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

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The Sanatorium Annex

Among the things which the Jones Government has sought to capitalize on and take full credit for politically, has been the new Sanatorium annex. Without this building, the tuberculosis situation would be very serious indeed in this Province today, nor would there be any room for pathological laboratories or equipment of any kind if this wing had not been constructed.

For years past many citizens had noted with alarm that the facilities at the Sanatorium were hopelessly inadequate. This was emphasized many times in the Legislature by the Leader of the Opposition, and it was plainly revealed in the report of the Public Health Department for 1942, which stated that 122 new cases of tuberculosis had been discovered in that year; whereas in the Sanatorium, even if it were empty, there would be room for only eighty-eight. The many branches of the Women's Institutes took the lead in bringing this matter to the attention of the Provincial Government, but without result.

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This was the pressure to which the Jones Government finally yielded. It could not do else, but at the time it is reported that some members of the Government felt very resentful of the part allegedly taken by some officials in connection with the Sanatorium campaign. Be that as it may, it was not long thereafter before an Order-in-Council was passed, decreeing that in future no public servant should be allowed to accept any appointment, "in an advisory capacity or otherwise, in or to any organization where such organization may at any time be receiving or seeking financial assistance from the Government"; also that no such persons "shall make available to any person information acquired, or which may be in their possession, by virtue of the position they hold; nor shall they lend themselves in any way to any organization or movement which might enable such bodies to press demands on the Government."

Indian Schools

Its schools dotting the map of Canada from Aklavik in the Northwest Territories to Lennox Island, the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources is currently educating a total of 19,600 Indian children between the ages of seven and sixteen years.

In the face of the great difficulties involved in administering the widely-scattered system of 271 day schools and 76 residential schools and in dealing with attendance problems which are aggravated by the nomadic tendencies of so many Indians, the Education Division of the Branch has produced amazing results among the native children. The Church of England, the United Church of Canada, the Roman Catholic Church and the Presbyterian Church co-operate with the Branch in the operation of residential schools, receiving assistance in the form of per capita grants.

A development in which considerable satisfaction is displayed has seen thirty-six Indians who received their preliminary schooling within the system return to it as teachers. At the present time, four other Indians are in normal schools working toward teaching certificates.

Achievements of three Indian schools in different parts of the country indicate the value of the educational program. This year twenty graduates of the Shingwauk Residential School are attending high school at Sault Ste. Marie. Of three Indian pupils who graduated from the high school with first class honors last year, two have positions in business concerns and the other is a nurse-in-training. Seven others have graduated with honors.

The Cadet Corps of the Lebrat Residential School recently won the Grand Challenge Trophy in competition with all provincial army cadet corps in Saskatchewan, and the school at Mis-

sion, British Columbia, which has a high scholastic record, captured the Provincial Recreational Centres gymnastic team competition championship.

The courses of study laid down by the Provincial Departments of Education are followed within the various provinces in which schools are located, and with the exception of British Columbia, where the Indian Affairs Branch has a District Inspector, regular inspections are made by provincial inspectors who report excellent progress being made in most of the schools.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Seven more days till the election.

Snow shovelling should now be the order of the day.

Island fur farmers will have to stay up late finding an answer to British Columbia's new product—mink in 26 pastel colours.

Business is humming, and the Telegraph Office is prepared to do its share by granting citizens the right to use of its messenger delivery service at ten cents per message.

The Liberal platform was evidently designed by their propagandists not their planners. The practical men are thinking more along the lines of a new office building rather than of the grandiose projects listed.

It takes a lot of paper to run a socialistic government. While Britain's newspapers are allowed an allocation of only 31 per cent of pre-war consumption the British government will consume 158 per cent more than before the war.

Both France and Finland are using conscription in an effort to end nation-wide strikes. But while the French blame the whole thing on Communist influence in Finland the Communists are the government.

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Air Force Headquarters announce that young men of 17 years of age may now join the Royal Canadian Air Force. This is a departure from the policy of a young man having to wait until he is 18 years old before joining.

Alderman Joseph Matte, president of Quebec City's industrial committee, announces that \$325,000 would be made available to Quebec industries by the Industrial Development Bank. A dozen or more Quebec industrial enterprises already have received loans from the Federal organization set up in 1944.

There is quite a stir in Halifax over a prominent doctor's suggestion that instead of "celebration and self-congratulation" on the city's bi-centennial anniversary they should have "a year of humiliation" every hundred years until Halifax ceases to be content to be a slum.

The Provincial election being preliminary to the Federal election, far seeing politicians are directing attention to Federal matters, as after all, we cannot make much headway without the two Governments being in line with those of other provinces. At present few are in line with that of Ottawa.

Now Prohibition is to have its chance politically, notwithstanding that the Temperance Alliance went on record to keep the question out of politics. These people do not seem to realize that it is publicity that makes for success in any cause, and suppression of discussions only tends to hinder attainment, or destroy any success previously obtained.

The contract signed last week between the Canadian Seamen's Union and the Shipping Federation of Canada marks a new era in conditions of seamen. Previously only paternalistic legislation protected the sailor from himself and his employers. Now, by contract, he is placed in a position of security comparable to that of his fellow worker ashore.

Hernando Cortes, Spanish colonizer of America, and militarist, died this date 1547. Assisted in the conquest of Cuba in 1511, and subsequently took charge of the colonists sent to Mexico in 1519; he founded Vera Cruz, and was worshipped as a god by the subjects of Emperor Montezuma; he later seized and imprisoned the Emperor and subdued Mexico to Spanish dominion in 1521. He developed mining and agriculture, was made a Marquis by Charles V; continued his voyages of discovery, and landed in Lower California in 1536. Grasping and cruel, but with military genius and initiative, Cortes proved a master builder of Spain's colonial empire.

Deep regret is felt at the early passing hence of Mr. Robert Elliot, linotype operator on Boston Globe. Bobbie was an islander to be proud of. At an early age he lost his father out west and returned to Charlottetown with his mother, sister and younger brother. Those were the days of real austerity, and Bobbie took a job as messenger with The Guardian for the summer to help his mother. When the vacation was over he asked to be allowed to continue at work though he had not passed the fourth grade. The Guardian obtained permission of the School Board, provided Bobbie took evening classes. This he did, and Bobbie made good. Promoted to the linotype staff, he became one of the fastest and cleanest of operators. When he left for the Brooklyn Eagle, he took his widowed mother, brother and sister with him, and provided for them. Now at the early age of fifty, his work accomplished, he has written "30" at the end of his copy.

Notes By The Way

Don't take yourself too seriously—others don't.—Edmonton Journal.

We've heard a considerable number of persons say they wouldn't want to live to be 100, but we have never heard a person 99 years old say so.—Kitchener Record.

It is seldom one hears of a charge of manslaughter being laid against a hunter who has shot and killed another hunter in mistake for an animal. There seems to be a sort of unwritten law that such killings be regarded as purely accidental deaths, with little more than a mild reproof for the hunter responsible and even occasional expressions of sympathy. And if a charge of manslaughter is laid, it is usually regarded as a technicality.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland of Edinburgh Scotsman: It may be entirely true that Harris Tweed trade may be adversely affected by a proposal to end wool control and restore the open market. The problem of the Harris Tweed Association, however, does not exist. Thousands of yards of Harris Tweed, and tweeds from the Highlands and Islands, are perfectly genuine although they bear no trade mark. The trade marked label, which is stamped at intervals on the cloth, is no peculiar proof that the tweed is the only genuine product.

But so long as gullible "investors" ignore available information and hopelessly pay optimistic prices for speculative shares in the hope that they will be able to sell them to other "suckers" at a big profit, how is it possible for either governments or stock exchanges to provide protection? Prohibitive measures would not only discourage venture capitalists but would be resented by thousands just as attempts to prevent them losing their money in other ways are considered a restriction on their democratic rights.—Montreal Financial Times.

Spectators at a fire which partly destroyed the Methodist Church at Renmark, South Australia, commented on a size of a "big Alsatian dog" lurking in the shadows on the outskirts. They were not aware that it was a lion which had escaped from a visiting circus. Apparently the animal had for some time been watching the fire from the fire from a distance of about 100 yards. The alarm was given by a woman, who shrieked when the lion roared in the darkness only a few feet away from her. Circus attendants who had been searching for the animal formed a cordon and eventually forced it back into its cage with the aid of whips.—London Times.

In the doorway of a city shop there is fixed an automatic weighing machine. Passing the place recently I saw a small boy make for it very deliberately. He stepped on the platform and began fidgeting in his shoes. I watched this performance, but he did not mind. "Have you got a penny for two ha'pennies, mister?" he said. I had, and made the exchange, not caring to insult him with a gift. He put the penny in the machine and calmly noted the result. "Gone up two pounds in a month!" he confided. I congratulated him. Was that youngster exceptional? Has the outlay of the weekly pocket-money round the fire been entirely gone back to my "Saturday penny" days and recollect that the only purchase conceivable was a tin of some sort. Comes to mind a fat cake of sticky, india-rubbery succulents known as "snakes-parade." But that cost a penny, and required deep consideration. Very popular, I remember, were "lucky tablets," a triangular, spongy substance which sometimes had a half-penny round the fire from a distance of about 100 yards.

Arthritis isn't a monopoly of the human race. Wild animals get it, too. Recently an elderly hunter, whose nose has been observed in Yellowstone National Park, hobbling about like a rheumatic old lady; she has a swollen right ankle, and finds it hard to get up after taking a nap among the willows, so a Science Service. Tragedy also struck the moose population. No longer a dead bull moose was found near Trail Creek, south of Lake Yellowstone, all tangled up in about 50 feet of steel telephone wire. Much of the wire had wrapped itself about his antlers and the base of his skull, doubtless causing his death. The wire-wrapped antlers and skull were placed on exhibition in the museum garden at Old Faithful. Moose mothers are strict disciplinarians when they need to be. One calf was seen frolicking in circles around his mother. She didn't like it, but tolerated his nonsense as long as she could. Then she gave three short, loud snorts. The calf understood the command to be quiet, and stopped his cavorting. A moose calf, when small, has his troubles. His legs outgrow his neck, so when he wants to eat grass, he has to get down on his knees in order to reach it. The Yellowstone moose population is estimated at some 80 animals. They belong to a distinct subspecies of the American moose, being somewhat smaller than their relatives in Canada and the forests of the Northeastern States, with somewhat different coloration.

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.

CHALLENGE TO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sir—In a political advertisement announcing "Liberal Addresses This Week" the name of "Mrs. Allison MacMillan" appears as one of the political speakers. Surely this speaker is not the National President of the Canadian Women's Institutes. If she is our President, she is doing irreparable harm to our organization which is a non-political institution, which has heretofore been scrupulously free from publicly-expressed partisanship. We all have the precious privilege of voting but in the interest of harmony, cooperation and progress it is not desirable but necessary that our high executive officers, especially those in national posts, shall refrain from becoming mouth-pieces for political propaganda. The individual cannot be separated from her office. It has always been my understanding that our Institutes know no official partisanship. Paragraph 20 of the Jones' platform promises that "the Women's Institutes will remain the same non-sectarian, non-political body as at present." Is this a joke intended to create laughter among our members?

I am Sir, etc. MEMBER OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

MR. GAY'S ADDRESS

Sir—Last week Mr. Percy Gay delivered a speech in which he reported an alarming statement made by someone at a C.C.P. nominating convention in this Province. The following day through your paper, I requested Mr. Gay to make public the name of the person who had given utterance to this "hope for anarchy" but he has not done so. Yet he emphasized his remark and tried to give it credence by asking the question, "Are you in doubt of the correctness of that statement?" The answer is emphatically "Yes." No intelligent person will believe that any sane man in a C.C.P. convention or elsewhere, ever said, "We hope to breed contempt for law and order," and as a Liberal I protest against such claptrap being uttered and published in the press supposedly in the interests of the Liberal party. In my opinion the words "Premises" and "statements" is a distinct disservice to the Liberals.

If we are to retain our two party form of government which has proven best for a democracy, some steps must be taken to ensure that those who undertake to speak for their party shall at least be of commonsense!

At the present time it looks as though some of those who are trying to run the Party will succeed only in wrecking it. I am Sir, etc. LIBERAL.

TEMPERANCE FEDERATION'S APPEAL

Sir—The Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation presents some matters for consideration at the coming election on December 11th. The liquor problem has become a serious one in the national life of Canada. For twenty-five years this traffic has been making great headway in this Province and has yielded to its pressure and relaxed the restrictions on the traffic. The result has invariably been that liquor consumption has increased, with all its attendant evils—drunkenness, highway accidents, poverty, and crime. Up until two years ago, our own Island province alone had courageously resisted all attempts to weaken our Prohibition Act, in force now for nearly half a century. But in 1945 the Legislature, without any mandate from the people, passed what is known as the Cullen Amendment. This new law greatly weakened the Prohibition Act. As prophesied by temperance leaders, this amendment has had the effect of increasing liquor consumption and all the evil consequences thereof. The Chief of Police of Charlottetown for 1946. This report shows that in this one year under the operation of the Cullen Amendment the arrests for liquor offences increased from 797 to 1230, and that 1094 of these were for drunkenness. The proponents of the amendment declared that it would greatly reduce illicit liquor selling. During 1946 the Police of Charlottetown prosecuted 131 cases of violation of the liquor law, an increase of 90 over the previous year. The number of cases dealt with in Police court in 1946 was 1600—an increase over 1945 of 508. The number of arrests and Police court cases was the highest in the history of the city. These undeniable facts, with many others that might be added, prove beyond doubt, that the Cullen Amendment was a serious mistake. At the largest convention of the Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation ever held, on Sept. 19th, 1947, a resolution was unanimously passed condemning this amendment, and calling upon the Legislature to repeal the same. In view of the facts, the Federation believes that it is the duty of all Temperance electors, and in fact of all good citizens in our province, to rise above all mere party considerations and to take such action as will at least restore our Prohibition Act to its former strength. Fortunately this is not a party question, as both Liberals and Conservatives voted for and against this amendment.

The Federation calls upon all socially-minded electors to:

1. To give all possible support regardless of party—to those mem-

The Poets Corner

THE FIRST SNOWFALL (November 30, 1947) Downy coverlet of early snow Draped in loveliness o'er needed bough, Cloaking our Island hills where hedges grow With Nature's ermine. Effulgent radiance of wintry scene Decking our storied Isle with sparkling grace, Glorious symbol of an ending year In salutation. —"Plumbline"

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

WEST PRINCE PRESBYTERIANS

In the 1840's the whole of Prince County, west of Lot 11, constituted one Presbyterian congregation, of which the Rev. John C. Sinclair was the pastor. At the time of Mr. Sinclair's settlement, there were thirty families in Cascumpec, and twenty-four at West Point. At this time there were two or three families in Tignish. Though only about twelve miles from Cascumpec, their nearest place of worship, it took them three days to get to the church and home again. They generally started on Saturday morning travelling around the shore until they came to the Montrose River; across the mouth of this river they swam their horses, while themselves were paddled over in a log canoe. They then pursued their journey on to what was known as the Dock, where the old church stood. Here they spent their Sabbath, and on Monday retraced their steps. The old church at the Dock was capable of holding about 200, and the one at West Cape about 150. This was the entire Protestant church accommodation for the whole western part of Prince County. The salary paid at that time was \$100 (or \$24) and was paid partly in cash and partly in produce.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair's connection with the congregation terminated in 1852. In June, 1865, Rev. Allan Fraser was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of this congregation. The church at the Dock was fully discharged his onerous duties in 1865. Rev. William Stewart took charge of West Cape, Campbellton, and the Brae. Rev. Mr. Fraser's course was now confined to Cascumpec and Tignish. At this time the country between Cascumpec and West Cape was, for the greater part, an unbroken forest. But the land being of a superior quality, easy to cultivate, and there being ample facilities for obtaining sea manure, the land was rapidly taken up by farmers from Maripou, New London and other parts of the Island, who commenced their westerly movement which has been kept up to the present time, and has helped to make this part of the Island what it is.

At the time of which we write, even the place where the thriving town of Alberton now stands was a forest of tall, bare pine stumps, and was designated by the euphonious name of "Stump Town" by a waggish tourist of the clerical order. Besides the stumps, the occupants held for ten years, Herbert Bell and a Mr. Mesgison. During Mr. Fraser's ministry the congregation grew rapidly in number, in wealth and in public enterprise. The forest yielded to the waggish and comfortable dwellings and good school houses were erected. A large and comfortable church was built, and the cause of temperance and religion was greatly advanced.

From an article by the late Rev. J. M. MacLeod.

members of the Legislature who opposed the amendment. The courageous, patriotic, and far-seeing conduct of these men deserves commendation at the hands of the electors.

2. So far as other candidates are concerned, we suggest that electors refuse support to any who cannot be relied on to vote to repeal the Cullen Amendment and to support adequate and effective enforcement of the Prohibition Act.

3. As to the members of the Legislature who supported the Cullen Amendment, it is to be hoped that some of them at least have seen the error of their action, and will vote for its repeal. Otherwise, these members should be opposed at the polls, regardless of party.

The Federation points out that it is the essence of Democracy that electors by their votes express their approval or disapproval of the official acts of their representatives in Parliament. It is their bounden duty to do so. The Federation appeals to all citizens of Prince Edward Island to rally to the cause of good government, and to exercise their franchise in such a way as to promote sobriety,

strengthen the forces of law and order, and protect our homes, and especially our youth, from the pernicious and demoralizing effects of liquor drinking.

On behalf of the Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation: I am, Sir, etc C. A. HICKS, Secretary.

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