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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Mr. Pouliot On The Rampage

Mr. J. F. Pouliot, K. C., Liberal member for
Temiscouata, who was so favourably impressed
with Prince Edward Island on his recent visit here,

It happened when, in connection with the bill
for abolition of appeals to the Privy Council,
Prime Minister St. Laurent was quoted as being
in agreement with the Canadian Bar Association's
contention that the principle of stare decisis
ought to continue to be applied with respect
to past decisions of the Council.

"I do not agree with the law society of Upper
Canada or of Lower Canada or of the Maritimes
or with the Canadian Bar Association, and I
shall tell the committee why. On one occasion
I was sent by the general council of the
Quebec bar to what is called a conference on the
uniformity of laws, or something like that, held
in Niagara Falls. We met together, and we met
all the somnolent deputy Attorneys General of
Canada. They were pleasant gentlemen of a certain
age who could go to sleep very easily. We had
a round-table discussion. . . . We discussed several
matters that were submitted to the provinces.
They called it draft legislation, and they submitted
it every year. It was a pretext for meeting
a week ahead of the Canadian Bar Association's
meeting. They were all there. Their expenses
were paid by the provinces. It was quite happy
and glorious in his sleep. . . . Finally one of the
legal luminaries from British Columbia, and some
others from other provinces, decided that there
should be a new section placed in the Criminal
Code. My friend Mr. Rivard was on that committee.
He had his Code in his hand and he listened
to the argument that it was in the public interest,
and that there was great necessity to draft
a new section to the Criminal Code. There they
were. They worked hard. They were sweating.
It was a very hot day. Sometimes there was
a word of wisdom and an odd suggestion that
would come from the august lips of the deputy
Attorneys General. They were arguing, they were
discussing and they were submitting new reasons
for new sections. They were changing a word,
adding another word, changing a comma into a
semi-colon and a semi-colon into a comma, or
putting a period in the middle of a sentence, and
other important things. It was done in great
solemnity. It was a tremendous job; and finally
Mr. Rivard came with his Criminal Code and with
the amendments, and he said to the illustrious
lawyers: "Is not that article already in the Criminal
Code?"

Mr. Pouliot left it at that. As a reason
for disagreeing with the Bar Association's views
on the principle of stare decisis his comments
were somewhat lame, but they provided an enter-
taining interlude in an otherwise dry debate.

Butter Market Steady

It is reassuring to note that so far, at any
rate, margarine has not made any serious inroads
into the butter market in Canada. Canadians
continue to consume from 23,000,000 to 25,000,000
pounds of butter a month.

A normal amount of butter was in storage
on Sept. 1, about 66,550,000 pounds. It exceeded
by 15,000,000 pounds the amount stored a year
ago when Canada had to import 15,000,000 pounds
to meet domestic demand. September was a
good month for the production of both butter
and cheese, with plenty of rain and the nights
not too cold. If good weather continues in Octo-
ber, Canada may have more than enough butter
to carry over the lean winter months until
big production is resumed in May, but the surplus
will not be enough to cause anxiety.

Canada's economy is adapted to produce just
enough butter to supply the domestic market. Any
exportable surplus should be in cheese, which
commands a premium in the world market, whereas
butter would sell at a discount. When the exact
surpluses are known the Government will be
in a position to decide whether there should be
any price adjustment next year to increase the
production of cheese at the expense of butter.
Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, the Minister of Agriculture,
speaking in the Commons, pointed out that the
production of cheese had increased last summer
by a shift from the production of evaporated
milk which is now in heavy supply.

The Government is supporting both butter
and cheese. The dairy products board buys butter
at 58 cents basis Grade A and pays 30 cents
a pound for the best cheese. While it takes twice
as much milk to produce a pound of butter as a
pound of cheese, the skim milk left after making
butter is more valuable than the whey after
making cheese.

The board has completed the purchase of
\$1,000,000 worth of dry skim milk powder for the
United Nations children's relief and a similar
course might well be followed in dealing with the
abnormal reserve of 57,000,000 pounds of evaporated
milk now congesting the warehouses.

Mr. Gardiner told the Commons he expected
to be able to negotiate another cheese agree-
ment with the United Kingdom. This year's
quota of 50,000,000 pounds was filled by the end
of August.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fire Prevention Week.

Columbus Day in U. S. A.

Edith Cavell, English martyr in the First
World War, died this date 1915.

Congratulations to Professor Blanchard who
is about to have the honorary LL.D. of Laval con-
ferred upon him.

There will be a chorus of journalistic amens
to the Summerside Journal's plea for someone
who can be editor and right at the same time.

In Saint John they have a mysterious taxi
murder case on their hands, and Chief of Police
Oakes has offered \$500. for information that
would lead to the conviction of the murderer.

In New York "the heat was turned on" both
atmospherically and figuratively for the World
Series. But 86.9 temperature for a day in October
is some record breaker.

Ottawa Journal reporters have discovered the
original Welsh name of the Prime Minister's resi-
dence, Gorphwysfa. While Ottawa is taking "Dom-
inion" out of the Dominion of Canada it would
be well to attend to that little matter also.

Forecast legislation providing for compensa-
tion to municipalities where non-taxable Govern-
ment property is located is long overdue. Some
municipalities already receive such aid but it
should not depend upon how loud a howl can
be raised.

Tariff reductions are in the wind at last.
To the Maritimes, Free Trade is only a wishful
dream of what might have been had it not been
judged wise to build up Canadian industry in On-
tario and Quebec behind tariff walls.

British Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDon-
ald, born this date 1866. From school teaching to
envelope addressing, Mr. MacDonald rose step
by step till he became the first Labour Prime Min-
ister in Britain. Later he formed a coalition Govern-
ment which carried on for the duration of the war.

The forthcoming United Kingdom general
election will be a contest between Labour and
Conservatives, both of whom stand for a powerful
central government. The British Liberals who de-
sire a minimum of central government control
leaving administration to county councils, munic-
ipalities, etc., seem to be hardly in the running.

The Soviet Communists are beginning to re-
alize they cannot get far socially or nationally
without returning to the Christian way of life, as
in the recognition of the family as the basis of
social law and practical administration. Where
there is looseness in the observance of marriage
and home-life, downgrade and disrespect for all
law and order follow as the night the day.

The A. A.'s had a marvellous celebration
in the City over the week-end and without re-
source to spiritual stimulants. Left to their
anonymity members of the organization carry on
a wonderful work of reclamation and redemption
which is practicable and profitable to the in-
dividual and community alike. But, all attempts
to make the organization a means to an end as
a publicity stunt should be sternly repressed.

As will be seen from a letter in today's is-
sue, the monument to the pioneers at Brudenell
Island, erected in 1903, attracts a large number
of summer visitors, despite the poor condition of
the road which makes motoring difficult. It is to
be hoped that this drawback will be remedied
at the earliest possible date by the Public Works
Department. Priority should be given to historic
spots of this kind, in making them easily acces-
sible to islanders and tourists alike.

The well known weekly Saturday Night ap-
peared last week-end as a news magazine. Pre-
viously published in tabloid-newspaper form with
28 to 40 pages, the 62-year-old publication now
is an 84-page magazine the shape of Maclean's
and the Saturday Evening Post. New type and
page styling have been adopted as well. The pub-
lishers, Consolidated Press Ltd., aimed the change
at increased newsstand sales to supplement the
old Saturday Night's largely direct-to-subscribers
circulation of 43,000.

There is balm in Gilead. A Liberal member
from Quebec, Mr. Wilfred Lacroix, has proposed
in the House of Commons that it urge the Govern-
ment to amend the Income Tax Act to aid
farmers. He placed on the Commons order paper
a resolution urging consideration of abolishing
taxation when a farmer gives part of his land
to a member of his family "with a view to in-
tensifying farm production." He also proposed
tax deductions on behalf of children working on
their parents' farms and appointment of persons
acquainted with farm problems as income-tax
assessors for farms.

Egg prices on October 7 this year and pre-
vious years. The prices quoted below are for Grade
A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices
are those at which graded shipments are selling
to wholesalers. At other points quotations are
prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

	1949	1948	1947
Montreal	65	68-69	54
Toronto	61-62	66-67	53-54
Winnipeg	50	54	42-43
Vancouver	58	52	40
Edmonton	52	47	40
Regina	50-53	51	41-42
Charlottetown	48	57	42

Egg production appears to be holding about
steady. Demand is fairly good from other Mar-
itime points and no surplus exists on dealers'
floors here. Quality is only fair. Registered sta-
tions are quoting for ungraded eggs Grade A
Large 48, Medium 38, Pullets 30, Grade B 39,
Grade C 26.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

BRUDENELL ISLAND

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me
space in your paper to advise those
interested in Brudenell Island as to
the attendance of visitors this
season. Last July I placed a cabin-
net there, with a visitors' book
inside, asking all visitors to regis-
ter. From July 1 to September 18,
316 persons registered—273 Prince
Edward Islanders, with addresses
from East Point to Alberton, also
forty-three tourists, from Vancou-
ver, B. C. to Sydney, N. S. Taking
in May and June, a safe estimate
of the number of visitors would
be about 500.

Many went by motor boat from
Georgetown and elsewhere. A
number of cars risked the almost
impassable road that was to be
mached last June.

Much has been said about at-
tracting tourists to the Island.
Why not maintain this short piece
of road at Brudenell Island, and
thus enable our tourists and other
visitors to visit a place of interest
in the history of our pioneer set-
tlers?

I am, Sir, etc.
E. B. McLAREN
Georgetown, P. E. I.

The Poet's Corner

WHITENESS

The little betrothed has washed
her linen—
And hung it out to dry.
It puffs and blows into mists and
cloudlets under the April sky.

Her arms are as white as the white
her throat is as white as may;
And her heart, like a song on a
sunny morning,
New-born and sweet as they.

She will walk in white to church
on Sunday
Through orchards where birds sing;
And the bridegroom, taking her
home at evening,
Will think he weds the Spring.

—Isabel Hume.

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

SOIDISANT LADIES

"We have received a communica-
tion complaining of certain
soidisant Ladies in this place, who
when they happen to want a
servant make no scruple of en-
deavouring to inveigle away the
servants of other people from
their plain from inserting the
names of the parties alluded to,
hesitate to publish the names of
My peace be removed, with the
delicacy due in holding up to
merited contempt those who would
stoop to such a low and paltry
artifice."
—Prince Edward Island Register,
Sept. 6, 1825.

The Age-Old Story

As I have sworn that the waters
of Noah should no more go over
the earth, so have I sworn that I
would not be wroth with thee.
For the mountains shall depart,
and the hills be removed; but My
kindness shall not depart from
thee; neither shall the covenant of
My peace be removed, saith the
Lord that hath mercy on thee.

CHINESE REDS TAKE CHURCHES

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 11.—(AP)—
A Vatican source said today that
Roman Catholic Churches in areas
occupied by the Chinese Commu-
nist armies have been turned
into food warehouses, prisons, con-
ference halls, hospitals or theatres.
The Communists, it added, ex-
cepted Peiping and Tientsin from
such treatment as a "policy of
tolerance to deceive the world."

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Notes From Another Island

By "Annon"

LONDON, England.—About
twenty miles out of London there
is a small town I know where
the Corporation operate a very
nice fleet of what we call "dust-
carts", trucks which go around the
town collecting people's garbage.

Across the front of each dust-cart
is a large sign which says "SAVE
RAGS AND PAPER FOR THE
CRISIS". I always think that the
Corporation ought to have added
the date so that we'd have known
which particular crisis they were
thinking about.

There is a tale behind this, of
course. It harks back to the war,
when we were all ordered to save
all the waste paper and rags that
we could, so that the stuff could
be reconverted into war material,
and so that the Merchant Navy
could fill their ships with import-
ant goods instead of well, paper
and rags. There were no half-
measures about it, either; you
could be summonsed by the police
if you even threw away a used
"bus ticket!"

Soon after the war finished,
when we were having an economic
crisis, the idea started up
again, and we were told to save all
the paper and rags we could en-
more, so that we wouldn't have to
spend so much overseas in buying
more to replace what we'd used.
"SAVE WASTE PAPER" became
something like a national slogan,
used almost as often as sayings
like "Have some tea?" or "Sorry,
we haven't any cigarettes today."

It must have been at the time
of that crisis, probably three years
ago now, that the Corporation of
the town I'm thinking of had the
idea of making their dust-carts
into a boost for the salvage cam-
paign. But I think they must have
known a thing or two about the
future when, after that particular
crisis had passed, they left the
signs on the dustcarts as if there
was going to be another crisis any
day.

Well, sure enough, we have had
plenty of crises since then, so the
signs have never got out of date,
and they are just as topical now
as the day they were painted. The
only trouble is, they have lost a
bit of their punch, because people
are bound to say either "Which
particular crisis?" or "What, are
we having another crisis now?" I
think we've had too many of them;
a crisis these days doesn't seem to
get half the notice taken of it that

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Notes By The Way

It has been proven that large
areas in Northern Manitoba are
suitable for mixed farming and
with more and better roads being
built in that part of the country
markets for many kinds of produce
are being made accessible. The
need in Manitoba is for more mixed
farms and prospects are there
will be many more in the north
within a very short time. — Win-
nipeg Tribune.

Bring out the herring salad, the
salmon pudding, the meat slices,
the carrot marmalade, the stuffed
eggs, the pickles and jams, the
anchovies and goat's cheese. Smor-
gastord is back in Sweden. At
least the traditional table load of
hors d'oeuvres which for over
eight years has been restricted to
six types of appetizers is legal
again. — Christian Science Moni-
tor.

The new interim increase in
freight rates granted by the Board
of Transport Commissioners means
another increase in living costs
that drives home to us again the
futility of trying to keep up a
race between wages and prices. It
is high time for all the elements
of this country to ask themselves
seriously how long our economy
can stand this sort of thing. We
Canadians are in the grip of an-
other devaluation program, one of
our own making. Somewhere,
somehow we will have to take a
firm stand and put an end to this
useless chase between wages and
prices. Otherwise we are headed
for grief. — Vancouver Province.

For people who have spent their
lives in twentieth century Alberta
or Saskatchewan, the big world
days are hard to visualize. The
animals straggled in vast herds
across the whole western plain of
North America, from the Gulf of
Mexico to the edge of the north-
ern forests; at times, the journals
of old travellers, tell us, the land
was "black with them." They
were the grail's one economic
asset in the first days of settle-
ment. For the Indian they were
life itself; they provided him not
only with his food but with the
materials for his clothing, his tent
and almost all his possessions.
Early white settlers were almost
as dependent on them for food
short, every member of the
family who could ride set out to
find a herd. Yet in only a dec-
ade, the 1870's, his whole mat-
tern of life was swept away. Ex-
cessive and indiscriminate killing,
made possible by the then new
repeating rifle, and by the early
1880's only a few buffalo were left,
to be carefully preserved, eventu-
ally, in special parks. — Edmonton
Journal.

The Japanese people, particu-
larly the women, are going to be
grateful to us this year. Everyone
— man, woman and child— will
become one or two years younger as
a result of the adoption of a law
by the Tokyo Diet. It is not that
the Japanese have found the foun-
tain of youth, but that they are
going to count the western way
from now on. Under the old sys-
tem a baby was one year old when
he was born and added another
year to his or her age the follow-
ing January 1. Thus, a baby born
December 31 would become two
years old the next day. Under
the United States influence, the

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