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

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On Indian Affairs

The visit of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs to the Province on Wednesday is a matter of more than usual interest.

The Royal Commission when here will have the benefit of Judge Arsenault's knowledge of the whole subject of Indian affairs provincially, and it is hoped and expected that material benefits will result.

An Island Benefactor

Reference was made recently in these columns to the important part played by the late Dr. Paul A. Murphy in establishing the seed potato industry in Prince Edward Island.

He was regarded, says the Times, as one of the most distinguished authorities in Europe on diseases of the virus type in plants, and in Ireland for many years he rendered valuable service in the work of fighting potato disease.

Following his return to Ireland Dr. Murphy became professor of Plant Pathology at University College, Dublin.

Through his experiments in virus diseases he showed that the deterioration of healthy plants of good variety was due to the accumulation of virus in the stock.

Such was the man to whom this Province is so much indebted. Some day a suitable memorial may be erected here in his honour.

Discretion in Tax Rulings

Ruling of Justice Thorson in the Exchequer Court, upholding the preemptory ruling of income tax officials with regard to disallowance of a taxation appeal, apparently conflicts with a ruling previously handed down by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Thorson decision concerned the \$7000 salary of an Ottawa bottling firm president, which the deputy Minister of National Revenue had held to be excessive for the services performed.

Last February, however, the Supreme Court of Canada was called on to rule in a somewhat similar case. In that case the expenditures disallowed by tax officials were contractual payments of commissions and royalties by a Canadian firm to its controlling company in England.

The Thorson judgment implies sweeping and unqualified power for tax officials in such matters. The Supreme Court decision, on the other hand, implies a basis of review of circumstances, and reasonableness, on the part of tax officials.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Battle of Trafalgar this date 1805—death of Nelson.

Parkdale (Toronto) and Portage La Prairie (Man.) Federal by-elections today.

H. R. H. the Duke of Windsor and his Duchess seem to succeed wonderfully well in keeping in the limelight—nearly as well as movie actresses.

An American submarine has explored the possibility of going north of Greenland through the narrow strait between Ellesmere Land and the northern tip of Greenland, opening up a new way to Russia and Siberia.

We are getting back to normalcy in travel when Canadians may enter the United States, and remain for six months, without passports, visas, or other documents of identification, save and except the proverbial letter informing customs officials that the visit is temporary.

Our potato growers must possess their souls in patience while waiting for markets, refraining from rushing their produce to dealers to bring a glut and lower prices.

Lord Beaverbrook, now visiting New Brunswick, is apparently "on the outs" with the Conservative party over there.

Major-General Sir Ernest Dunlop Swinton, K. B. E., C.B., D.S.O., M.A., British military expert and writer, born this date 1868; originator of the tank; controller of the Information Department of Civil Aviation, Professor of Military History and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford; commandant of the Royal Tank Corps 1934-38.

A reader, who has been a movie fan for years, complains that the quality of the pictures now being shown has fallen off tremendously. He alleges cheapness and nastiness.

A United Kingdom firm claims to have produced the perfect stocking: fully fashioned, silk, and completely ladderless.

Air transport operations and organizations in Britain, Canada and the United States are to be investigated by Mr. David Ross on behalf of the Australian Department of Civil Aviation.

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Notes By The Way

You can get along with women if you let them think they are having their own way.

People are not keeping as many canaries as they did some years back which is a pity, because, unlike some radio performers, they could sing.

Butter in St. Louis advanced this week-end to 95 cents and \$1 a pound—the highest prices in history—at the very time the West Illinois coal field was staging a King Coal celebration.

Recently I came across an example of a word derived from a living statesman, after the manner of sandwiches, gladstone bags, and Wellington boots.

Blood testing became compulsory on October 1 for persons intending to marry, under an act of the Manitoba legislature.

Tomato growers and processors seem to have the best of the argument as to whose responsibility it is that many lots of the product are going to rot this season.

The Journey made by the King and Queen to London for the opening of the "British Can Make It" exhibition was done at a quicker pace than that of the Queen Victoria once spent 10,000 pounds a year on railway travel.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

INCREASED RAIL FREIGHT RATES

Sir,—It is to be feared that there are few reasons to believe that the demand for increased freight rates now being made by the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway will not be granted by the Transportation Commission at Ottawa.

Following the same general principle that has been applied to Canadian wheat, dairy products, pork and other commodities, Ottawa has acceded to the requests of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island potato growers and promised to establish a two-way method of price support for their crop.

There is, however, at least one feature in which Prince Edward Island will be in a better position than will be the case with any of the central and western provinces of Canada, namely, that commencing in 1947 we shall for the first time in seventy-four years have ocean shipping facilities that should have the result of lowering rather than raising freight rates from and to this province both for imports and exports.

Because of the high freight rates from Prince Edward Island to Ontario and Quebec, Island farmers have made but little money on our high grade potatoes, while fruits and vegetables of different kinds that we are able to raise to better advantage than in any other province in Canada are open grown because Ontario and Quebec are producing a surplus and naturally cannot buy from us, while the United States places a heavy customs duty upon same.

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The Poets Corner

GOLDEN TIME

October bargains well with gold: A coin to rain, a coin to cold. Sunflower, chrysanthemum, Goldenrod, and cosmos come Flamboyant still at a command To warm the slowly chilling land, Burnished liquidambar trees Stand contemptuous to a breeze; Meadow grass is strangely bright, Touched by frost with saffron light.

Price Support for Potatoes

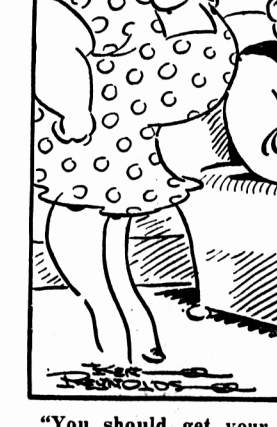
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EARTH AND COMET ALMOST IN COLLISION

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(Reuters)—R. Naismith, scientist and leader of the British government radio research team who used radar to detect and record the trails of a swarm of meteors Oct. 9, said today

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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