacity in both Canada and the United States — so great as to send the few fortunate firms with knowledge of the process back to work all Summer with increased staff and expanded plant facilities. There are at least four Canadian companies in the mouton processing business today — two in Montreal and two in Toronto. One of the largest fur companies in this country has announced its intention of entering the field as well, at least one smaller enterprise is planning to start this year.

Several different processes or variations are in use, but all are based on the same principle and aim at the same goal — to give the sheep hair a "permanent straight," a permanent gloss and permanent softening. Mouton men agree that the new processes have overcome the old handicap of sheepskin coats — the tendency to bunch and "felt."

A good part of the credit for original and successful research in this country goes to Samuel Moskoff, Toronto chemist dyer. Entering the fur business in 1938 with a capital of \$50, Mr. Moskoff has recently committed his company to a huge new \$500,000 fur plant project. As far back as 1940 the young chemist was experimenting with Australian sheepskins in addition to guiding the fortunes of a small growing fur dressing and dyeing business. When he learned how to use an aldehyde base — one of the family of chemicals used in plasticizing — whole tempo of his research program quickened. Gradually the sheepskin was made to yield up its stubborn "woolly" qualities and take on a new, smart, super-soft, straight-pled appearance.

Mr. Moskoff estimates that the advent of the new and improved mouton coat will eventually double the potential fur-coat market in Canada. Although still in its early years, laboratory tests have shown conclusively that the mouton coat is more durable than the most other fur coats, Mr. Moskoff says. An important saving feature will be that of the annual cold storage bill, for mouton coats do not require the plastic molecules are armor-plate far as they are concerned. In simple language the Moskoff mouton process consists of permanently de-kinking wool and turning it into hair, then coating each fibre with a chemical and baking it on to stay. All this involves about 72 different operations.

The sheepskins, usually from year-old "shearings," are imported from South Africa or Australia. At the plant they are graded. Only about 40 percent of skins are suitable for mouton process — the rest go to the tanning process and are converted into slippers, linings for mitts, teddybears, etc. Skins are soaked in a solution for a day or two to soften up the horns and dirt. They are then washed thoroughly until wool fibres are clear of dirt and grit. The "flashing" Here any meat left on by the butcher is removed by a fleshing machine. Next comes the "finishing." A special preparation is applied to the skin to enable it to withstand later boiling temperature. The skin is then greased, dried and placed in a huge revolving drum partly filled with sawdust. This action cleans the hair and softens the skin further. Now the sheepskin is ready for its shearing — clipping to required gauge — and combing. The combing, done in



OCTOBER HILL

If the earth has four corners As old wisemen say, They must be looped and knotted Together today—

The cold star-bush of northern, The red-roo western sheen, The eastern golden fringes, And deep south green.

How else could Autumn hillside That should be brown and sober Of asters, maple, goldenrod, Contrive October?

Yetta Gillespie in the New York Herald Tribune.

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a special machine, simply combs the fibres out straight. Next comes the all-important "conversion" process. Special chemicals, usually of an aldehyde base, are brushed into the fibres of the skin by means of a hand-operated brush. The whole skin is then fed into an electric ironer kept at a very high temperature and revolving at 900 rpm. The process is repeated several times until the molecules in the fibre become straight and stretched, enabling the fibres to retain the straight position permanently. At the same time the plastic is getting baked onto the fibres. The fur for it has now most of the characteristics of fur — is ready for dyeing to any desired shade. The final delicate operation leaves the top service of the fur perfectly smooth.

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