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

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Significant By-Elections

The outcome of the balloting in Parkdale and Portage la Prairie on Monday was indeed a bad blow to the Mackenzie King Government, and a correspondingly significant triumph for the Progressive Conservatives.

Should a general election take place next year, as it is almost certain to do on account of Redistribution, these indications would lead us to believe that whoever wins next time, it will not be Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Quebec was looked upon as likely to prove, as on previous occasions, the salvation of the Federal Liberal party; but even there the ranks are broken, and certainly Premier Duplessis and his Government are not doing anything to help retain Quebec for the Liberals federally.

This would restore conditions to what they were before Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Mackenzie King got in their anti-conscription work in Lower Canada.

It cannot be claimed that the return of the Conservative candidate in Parkdale was a Liberal reverse as the seat has been uniformly Conservative; but it has been retained against all comers—Liberal, C. C. F., Labor Progressive and Communist—which goes to show that the opinion of people in Ontario is continuing to be asserted in favor of safe and sane policies such as the Progressive Conservatives have to offer.

In Manitoba, where the seat at Portage la Prairie has been regained, the conclusion to be drawn is that in the Middle West the electors are fed up with Agriculture Minister Gardiner, whose machine has been dominant in the Prairie Provinces for ten or fifteen years.

Indian Affairs

It may be helpful as well as interesting to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, now visiting the Province, to study the following authoritative statement, unfortunately by no means complimentary to all concerned in this matter.

"It is all too evident that after over 175 years of low estate in this Province an effort to raise the standard of our Indians as a whole to a higher plane will be a long and tedious task. The Indians, whose fathers once held sway on this Island, have a right to far better conditions and chances of making an honourable living than has been the case in the past.

men, whose husbands or sons are serving in the Forces are squandering their war allowances. In this respect they are not unlike a far too large number of their white sisters.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Welcome to the representatives of the Maritime Board of Trade and Maritime Transportation Commission.

Those who read on this page in yesterday's issue the career of Heath, reproduced from The Times, London, must marvel that he escaped the gallows so long. From his earliest years he had been involved in crime of one sort or another, and the pity is that he was allowed ultimately to bring the good name of the R. A. F. into disrepute.

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the lives of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides here when they were visited and inspected by Chief Scout Lord Rowallan and Chief Scout Secretary, A. W. Hurl from headquarters in London.

There was rejoicing in Progressive Conservative circles yesterday, and corresponding gloom in Liberal ranks. The Mackenzie King Government is now in a minority in the House of Commons.

Comments the Sydney Post-Record which costs 5c per issue: "Another \$10 per ton increase in the price of newsprint has just been announced—the third within 5 months.

Many citizens could have been better spared than Mr. James R. Brown who was removed from our midst by death Monday. Of a quiet unassuming demeanor, he steadily plugged along doing the things his hands found to do, and doing them exceedingly well, being a master workman in the best sense of the term.

Pablo Picasso, (pseudonym of Pablo Ruiz), Spanish artist, born this date 1881; founder and leader of the Cubist School, director of the Prado Gallery Madrid, 1936-39; paintings include portraits, still life and decorations; his Cubist productions have created much controversy in the artistic world, but he has had a steadily growing following among European artists, and also some American.

While Nova Scotia bemoaned a decline in tourists this current year, Prince Edward Island is able to boast of an increase. Col. Reid at the Conference in Ottawa announced that of the 200,000 tourists visiting us 150,000 were Canadians.

Rev. J. T. Ibbott brought forcibly before the Rotarians the necessity for more young men devoting their time and talent to the furtherance of youth movements. Getting periodically together and listening to orations is right and proper, but after all what is most needed now is personal service in the interest of the rising generation.

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Notes By The Way

No sooner is it relieved of the burden than worried Stockholm begins to experience the Russian elbow. It gives one a wholly new conception of the Swedish message.

Readers' Digest this month contains an interesting note from an authority. The chances of being involved in a fatal motor car crash in the United States in one year are 4,800 to 1.

Butler in St. Louis advanced this week-end to 95 cents and \$1 a pound — the highest price in history — at the very time the West Illinois Coal celebration exhibiting several pounds of butter made in Germany from coal.

Being blinded by the dazzling headlights of an approaching car no longer a firm defence for motorists involved in accidents. Magistrate J. Arthur Harriman has made an eminently sensible comment on the responsibility of a driver who proceeds as usual despite the fact that he has thus been temporarily blinded.

After visiting Palestine some years ago in the course of botanical wanderings admiring the carpets of scarlet anemones, I was quite amazed that up to the hills of the Bible was meant the anemones; but there is a truer explanation.

The latest design of bicycle in Britain has a radio and a motor that stores energy going downhill and releases it to assist the cyclist's joy in swooping down a steep incline.

When mention is made of the territory north of the parallel most people think of a barren land of rock and scrub conifers. There are, however, fertile valleys in the north, particularly in the vicinity of Pas, which are ideal for farming and where farming has been successfully practiced for 25 years.

The sun, which has all these planets revolving around it and dependent upon it, can ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the world to do.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The editor of the Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

POTATO STORAGE NEEDED

Mr.—In your Editorial Notes of October 21st re the potato situation you say, "The question now is, however, has the average farmer sufficient storage to safely keep and protect the surplus through the winter?"

The Open St. Lawrence

When the internationalization of the Danube was under discussion at the Paris peace conference, a smart Slav delegate asked why the St. Lawrence was not international.

The Washington Treaty of 1871 granted the United States the free use of the St. Lawrence and its canals in return for the right to navigate Lake Michigan and the St. Clair Flats canal as well as the rivers of Alaska.

The British Role

Mr. Stalin's interview given to a British Correspondent last week provides a timely and much needed recall to sanity and moderation in international relations.

FIJIAN PHARMACISTS

SUVA, Fiji (CP) — A proposal has been made to the Fijian government that the island should be trained locally as pharmacists.

OFF BLACK LIST

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire, England (OP) — Books by P. G. Wodehouse, banned from corporation libraries during the war when the English humorist made broad-based fun from Germany, are to be restored.

LIFE can Begin AFTER 40.

Around 40 our energy lessens. But, experience has taught us to do our work with less effort. The years ahead should yield the greatest accomplishments, the most enjoyment and happiness.

Rustling Days

(N.Y.—Harold Tribune)

Nature, of course, is a quiet creature, except when she stirs up thunderstorms or hurricanes. The doings of the seasons are mostly subtle ones. There is no commotion in spring when the lilac bushes blossom.

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England — (CP) Billy Askew, 17, star rugby player, showed how he could tackle when a hare scampered across the playing field. Billy dived and caught the hare.