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

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Taxing The Farmer

Income Tax officials since 1942 have made
increasing efforts to persuade farmers to keep
regular accounts and provide the department
with information which would be equivalent to
the Profit and Loss statement of other taxpayers.

Business men can sympathize with the farmer
for they have been keeping for many years
records for the sole benefit of the Income Tax
Department, and in addition furnishing reports
to a variety of Government Offices.

Taxation of the Farmers under the new
system constitutes more or less of an annoyance
as even under the present prosperous conditions
farm profits could easily be considered below
the taxation floor.

Of course the department will get a few
thousand of the P. E. I. farmers hard earned
money, but the cost of getting it will be very
high. If as in the past the farmer were free
of the Tax Department altogether it would not
mean that he is not contributing his share, for
he does so at every turn. Each purchase he
makes, each time he requires the assistance of
some business or professional man, in fact he
may scarcely move off his farm without in some
way contributing to the government coffers.

An Island Brewery (?)

By an overwhelming vote of the electorate
we have come into line with the rest of Canada
in the matter of liquor for beverage purposes.

Citizens watching the huge loads of beer
being hauled continually from the freight office
or by truck from mainland breweries, may wonder
why we have to send Prince Edward Island
money away when a product equally good or bad
could be brewed here.

The manufacture and sale of spirituous
liquors has long been illegal with us and though
the sale under direction of the Government has
been made legal since the plebiscite, no change
has been made with regard to its manufacture.

At Tecumseh a group of veterans recently
financed and built a plant known as "Old Com-
rades Brewery Ltd." which will market its prod-
ucts under the name of Schneider's Beer and
Ale. The plant has a capacity of 120,000 bar-
rels annually with a staff of approximately 100.

Such an undertaking here may be at present
out of the question, and further alteration
of the law would be met with strong opposition,
even for manufacture controlled by the govern-
ment, with ingredients bought on the local market.

Shortage of help, however, would be one of
the least drawbacks, as reference to the proper
authorities would reveal a list of skilled
brewmasters and trained personnel of many
years' experience, readily available.

Soviet Centenarians(?)

In "Notes on Soviet Life," being circulated
in Canada and the United States is this extra-
ordinary claim to longevity among Soviet farm-
ers: "The Learned Council of the Ministry of
Health of the Byelorussian Republic has collected
some interesting data on the longevity of the
people of this Republic. It has been found that
in seven regions there are more than six
hundred people who have reached the age of
one hundred, and 16 who have reached the age
of 110. Palageya Makarovich, a collective farm
woman living in the Komarinsk District of Poles-
ye was born in 1831, and Maria Shanko, of that
District, is about the same age. Mark Okunets,
a collective farmer of the Zhirkovitsky Dis-
trict, recently celebrated his 118th birthday.
The oldest inhabitant of Byelorussia is Maria
Kuzmich of the village of Ostrovshchina in the
Polotsk Region. She was born in 1812, the
year of the routing of Napoleon's armies in
Russia. She has never known illness in her
136 years and enjoys very satisfactory health
to this day."

This is of the category "Tell it to the
Marines."

"That Blessed Word"

It was a dear old, reverend church-wor-
shipping lady who used to enunciate emphatic-
ally, in season and out of season "that blessed
word Mesopotamia." Today it is our ultra mod-
ern and would-be scientists who have recourse
to such word-blind worship, that "blessed word"
in their case being "Psychiatry", or alternately
"Psychology". During the recent war psychiatry
was not infrequently resorted to as an excuse
for malingering and to justify exemption from
military service. Today, according to real, as
distinct from pseudo-scientists, psychiatry is
being reduced by public entertainers from the
sublime to the ridiculous. An eminent Scottish
University professor, Dr. T. Ferguson Rodger, pro-
fessor of Psychiatry at Glasgow University, has
felt constrained to enter a strong protest, tell-

ing the International Conference of Mental
Hygiene in London that the glamorizing of
psychiatry and its practitioners in the films, and
trying to "over sell" it, could only retard pro-
gress in the profession.

"In recent years," he said, "we have had
the spectacle of the cinema glamorizing psy-
chiatrists and representing psychological meth-
ods of treatment in a way that can only be mis-
chievous to the spread of sound principles."

In his view blame did not attach to the
producers and directors of such films; for he ad-
mitted that they were a faithful reflection of
existing mistaken ideas on mental health.

"Perhaps if, in the past, psychiatrists had
been more concerned with their social responsi-
bilities and less with advertising their skill in
treatment (he said), the cinema would have por-
trayed us in a truer and more dignified way."

At the same Conference Dr. Julian Huxley
declared that medical science was just re-
discovering that after all there is nothing new
under the sun, and that Western scientists
should study Yoga, a system of Hindu philosophy
showing the means of emancipation of the
soul from further migrations, akin to self-
hypnotism, and to see what is in it for all man-
kind. Dr. Huxley, who is the Director-General
of the United Nations Educational Scientific
and Cultural Commission, told the New World
Federation for Mental Health it might well
look into the mystic lore of the East.

If this lore could be investigated sci-
entifically, he advised these learned mental spe-
cialists, "then I think an immense step forward
could be made in your field."

Here is an outstanding scientist telling the
pick of the world medical scientists that it
is quite possible, indeed, expedient, to make
progress by looking backward. Holy Writ is
thus once more being vindicated, coming into
its own through scientific investigations into
the pre-historic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Feast of St. Augustine.

Tomorrow the 14th Sunday after Trinity,
or 15th after Pentecost.

It looks as if coffee drinkers may have to
go a little easy on their favorite brew. Heavy
damage is reported to Brazil's coffee crop by
a pest known as "broca."

A new shipping line flying the flag of the
Union of South Africa will soon link Canada
with South African ports. Trade with that coun-
try is expected to increase considerably.

Naval battle off Heligoland Bight this
date 1914, when the British Navy closed the
channel preventing German war vessels using
it in Great War I.

The other day we were portrayed in a De-
troit newspaper as being in the frozen north.
Now a Chicago correspondent addresses us as
being in the tropics, viz., "Charlottetown, Prince
Edward Island, B.W.I." (British West Indies).

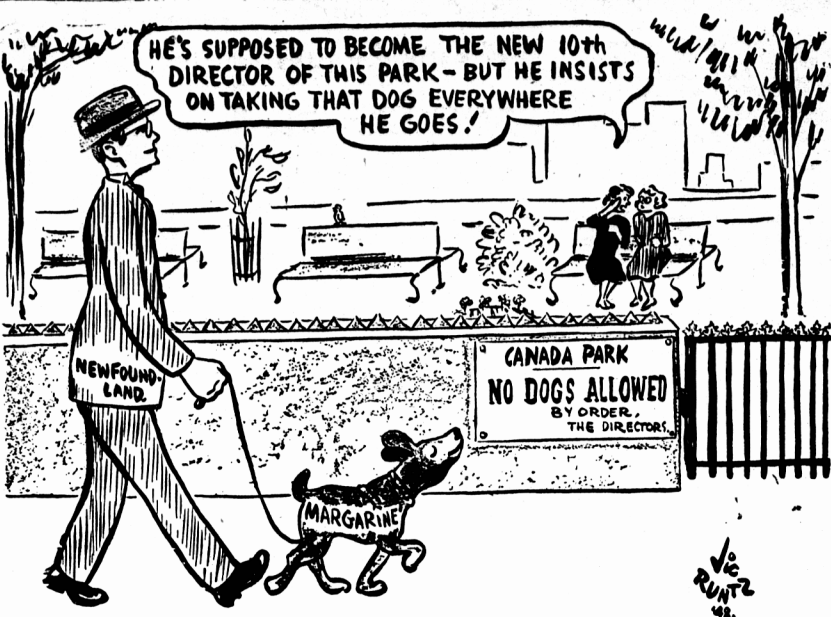
Nova Scotia is not taking her lack of in-
dustries lying down. The Nova Scotia Re-
search Foundation has been formed to explore
native industrial possibilities and assist pro-
spective manufacturers.

Representatives from at least five provin-
ces will report on the treatment of French-
speaking minorities in their schools at the Cana-
dian Association of French-Speaking Teachers'
Congress being held at Ottawa this week. The
five provinces which have appointed delegates
are Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,
Prince Edward Island and Alberta.

John T. Hackett, K.C., M.P., president of
the Canadian Bar Association, who recently vis-
ited here, will be honored with an honorary
degree by the Universite de Montreal during
the forthcoming annual meeting there of the
lawyers from across the country. Mr. Hackett
is mentioned in Ottawa as a possible candidate
for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Dr. Gustave Lanctot, president of the Royal
Society of Canada and Dominion Archivist, has
been elected as Canada's representative on the
International Commission on Folk Arts and
Folklore. The commission, affiliated with
UNESCO, is a clearing house for information
and studies on folklore, folk arts and music.
Its headquarters are in Paris. Dr. Lanctot,
president of the Canadian Folklore Society for
20 years, is a well-known historian and author
of a number of books on Canadian and Amer-
ican history. One is a study of Canadian-Amer-
ican relations, entitled "Quebec and its
Southern Neighbors."

Hugo Grotius, Dutch politician and jurist,
died this date 1645. He wrote Latin plays and
verses, and became historiographer to the
United Provinces; was sent to England in 1613
to make arrangements concerning whale fish-
eries. In the disputes between rigid Calvin-
ists and the followers of Arminius he tried to
restrain the Calvinist clergy by maintaining the
supremacy of State in Church affairs, and
composed an edict counselling toleration, the
publication of which aroused popular resent-
ment. Grotius was arrested and sentenced to
life-long confinement; but his wife, who shared
his imprisonment, soon afterwards contrived his
escape. Going to Paris he subsequently held the
post of Swedish Ambassador. His most celeb-
rated works are De Jure Belli et Pacis, of which
there is an English translation—a great treatise
in jurisprudence; and Annales et Historiae de
Rebus Belgicis, an historical work: "Cities are
immortal."



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

The Charlottetown Amateur Or-
chestral Club paid a visit to the For-
mal on Monday last, and gave a
very creditable performance in
the hall there. There were some
drawbacks to the occasion. One:
that the mass of the audience
would persist in remaining out-
side, thus avoiding the entrance
fee; and the other: that the
mission of the Club was seriously
misunderstood. There seems to
have been an impression that our
musical friends were a body of
potato merchants, and numerous
samples of tubers were thrown in
through the windows for the in-
spiration of the musicians. But
for these trifles the performance
was a complete success.

—Weekly Examiner, October 4, 1944.

Britain Building

Territorial Army

(By Stuart Underhill, Canadian
Press Staff Writer)

Britain is getting ready for an
all-out recruiting campaign for
its territorial army — its citizen
soldiers who turn out for weekly
drills and two weeks' annual
camp.

Field Marshal Viscount Mont-
gomery, chief of the Imperial Gen-
eral Staff, says that without these
men there could be no national
army and no national security.
Full-dress recruiting begins in
mid-October. The official send-
off comes at the end of that month
with a review in London's Hyde
Park. The object is to raise the
territorial army's present strength
of 50,000 to 150,000.

The need of building up the ter-
ritorialials has become more urgent
due to the slump in recruiting
for the regular army. Despite
conscription for 18-year-olds, the
intake is said to be running about
20,000 behind the figures neces-
sary for a trained force of 200,000
by next spring.

The War Office plans call for
the territorialials as well: Trained
force to be ready to step into
any defensive breach alongside
the regular army. The territorial-
ials attend 30 drills yearly and are
trained to handle modern weapons
and think along the lines of mod-
ern warfare.

"Every man and woman in Brit-
ain should understand that the
territorial army falls, their homes,
their freedom and their way of
life would be in the gravest dan-
ger if we were attacked," Lord
Montgomery said in an address at
Blackpool.

He is anxious to get the terri-
torialials built up in time for the
regular army's annual war man-
oeuvre which next year will be
"exercise Bamboo" and dealt
with a hypothetical far-eastern
problem.

"Exercise Britannia" will cover
the whole question of civil de-
fence in Britain in the atomic
age. This is in itself an innova-
tion since it will involve civil
departments in war games. Rep-
resentatives from the dominions
and from British cities which
were badly bombed in the war
will be invited to attend.

Lord Montgomery told service
chiefs, at a recent conference
that their job is "to try to evolve
a civil defence doctrine and tech-
nique which will link the civil
organization with the military one
in this great matter of defence.
We can not have two things in
water-tight compartments."

"The territorialials will draw pay
while on duty and also other
concessions."

The Field Marshal already has
introduced many reforms in the
regular army in hopes of step-
ping up recruiting. The cam-
paign is lagging due to disas-
trous food. Men have com-
plained that they have to spend
most of their spare cash in the
canteen to fill up on buns be-
tween meals. Another cause dis-
satisfaction is the lack of married
quarters.

The Age-Old Story

Surely I know it shall be well
with them that fear God, which
feared before Him.

Car Prices

(Ottawa Journal)

There was rejoicing in the hearts
of thousands of prospective buyers
of automobiles on July 31 when
Finance Minister Abbott, as a pre-
lude to the National Liberal con-
vention, removed the heavy excise
taxes on Canadian-made cars. But
their joy has been short-lived. Now,
less than two weeks after the re-
moval of the impost, prices of both
Ford and General Motors machines
have been moved up another
notch. Reason given for the boost
is the inevitable "rising material
and labor costs."

Mr. Greenfield, director of sales
and advertising of the Ford Motor
Company of Canada, said that the
company had "come to this decision
(to increase prices) reluctantly,"
and he followed the history of the firm will
question that reluctance. Henry Ford
became ruler of a great automo-
tive empire and one of the world's
richest men not by building ex-
pensive cars but by building auto-
mobiles priced within the reach
of those receiving modest salaries
and wages. For a time at least
the swiftest here see it.

Whether there is a field for
enterprising manufacturers in
putting out a car priced lower than
those in today's automobile show-
rooms is problematical. It can be
reasoned that there should be. On
the other hand, it is difficult to
imagine such corporations as Ford,
General Motors or Chrysler mis-
giving a worthwhile bet. The Ger-
man has just started mass pro-
duction of the "universal car"
shortly before Hitler led his leg-
ions into Poland and the making
of this car—it was called the
"KdF car"—was the main object
of the "Strength Through Joy"
manufacture of military vehicles.
Perhaps some wealthy industrial-
ist will build an American or
Canadian version of this low-
priced machine and put it on the
market. It would be an American
or would-be motorist and his own
enrichment. Those in the lower
and medium income brackets can
only stand and wait.

Beef Famine Unlikely

(Financial Post)

Officials here are inclined to
think all the rumpus over beef
prices which has followed re-
moval of the embargo on the ex-
port of beef cattle to the United
States, will settle down very
quickly. So long as the price of
beef remains below the current
no suggestion yet of reimposing
ceilings, nor is it thought Cana-
dians will go short on beef.

Price-wise, things will probably
settle down to about another
cent per pound. Another who has
made a deep study of the problem, says
he does not know what to ex-
pect to sit on the situation and
see what happens.

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army in Germany is recognized
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the United States position in any
Middle Eastern war. Officials
here were actually surprised, two
years ago, when the United States
immediately recognized its inter-
ests at the time when Britain was
forced by economic circumstances
to withdraw from Greece, and
they are waiting to see how far
it goes.

Efforts at fence repairing are
going on as opportunities de-
velop, but there is an air here of
not knowing just what to do next.
All they are sure of is that they
with the problem had never come
up.

Some of the moon's craters are
more than a hundred miles across
and thousands of feet deep.

The Poet's Corner

THE BELL

One midnight deep in starlight
still,
I dreamed that I received this bill:
(In account with Life)
Five breathless dawns, all new;
Five thousand sunsets, wrapped in
gold;
One million snowflakes, served ice-
cold;
Five quiet friends; one baby's love;
One mad, white sea, with clouds
above;
One hundred music-haunted
dreams
Of moon-drenched roads and hur-
rying streams;
Of prophesying winds and trees;
Of silent stars and howling bees;
One drum right in a fragrant wood;
One heart that loved and under-
stood;
I wondered when I waked at day-
break,
How, how in God's name—I could
pay.

Jewish State A U. S. Mistake

(By J. M. Roberts, Jr., Associated
Press News Analyst)

British officials still think that
the United States made its great-
est post-war mistake in Palestin-
e. They recognize the pressures to
which the Washington Govern-
ment was exposed, they agree
when reminded that American
policy goes back to Britain's Bal-
can declaration after the First
World War, which was interpret-
ed as promising a Jewish National
State in Palestine.

But foreign office experts think
it was immature political think-
ing to project the national state
idea into a new era in which they
consider Russian containment to
be the paramount world issue.

They admit they are not en-
tirely clear on what should have
been done. They admit that
humanitarian thinking, something
they have grown to expect from
the United States, probably played
as much a part in American
policy as did domestic politics.

They reiterate, however, that
this is a hard world and that the
practicalities of the main ques-
tion must frequently override
moves which may appear desir-
able within themselves.

Some of them say that if the
United States, instead of coming
out for partition two years ago,
had exercised its influence with
the Jews while Britain did the
same among the Arabs, the con-
flict might not have reached the
point where compromise was im-
possible. Another who has made
a deep study of the problem, says
he does not know what to ex-
pect to sit on the situation and
see what happens.

And that seems to be all they
can think of now. But they think
that some way must be worked
out to fill the vacuum of Anglo-
American loss of prestige among
the Arabs.

As a matter of fact, although
they do not come right out and
say so, there seems to be an
undercurrent of fear here that the
Middle East is much more vul-
nerable than is Western Europe,
over which so much concern is
being displayed on both sides of
the Atlantic.

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army in Germany is recognized
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Notes By The Way

Another reason there are so few
liberties left is that everyone is
taking them. —Hamilton Specia-
tor.

The average wife likes to go to
her husband's office once in a
while to let the girls see what
kind of clothes he buys her. —
Brandon Sun.

Just another step in the wrong
direction, but one of those that is
building up quite a path, all told,
is the news that Communist coun-
tries in Europe are rejecting the
Boy Scout movement. That's the
word from Mr. Jackson D. Reid,
Dominion Scout commissioner,
just returned from the annual
meeting of the Scout Internation-
al Committee in Switzerland. And
that, in spite of the fact that the
Scout motto is "Be Prepared." —
Windsor Star.

Shiftiness never pays. One he
leads to another, till the victim of
this vicious tendency becomes dis-
credited, and shunned. The im-
portant thing is to be scrupulous
in small matters as well as great;
holding nothing too trivial to be
dealt with otherwise than in the
spirit of sincerity, honesty and
fair dealing. Reliability is one of
the chief assets which any one can
possess; it should be cultivated
by the young as a priceless at-
tribute in all human relationships.
Never compromise with the truth.
—Hamilton Spectator.

The coffee drinkers of the United
States out-swallow the milk
drinkers by a billion gallons a
year, statisticians say. Beer drink-
ers are a poor third, soft drink
devotees fourth and the "hard
liquor" imbibers a limping fifth,
they said. Figure-jugglers of the
Northwestern National Life In-
surance Co. estimated that Ameri-
cans will consume nearly a billion
gallons of coffee this year, enough
to keep Niagara Falls flowing for
87 minutes. The experts calculat-
ed that 80 percent of the coffee
is brewed and drunk at home and
the other 20 percent, consumed in
public eating places. The total a-
mounts to 55 gallons per capita. —
Wall Street Journal.

Always it is next month that the
crisis is to occur in China, which
now has been at the crossroads
longer than the hitchhiker with
a steamer trunk. —Stratford Star
con-Herald.

A New Orleans woman killed
her husband because he called her
"skinny." Maybe tomorrow she
hers would be no uniform. "Ras-
pberry in Blue" then "Prelude to
a Sharp Minor" and finally "Now
is the Hour." What was this list
of popular music? It was a list
short for by first offenders in Cal-
ifornia State Prison when Joe Jus-
tice came to play for them. It is
just such a list as any group of
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