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

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A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing

Liberals are still aghast at the result of
the Alberta election. The Winnipeg Free Press,
Liberal, after cogitating 'on the subject, has
reached this conclusion:

"Three terms in office is ordinarily a long
life for any Provincial Government. A fourth
usually results only from some extraordinary
circumstance. How does it happen, then, that
the Social Credit party, after three terms totalling
13 years, during which there has been some of
the worst administration in Canadian political
history, is now returned by a majority of
such a sweeping nature?"

"Nearly two years ago the Progressive Conserva-
tives withdrew from Alberta provincial politics
because they considered the Manning govern-
ment was a good, safe Conservative adminis-
tration. Speakers at the Progressive Conserva-
tive convention said so and the idea was
made prevalent in the province. Thus the
Manning government became, in fact, a Conserva-
tive party tool and gained Conservative support
on the belief that it would indeed be a
Conservative party government with the Progressive
half of the label left off.

"Being such, it would not disturb the economic
and business expansion started during the
war by the presence of thousands of American
troops, and continued after the war by reason
of national policies and conditions and the
discovery of new oil fields. It was an expansion
with the promotion of which the local govern-
ment had nothing to do but which it could
disturb. Mr. Manning, the Conservatives believe,
would not disturb it.

"Progressive-Conservatives are rejoicing in
the victory of the Manning government as a
victory for their own party. If in fact the
Alberta government can be counted as Conserva-
tive — and Conservatives so regard it — then
it must be counted as the extreme right wing
of the Conservative party, as one of the Conserva-
tive governments to which the word Tory
can be applied with precise accuracy."

The Conservative Party

A despatch from the Progressive Conserva-
tive Party headquarters in Ottawa announces
that an exceptionally large number of dele-
gates are expected to attend the forthcoming
Convention and indicates that the Party is far
from any thought of vacating the political stage.

Widespread propaganda to the effect that
only the "big interests" are served by both old
parties, and that therefore they should unite
leaving the C. C. F. as the hope of the com-
mon man, is at variance with the truth. Yet
such poppycock may find ready acceptance, and
only continued education of the electorate can
safeguard the nation.

The fact of individual greatness and human
inequality is the basis of all progress. Leaders
are not selected for their mediocrity, nor can
policies affecting the conduct of national af-
fairs be dictated by groups who, lacking courage
and vision, hold up mediocrity as an ideal.
No one can raise either his economic or spiri-
tual level by pulling down those above him.

Instead of closing, the cleavage between
the Conservative and Liberal parties has been
widening because of the acceptance by the Lib-
erals of many opportunities to increase the field
of government with consequent tremendous ex-
pansion in the number of bureaucrats and high
level of taxation.

Conservative delegates should adopt a
platform in accordance with true principles and
serve not at all to the catch-vote promises of
easy roads to security.

In the selection of a leader, the man
chosen must be endowed with the Party spirit
and willing to fight all odds to achieve suc-
cess; be a leader, arrogant in his refusal to
compromise in exchange for political prefer-
ment, resourceful in dealing with people and
situations, and cuss-worthy to his opponents.

N. Z. Butter Coming

While the butter situation is not nearly so
bad as the oleo propagandists loudly proclaim,
the Government is considering importation of
15,000,000 lbs. of New Zealand butter.

This was learned from Mr. T. H. Ward, man-
aging secretary of the Hamilton and District
Milk Producers' Association. "The information,"
he said, "came to me from a reliable source and
I would like to pass it along to assure the peo-
ple of Hamilton that the butter situation is not
as bad as it appears."

Mr. Ward scored the recent panic-buying
of butter which he said aggravated the situa-
tion. "Actually taking the over-all picture,
there is, and will be, a shortage of butter this
winter, but not to the degree that most people
think."

Will the matter rest there, or will again the
flood gates of oleo-margarine press and radio
propaganda be re-opened to influence and frighten
the consumer?

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Maritime Underwriters are welcome
visitors.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, after-
wards Duke of Connaught visited Charlotte-
town this date 1869.

The C. C. F. decision to abolish the Sena-
te is scarcely to be wondered at. Socialists
would have to be in power a very long time
before, in the natural course of things, the
upper chamber would take on a leftist tinge.

A revival of old pioneer days happened at
Oshawa, Ont., recently when 200 farmers gath-
ered at the farm of T. C. Gissel for an old-
fashioned barn raising. They had the barn up
in less than two hours.

World shipping, American coal and steel
will be released with all their consequences by
the decision of France to reduce her import of
American coal by nearly two-thirds or over
eight million tons.

The counterpart of the Island's new high-
way bridge, broad-gauge flat cars are on their
way to the Argentine. One shipload of 414
of these cars, originally intended for Russia in
World War II, left from the West Coast recent-
ly.

Canada needs immigrants and the best
kind are sturdy, independent and law abiding.
Just such qualities and an abundance of courage
is shown by the groups of Estonian refugees who
crossed to this country in their tiny boats.
Their plea for admission deserves every consid-
eration.

It is not often that conservation measures
are so strikingly vindicated as in the case of
Prince Edward Island lobster. According to re-
ports large catches have been made in sections
where no illegal fishing is done, while other
areas show much less satisfactory returns.

The Island is not the only province where
hard surfacing of roads is being left for the
future. Ontario plans to do no hard surfacing
this year because the cost has gone from a pre-
war \$10 a cubic yard to over \$50; and besides
the Provincial election is past.

James Thomson, Scottish poet, died this
date 1748—his second centenary being cele-
brated in England this year. He was first a
tutor in London, then a surveyor in the West
Indies. He is best remembered by his great
poem, The Seasons, published in four parts, and
his Masque of Alfred, principally because it
contains the song "Rule Britannia": "Base
Envy withers at another's joy, and hates the ex-
cellence it cannot reach."

The anti-Confederatists in Newfound-
land may save time, temper and money by re-
fraining from petitioning the British Parliament
to retain the Old Colony as an independent unit
in the Commonwealth. The Labour Party is
strongly anti-Imperialist and the British Govern-
ment fearful of being made to pay up deficits
as they had to do prior to the appointment of
a Commission Government. The British Parli-
ament as a whole will be mighty glad to have
Canada assume the responsibility allowing it to
get out from under.

The fifth and last session of the present
Parliament could be called this fall if the Lib-
eral leadership decides it should be. Preval-
ing Ottawa opinion, however, is that it will not
start until next January or February, traditional
period for the inauguration ceremonies. Its
major issues could be new issues, but quite
likely they will emerge out of those that have
gone before — the high cost of living, freight
rates — or a new budget and its degree of tax
cuts. Two new leaders will be at the helm of
Government and official Opposition respective-
ly.

"The best all-round crops for years," is
the prediction of the Agricultural Minister of
Ontario, Col. Kennedy. "The average profit of
all Ontario farmers will be slightly less than
\$2,000." The Income Tax collectors will be glad
to learn this. On the other hand New Brun-
swick farmers declare they will sustain heavy
losses in small culture due to over-abundant
crops of tomatoes, cabbages and cucumbers.
Farmers will in time learn elsewhere, as we
found 40 or 50 years ago, that the best and
most enduring agriculture here is dairy and
mixed farming, whereby we are able to export
the finished article at the least freight cost, and
at the same time provide plenty natural fertil-
izer to enrich the soil.

The prospects for our "rising hopes" enter-
ing the learned professions are being largely
circumscribed due to circumstances over which
they have no control. An official of the regis-
trar's office at the University of Toronto states
that unless prospective medical students have
"very high scholastic standards," they haven't
much chance of entering the first pre-medical
year. He said the University of Toronto could
take only 150 pre-medical students in first year.
McGill University, Montreal, had room for 120
students but had 2,500 applications for admis-
sion. Coming nearer home, the Prince Edward
Island Law Society has raised the standards
for graduate law students entering the pro-
fession so that they may have better practical
knowledge of Provincial law and practice than
obtainable from theoretical training at the
various universities. Only one learned profes-
sion seems to have abundant openings and few
offers, viz., the theological. So far as the Pro-
testant Churches are concerned, they are cry-
ing out almost in vain for suitable volunteers to
come forward for training.

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Old Charlottetown

(Northern Messenger)
If, as now appears, Canada and
Newfoundland are, so to say, en-
gaged to be married the incen-
tive should be a glorious vision of
what they can do better together
than separately. Each should gain
without saying; and that each
will gain on economic, political
and social grounds seems equally
obvious.
But such union, like marriage,
is lifted to a higher plane if the
incentive is in terms of reciprocal
giving, rather than on reciprocal
gains.
Newfoundland, on the material
level, brings her vast fisheries and
sturdy, unexcelled mariners, her
wonderful harbor of St. John's,
which could shelter the navies of
Britain and Canada, her strategic
airport and forests and mines, all
of high ranking importance, es-
pecially in times like the present.
Canada, for her part, would
serve Newfoundland with full
bread-baskets from her prairies
together with a great variety of
other foods, also the products of
her multitudinous industries and
would stabilize her currency on
the Canadian dollar, thus facilitat-
ing commercial intercourse —
all to the great advantage of New-
foundland.
But let all material considera-
tions be as outward signs of in-
ward grace.
It is the spiritual fellowship in
such a union that really counts.
Without that, the union would be
in name, technical, perhaps hard-
ly legal, certainly not complete.
Like true marriage it must be, as
we believe it is, a union of hearts
sharing broadly each the others
faith and purpose. So may New-
foundland and her nine sister
provinces become a mutual admira-
tion sisterhood, a fellowship of
godly faith and of a high pur-
pose and adventure, each "mist-
ress in her own house," as Kipling
so well put it, but federated and
co-ordinated in one national par-
liament. After all it is not an un-
natural union since both countries
are democratic and both are loyal
to the same sovereign—by the
grace of God, the good King
George the Sixth.
Is it not so, that people in most
intimate contact with nature,
such as those who plow the land
or plow the sea, find it natural to
have intimate contact with God?
So often, at the mercy of elements
beyond their control they early
learn to cry: "Lord, save us or
we perish!"—and then to thank
God for His care of them. Surely
we have all noticed the sim-
plicity and practical directness of
such faith and the courageous
fortitude and stalwart character
it produces. Have we not all ex-
perienced it?
NEW LOOK PARACHUTE
WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) —
One young Windsor woman has
discovered that the new look is
not the best apparel for windy
days. Sitting on the bank of the
Detroit River, she was about to
get up when the wind caught her
billowy skirt causing her to lose
her balance and plunge into the
river.

Actually "Tickled To Death"

(Toronto Star)
Someone caught a pike recently
by tickling its tummy. The exploit
was noted in a press despatch, and
newspapers have been treating this
method of fish-catching as a dis-
covery. The Hamilton Spectator
punningly refers to it as "The New
Hook."
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, or
some other Shakespearean author-
ity, might well have come forward
with a quotation from Twelfth
Night (1601): "Here comes the
trowt that must be caught with
tickling." The "trowt" in that case
was a human being, but the refer-
ence is clear. Metaphorically,
too, a man is described in Mea-
sure for Measure as "groping for
trowts in a peculiar river." Samuel
Butler, English poet of the seven-
teenth century, asserted that
trouts are tickled best in muddy
waters. The method is described in
a document of 1748: "Men go
into the water, tickle them on the
belly, and so get them ashore."
The trout seems to have been
the most frequent victim, but the
carplike tench and other fish are
also mentioned in the records. Pike,
no doubt, too. So the New Hook
is like the New Look—just the
revival of an old custom, a cus-
tom dear to many a poacher and
many a small boy; superior, in
the estimation of some, to the method
described by Samuel Johnson as
using "a stick with a hook at one
end and a fool at the other." In-
deed, many a poor fish has lit-
erally been "tickled to death."

Let It Be a Love Match

DEFEAT
Be secret, heart; and if your
dreams have come
To nothingness, and if their
weight was sweet
Within you—then be silent in de-
feat.
Counting your lost imaginings as
the sun
Of desired joy . . .
—Anna Virginia Mitchell.
Prospects for Mr. Drew
(Toronto Saturday Night)
There seems to be nothing like
the sporting competitive interest
in the forthcoming Conservative
convention that there was in the
Liberal one. Indeed unless the
party managers can think of
something important for the con-
vention to do it will be difficult to
get even a good attendance, to
say nothing of a good press. It
would have been policy to get
somebody to put up a fight
against Mr. Drew if only for the
sake of getting the event quoted
in the betting odds; but appar-
ently nobody is willing to accept
so certain a prospect of defeat.
At the time when Mr. Bracken
was selected the party was in no
position to hope for much from
the province of Quebec. Mr. Dup-
lessis and the tax agreements con-
troversy have changed all that,
and there is now a very alluring
prospect of a substantial number
of the 85 seats in that province
being represented by persons who,
whatever they may call them-
selves, would not refuse to accept
portfolios in a Drew cabinet if
he were in a position to offer
them.
The two major provinces ac-
count for 147 seats out of 248 in
the existing Parliament; their
proportion will be slightly but not
seriously diminished in the new
one. There are now 18 Con-
servatives in the House from the
seven smaller provinces, and 48
from Ontario. If this total could
be raised from 66 to 80, which is
not beyond the possibilities, there
are a majority of more votes required
to make a majority (of the present
membership); and the possible
sources of these are the Social
Credit members, now 13 from Al-
berta, and whatever Mr. Duplessis
can deliver from Quebec.
The theory that Mr. Drew can
be effectively attacked in Que-
bec on the ground of anti-French-
Canadianism does not seem to us
at all well founded. In the
first place the candidates in Que-
bec who would support Drew if
not run as Drew candidates but
under a special Quebec banner;
and once they are elected they are
not going to refuse office on
account of an ancient Toronto
Star report of an alleged "and
denied" speech in some re-
spective by-election. A more effec-
tive topic might be Mr. Drew's
zealous and current interest in
emigration; but that is used by
Mr. Duplessis as a
pon against Mr. King.
If there is an understand-
ing with Mr. Duplessis the Quebec
results may not be bad at all. A
much more questionable element
in the tie-up with the Albertans
so far as the voters are concerned
Social Credit is a left-wing move-
ment, and what those voters will
think of seeing it tied in, in
Dominion politics, with the
Conservatives is open to question.

The Age-Old Story

The Lord God is a sun
and shield; the Lord will give grace
and glory; no good thing will
withhold from them that walk up-
rightly.

The Poet's Corner

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Notes By The Way

"Quality Beef Soon To Be Ex-
pensive" reads a headline — and
we thought it had reached that
stage long ago. — Ottawa Jour-
nal.
Women have to buy their sum-
mer dresses in the early spring.
When summer comes the stores
sell only fall dresses. However,
the situation will eventually right
itself. By the time the stores get
so far ahead that they sell sum-
mer dresses for 1951, many more
of 1950 sane people will be
able to go out and buy a summer
dress in the summer time. —To-
ronto Telegram.
For a little over \$200,000, Mr.
George H. Upjohn, of Burghley
Hall, Wimpdon, London has buy-
ed the owner of almost all the
seaside town of Littlehampton,
Sussex, and "squire" of 13,000 in-
habitants. He has acquired an
estate which will exceed \$4,000,000
when the present lease expires.
The public scarcely knows Mr.
Upjohn. He is managing director
of Stewart and Arden, Limited,
London distributors of Mex-
is cars. He now owns the major
section of Littlehampton, which is
best known to holiday-makers.
His estate consists of 850 prop-
erties, including their national fire
two banks, a cinema, 50 shops,
wharves, guest houses and private
houses. —London Daily Mail.
Some American correspondents
attending the Olympic Games
have reported a certain coolness,
shown by a drop in the volume
of applause towards the Ameri-
can athletes in the parade with
which the games opened; and they
have ascribed this to the fact that
the Americans did not, like other
delegations, dip their national flag
as they passed before the King.
It is perhaps worth making clear
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and Stripes must never be dipped
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would be considered an insult to
the flag, as improper as for a
man to keep his hat on in church.
Perhaps for lack of a royal family,
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part in the national traditions of
the United States than flags usu-
ally do. — Manchester Guardian.
It is strange, but nevertheless
true that Mother Nature tries to
balance things out to a certain ex-
tent. This year when there has
been less than normal rainfall
with consequent less favorable
crop prospects, Mother Nature has
been lavish in the abundance of
wild fruits. It is many a long year
since there has been a crop of
Saskatoons like there is this year,
and there are buffalo berries and
pin cherries, wild strawberries and
raspberries in enormous quantities.
—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.
The emissary who has figured in
more headlines than anyone
else along Canada's diplomatic
row is reported to have been re-
called to fill a new post—this time
in China. He is Dr. Juan Carlos
Rodriguez, Argentine ambassador
whose name has been kept in the
news by dog's duels and a clerk
who couldn't stay away from the
arm. There was no official con-
firmation for his reported change
in jobs. —Montreal Times.
The Tower of London's new
flagstaff, cut from a Douglas fir
believed to be 388 years old, was
brought into service last week,
when it took the place of the
staff which had stood on the
White Tower from 1890 till 1947.
The new flagstaff is a gift from
British Columbia. When cut, the
tree was 158 feet long. The finish-
ed and white-painted flagstaff
measures 88 feet, about 10 feet of
which is embedded in the roof of
London Times.
The railroads are finding glamor
a good investment. The travel-
ing public has fallen head over
heels for stainless steel aluminum
glass and foam rubber moving at
high velocity—the bright young
things known as streamliners.
These creations are hauling more
people and hauling in more cash
while most staid trains with the
old look have been unable to
make ends meet. This explains
railroaders' sustained enthusiasm
for their \$80 million post-war
program for modern passenger
cars, plus the extra millions for
locomotives to pull them. They
are still waiting for more than
half their orders to be filled—and
some may wait until the 1950's.
Then Pennsylvania, biggest rail-
road in the country, reports that
receipts from sale of accommoda-
tions on its streamliner modern
sleepers average fifty per cent
higher than on standard sleeping
cars. — Wall Street Journal.

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