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

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Dr. Cyrus Macmillan Honoured

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, which is to be conferred upon Hon. Dr. Cyrus Macmillan at the McGill University convocation exercises on May 28, is a timely recognition of the services of a distinguished son of Prince Edward Island on his retirement as dean of the University's faculty of Arts and Science.

Dr. Macmillan's career is a striking example of the success achieved in little one room school-houses in developing native talent. The talent itself, of course, was inborn. Dr. Macmillan comes of fine old Highland stock, on the paternal side being a direct descendant of the Belfast pioneers. When he graduated from Prince of Wales College after obtaining his early schooling at Belfast, it was with an honor diploma and the Vice-Chancellor's medal for English awarded by the late Justice Fitzgerald.

Following the First World War, in which he served first with the McGill Battery and subsequently as officer commanding the 6th (Saint John) Battery, and was twice mentioned in despatches, Dr. Macmillan again took up his academic career. He became head of the English Literature department at McGill in 1925, chairman of the University committee on extension courses, and later dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, one of the most important educational positions in the Dominion.

This bare summary of scholastic achievements leaves much unsaid. Dr. Macmillan is master of the art of writing as well as of teaching, as all can testify who have read his Canadian Wander Tales and other stories, or his monumental "McGill and Its Story" which was published in 1920 on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his alma mater. As a member of the Duncan Commission on Maritime Claims (1926), of the Atlantic Fisheries Commission (1928), and chairman of the P. E. I. Commission on Education (1929), he performed services of great value and importance, both to his native Province and the Maritimes in general.

Dr. Macmillan also found time for several years' service in public life as a member of Parliament for Queen's. He was Minister of Marine and Fisheries for a time, and during the last war served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Defense for Air, and chairman of the very important parliamentary committee on war veterans' pensions. Like many others, he has had his ups and downs in politics, but his position as an outstanding Canadian, and distinguished Islander, has always remained unchallenged. It is on this ground, as well as for his devoted service to McGill, that the University is once again honouring him, and in doing so is honouring itself.

His many friends and admirers here, who are of all parties and sects, congratulate Dr. Macmillan most heartily on his latest distinction, and wish him and Mrs. Macmillan many years of health and happiness upon his retirement.

Insurance Looming Larger

Among the many evidences of our national prosperity, one of the most significant was pointed out by Mr. J. Muir, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, at the annual meeting this week of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association. This was the fact that life insurance per household in Canada has grown from \$1,007 in 1919 to \$3,400 at the present time. Since 1921, the per capita holding of life insurance increased from \$334 to \$890 in 1946. Last year Canadian insurance companies distributed \$165,000,000 in benefits to policyholders and their beneficiaries, and Canadians bought \$1,777,000,000 of new insurance.

Mr. Muir gave some interesting facts he came across while preparing material for his talk to the insurance men. An average man whose earnings are \$2,500 a year at age 30 is worth as a source of income \$32,300 to his family. This is the present worth of his future earnings in excess of expenditures on his own person, discounted at 2 1/2 per cent per annum. At age 50, if his earning capacity has increased to \$9,000 a year, he has a net value of \$66,600 to his dependents. "If figures such as these were shown convincingly to business men, indicating the amounts their families should have to replace their earnings," he said, "there would be considerable heart-searching and revision of budgets to provide for more realistic insurance coverage."

Mr. Muir suggested that consideration might be given by the Government by way of allowing reasonable premium payments to be deductible from income for income tax purposes. Justification for this is to be found in the fact that policies carried by bread-winners relieve

the government, taxpayers and charitable bodies of many obligations for surviving families which they would otherwise have to assume.

Other aspects of life insurance were ably dealt with at the convention by the President, Mr. E. C. MacDonald, and by Mr. Paul F. Clark, president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In Manitoba it is now illegal for anyone but a blind person to carry a white cane.

In Manitoba legislation has been passed authorizing government offices to use Daylight Saving Time when they happen to be situated in a municipality which has adopted it.

Our Government will be interested to learn that Quebec Province reports increased use of electric power. In January and February the central stations generated 4,275,751,000 kilowatt hours compared with 3,625,955,000 in the same period of last year.

Manitoba Legislature has passed an Act requiring Credit Unions to pay a fee on filing statements of operations and pay a penalty for failure to file this return on time. Another amendment requires agents and salesmen of out-of-province nurseries to be registered.

It is highly satisfactory to find our egg production is maintaining its high standard both as regards quantity and quality. The demand for P. E. I. eggs for export is steadily growing, and it is for us to see that we take full advantage of this profitable market.

The new political enthusiasm evidenced in Halifax, is likely to grow and spread throughout the Dominion. The present government has been long in office, and the tendency in such cases, is, as the Hon. Mr. Campbell told his colleagues in the local Legislature, for a "land-slide" to ensue when the electors are next called upon for a decision.

The United Church Presbytery has gone on record once more against gambling, be it by raffles, betting or any similar method. Of course, the trouble here, as with Prohibition enforcement, is the powers-that-be provide loopholes whereby the provisions of the law may be avoided without legal consequences.

Our City choristers have entered into competition with mainlanders in a music festival at New Glasgow, and return carrying outstanding honours, Sir Ernest MacMillan, adjudicator, declaring of one performance: "this was the best singing heard at the Festival." High praise indeed, coming from the greatest authority on the art in Canada, and reflecting the highest credit on the conductor of the Choral Club, Mrs. Edwin Johnstone.

Both the Progressive Conservatives and the C. C. F.'s are busy organizing locally, and selecting candidates for nomination when an election is declared. The Government forces do not seem to be troubling themselves in the matter, but of course, they already have a majority of members now in the House, and these may consider themselves safe for renomination when the call is finally made.

Mrs. F. D. Hemans, English poetess, died this date 1835. Her first publication was at the age of fifteen, and she continued to write and publish over a period of twenty-six years. Her better known poems are "The Better Land", "Graves of a Household", "The Homes of England", "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers": "Ay, call it Holy ground, The soil where first they trod! They have left unstained what there they found— Freedom to worship God."

The Montreal Standard has won a second important verdict in the Maritimes in the interests of the Freedom of the Press—the first in connection with criticism of a New Brunswick institution, and now with regard to the conduct of a Nova Scotia institution. It is one of the prime duties of the Press to throw the light of publicity on what is considered the shortcomings and defects of publicly maintained and directed organizations, and the Standard deserves hearty congratulations on having for the second time successfully at great expense, discharged this duty.

Under an Act adopted at the recent session of Manitoba Legislature certain municipalities are authorized to enact by-laws relating to the closing of gasoline stations and providing for a system of closing in rotation, etc.; allows a rural municipality to require shops to be closed for a weekly half-holiday only in parts of the municipality if the council so decides, and permits the council to choose any day of the week for weekly closing.

This is how the crippled are handled "down under." A colony is being developed in Australia where crippled children are being mentally equipped to take their place in society. It is a 26 acre "farm hospital" at Campbellton, New South Wales. The children who go to the farm home make mental and physical progress that astounds everyone. They learn to do things for themselves and are encouraged by the company of children who have similar handicaps. They live, go to school and play with other crippled children in the best possible conditions. The farm was established in 1939 when a two-story home and farm land was donated to the New South Wales Society for Crippled Children. During the war, staff shortages were a handicap, but an ambitious set of blueprints is now becoming a reality. Most of the produce to feed the children is grown on the farm.

Notes By the Way

Not one person attending a theatre quiz in Dublin could name the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers who have been meeting in Moscow. Disgraceful! Anyone ought to know that they were Churchill, Wallace, de Gaulle and Trotsky. — Windsor Star.

There are to be 12 sculptured panels in the stonework of the beautiful new Bank of Montreal building now being erected at King and Bay streets in Toronto. Each panel is to be representative of some phase of Canadian life. There is to be the nude figure of a man. That, we suppose, will represent the average Canadian after Ilsey and Abbott have taken his shirt. — W. L. Clark, in Windsor Star.

After many months of agitation by Scottish farmers, millers, grocers and housewives, oatmeal and barley products have been removed from the points rationing scheme. Supplies are now sufficient for all normal demands for human consumption. The minister reminds traders and the public that the sale, purchase or use of these foods for other than human consumption is an offence. — Edinburgh Scotsman.

The army has corrected a long standing injustice by ordering that the caste system be abolished in military cemeteries. The order by Secretary Patterson that no distinction be made between the location of graves of officers and enlisted men in national cemeteries is in the spirit of Americanism, in which heroism knows no creed or rank. The dead of all stations are more truly honored this way. — Boston Post.

Footloose coffee-making equipment for restaurants is the aim of a joint committee of coffee growers, roasters and servers which has been set up in New York. The committee will spend \$20,000 to find out just what makes a good cup of coffee. The project will be divided between a commercial research organization and a state university. — Moncton Times.

With every swollen creek and every raging river goes some of the value of every piece of land through which it passes, and which cannot be restored, and which is replaced from the top six inches of the soil comes Canada's bread and butter and on which every other industry trade and calling are more or less dependent. To neglect its conservation or to delay in putting into execution some form of effective control will have far-reaching, disastrous results to say nothing of the damage and the loss sustained in many municipalities when the flood waters drive many from their homes and places of business — Exeter Times-Advocate.

In the New York city area, as the Building Trades Employers Association reports, bricklayers get \$17.60 and cement masons, \$14.70 for a seven-hour day; plumbers, as much as \$15.75, and steamfitters \$16.10 for a seven-hour day; plasterers \$15 and electrical workers \$13.50, but both for a six-hour day. Even ordinary excavating labor demands \$12 for an eight-hour day or \$60 for a forty-hour week. The enormous backlog of work for all building labor, but high hourly rates and short days add incentive to the quest for labor — saving materials made for economy. — New York Sun.

A new chair has been created at the Institute of Medical and Scientific Research of Grasse which seems destined to become as important as that of Chemistry, botany or biology. Its occupant will be a professor of perfume. "Why not?" said the Mayor of Grasse, as quoted in France-Amérique. There are arts and crafts. Why not for perfume — one of the most important French exports? After all, Grasse is the international capital of the perfume industry, the city of alchemists Outliving and harvesting flowers, distilling, bottling and corking their oils has been for years the occupation of most of the town's inhabitants. At the turn of the century the idea of a chair of perfume would have been preposterous. Today perfume is an industry. The gifted and omnipotent "Noses" of Grasse who spent their days sniffing happily jasmynes, orange blossoms and spice bouquets will have to bow before the spirit that science will bring to that industry. — New York Times.

Whatever remains of Heligoland after the recent "Operation Big Bang" is impossible that the little island can ever again be used as a base in war. The natural erosion which reduced its extent from 1,000 acres to 200 acres in the course of three centuries will rapidly eat into the remainder of the sandstone now that the artificial protection has been demolished; the miles of underground tunnelling will but accelerate disintegration. The story of an unusually prolific times offers an unusually prolific example of warlike humanity's capacity for futile labor. Three years were spent after 1918 in destroying Heligoland's fortifications. Another three years were spent before 1930 in building a more modern fortress and submarine base, later extended by thousands of slave-laborers. Recently this target of repeated and costly R. A. F. raids was burst from within by thousands of tons of high explosives. In non-German hands Heligoland would be hard to protect; in German hands it would once more be a threat to other nations. Its virtual disappearance recently is not a very defying solution, but it is probably the only answer to the fear of its use as a war-base any more. — London Daily Telegraph.

The Poets Corner

CURMUDGEON REBUKED

The muted trumpet yelps alone Exuding "love" the other players wait. The fierce soprano-saxophone Squeals like a pig beneath a gate. The cymbals clash, the mad guitar Plunks endlessly a four-beat bar. Shouts of approval, clapping most intense Now follow from the Studio Audience.

A deep contralto makes her whine Exuding "love" at every breath, Using three pauses to the line, Dragging the silly tune to death, With obligato on the cello Too vibrant and too mango-mellow. Shouts of approval, clapping most intense Now follow from the Studio Audience.

A tenor declamation Reads out a Tribute to the Spring With adjectives like "lush", "sun-kissed", A too-ornate, rococo thing Which any editor would scorn As most indubitably "corn". Shouts of approval, clapping most intense Now follow from the Studio Audience.

What ails these folk anonymous Who strain the "mike" with constant praise While I, with frown continuous, Deplore the Radio's vapid ways, Disdain the fashion of the hour And stay motionless and sour? The Studio Audience replies: "Gee Whiz! Who does this writing fellow think he is?" — J. E. M. in Toronto Saturday Night.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY

"Tuesday, the 16th of May, A. D. 1843, will long be remembered as a gala day in the history of Prince Edward Island. The morning was dark and lowering, but about ten o'clock the clouds that rendered the bright and glorious sun obscure, gradually dispersed; and all nature assumed its most cheerful aspect to impart to the business of the day that liveliness which such a proceeding as that of laying the corner stone of the New Colonial Building should require.

"At a quarter to 2 o'clock, the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, with other free and accepted Masons, proceeded in procession from the Masonic Hall to the Government House, for the purpose of conducting His Excellency Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Knight, our worthy and esteemed Governor, to this spot, where the proceedings of the day were to take place. "At 2 o'clock the procession moved from Government House in the following order: The Masons, headed by a band of music, who although amateurs, acquitted themselves creditably, led the van; then followed His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, wearing a handsome colonial uniform, on horseback surrounded by his staff. Then came the Chief Justice, the members of the Executive Council, the members of the Legislative Council, the committee for conducting the building, the various heads of departments, the Magistracy and the members of the Independent Temperance Society in procession brought up the rear. The procession moved along Kent Street, then turned at a right angle down St. George Street, the upper part of which leads into the centre of the Queen's Square. Here the Masons halted, opened in Masonic order, and His Excellency led the way to the spot where the corner stone was to be laid and where he was received by a guard of honour under the command of Lieut. Dawson. Everything having been prepared, His Excellency deposited in the niche of the stone a vase containing the coins of the realm and a scroll. "After the laying of the corner stone a Royal salute was fired by the detachment of Royal Artillery stationed here, and after three deafening cheers for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen were given the hundreds collected to witness the scene, three cheers for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, three cheers to his amiable partner, Lady Huntley, and three cheers for the success of the building, the procession again formed and returned to Government House in the order it had come. The Masons paying His Excellency the usual honor. His Excellency having retired, the Lodge then again formed in procession, walked through the town, and returned to the Masonic Hall.

"We must not omit to notice the superb new banner of St. John's Lodge, painted on blue silk by Mrs. Threshers; for the occasion and although we have seen a great many, yet we must allow that this is a chef d'oeuvre of its kind, and far excels in beauty and chasteness of design any we have ever before beheld." — Harvard's "Royal Gazette." (It is worth noting that only one son of all the Free Masons who

Mr. Dalton On Britain's War Debts

(United Kingdom Information) The following is the relevant extract regarding Britain's war debts from a speech by Mr. Dalton, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, in London on May 15th: "But I am going to ask the people of Brazil not to forget that, as a result of the war, the people of this country who were fighting in the war longer than others against the common enemy, now find chalked up against them in the ledger of war, debt nominally amounting to more than £300 (\$12,000) million. These are our fruits of victory; these vast debts nominally owed by us to those who fought with us in the great inter-allied effort.

"This vast accumulation of debts represents an unequal, unjust and unrepresentable burden. If Lend Lease and Mutual Aid had been applied among all members of the grand alliance, as they were applied between the United States and the British Commonwealth, by far the greater part of these debts would never have been charged up against us. Sooner or later—and it would be better sooner than later—this mass must be very substantially scaled down. Britain is strong, but one sign of her strength must be a refusal to take on fantastic commitments which are beyond her strength and beyond all the limits of good and fair play. "Nor could I, as British Chancellor of the Exchequer, support financial arrangements which would mean that for years and generations to come, this little island which led the fight for freedom world-wide, through this peculiar wartime accountability, carry a crushing load of freedom — Germans, Japanese and the rest — would escape. "It is part of the happy fate of Brazil that no bombs fell on your side of the Atlantic."

MORE VITAMIN C

Dried persimmon leaves boiled in water have been found to yield large quantities of vitamin C. participated in the above ceremony is living in Charlottetown now, Mr. A. E. Morrison. Mr. Morrison is a grandson of the Mrs. Threshers mentioned, whose "superb new banner of St. John's Lodge" elicited so much favorable comment.)

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Whitehall Notebook

By James McCook Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON.—In old Whitehall buildings with sooty walls and polished doorknobs a few men are writing the final pages in another chapter in the progress of colorful, sprawling India. They work under the direction of a new secretary of state of India, Lord Listowel, 40, youngest member of the cabinet of 19 members which makes decisions of vital interest for all the commonwealth and empire, including India's 400,000,000 people. Listowel, who has written books on the values of life and the critical history of modern aesthetics, was labor whip in the House of Lords before he won his spurs as the Atlee administration's first postmaster-general.

Whitehall accepts that Listowel will be the last of the secretaries of state for India. Even if India decides she will remain within the British commonwealth and empire her status will be changed and she will not wish to have a vestige of control of her affairs in the dull London offices. "What may happen is that India relations will come under the eye of the dominions office close at hand and that the former chief jewel of the British Empire will be informed, as an independent unit of the galaxy of nations, of matters which concern her cooperation with the United Kingdom and others in the commonwealth. Actually, the India office lost its ancient grandeur and massive power long ago. The process of turning over control of their own affairs to Indians has been proceeding for years. The India office estimates for 1947-48 show only 1,073 on the payroll, about one-quarter of the foreign office staff and a tiny fraction of the total of nearly 1,000,000 civil servants.

In this office, small as it has become, are men who know more than anyone else in Britain of India's concerns and hopes. If India decides for independence, then they probably will be retained by the Foreign Office or perhaps some entirely new department which might be created to meet an India request for a relationship not so close as a dominion but not so remote as a completely non-British country.

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