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

CHARLOTTETOWN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11,

Thanksgiving

"Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in
His great goodness to vouchsafe many blessings
during this year to the people of Canada; and
whereas, under the blessings of Almighty God,
Canada has been spared a great measure of the
privation and suffering which many nations have
undergone during the year; and whereas it hath
pleased Him in His great goodness to grant a
beautiful harvest which has enabled the people
of Canada to assist the peoples of other nations
at this critical time: We, therefore, considering
that these blessings vouchsafed to the people of
Canada do call for a solemn and public acknowl-
edgement have thought fit, by and with the ad-
vice of our Privy Council for Canada, to appoint,
and we do hereby appoint Monday, the thirteenth
day of October next, as a day of general thank-
sgiving to Almighty God for the blessings which
the people of Canada have been favored during
the year; and we do hereby invite all our
people of Canada to observe the said day as a
day of general thanksgiving."

Thus reads the Proclamation issued last
July in connection with the observance of next
Monday's holiday. It provides an ample text
for Thanksgiving sermons throughout the length
and breadth of the land. In no part of Canada
have we more reason to feel the truth of the
words quoted than in this favored Island Province,
where, despite some handicaps peculiar to
our position, we have indeed been blessed.

While Monday is the official Thanksgiving
Day, the Sunday preceding the holiday affords
a better opportunity for devout expression of
thanksgiving, and the church services tomorrow
will be of special interest and importance in
this connection.

City Hospital Bazaar

For several years past, one of the big annual
events has been the Charlottetown Hospi-
tal Bazaar, at which wholesome entertainment
is provided along with the opportunity of helping
a worthy cause, and contributing to the main-
tenance of an institution which has served this
community and Province so long and so well.
Soaring costs of living and shortage of trained
help have made hospital management exceedingly
difficult in recent years. Every cent contributed
to or collected for this purpose is needed, and
urgently needed, if modern efficiency in service
is to be maintained. The new annex to the City
Hospital now under construction is of course an
additional expense, but it has become a matter
of real necessity. Our people demand nothing
short of the best in hospital care and treat-
ment, but few have any idea of the manifold ex-
penses involved in meeting this demand.

The Bazaar opens next Monday at the
Sporting Club, and will continue every afternoon
and evening during the week. It is hoped to
surpass even last year's big attendance record,
and this can be done if all our citizens cooper-
ate with their patronage.

Distinguished Visitor

Charlottetown is to be distinguished over
the week-end by the visit of a distinguished Com-
monwealth statesman, the Rt. Hon. Francis
Michael Forde, Australian High Commissioner to
Canada, and a former Prime Minister of our
sister Dominion. Mr. Forde is due to arrive here
at noon today, and leaves on Monday afternoon.
Unfortunately, due to the Monday holiday,
no public functions have been arranged in con-
nection with Mr. Forde's visit, but it is hoped
that his brief stay will be enjoyable, and that
he will gain a favorable impression of our Pro-
vince and its people.

Many Australian airmen were stationed here
under the Empire Training Plan during the war,
and Mr. Forde no doubt has read and heard a
good deal about Canada's smallest Province.
Mr. Forde is a veteran parliamentarian in
his own country, where he has acted as Prime
Minister on several occasions. In April, 1945,
he was chosen leader of the Australian delega-
tion to the United Nations Security Conference
at San Francisco and before the Conference
opened, went to London to meet other British
Commonwealth leaders. It is a compliment to
Canada that a man of his prestige and ability
should be selected to represent the Australian
Government and people at Ottawa, and it is
indeed a privilege to have him visit us here on
this occasion.

Editorial Responsibility

One of the outstanding editors and publish-
ers of daily newspapers in Canada is Mr. F. I.
Ker of The Hamilton Spectator, and at present
President of the Canadian Press, holding a semi-
annual meeting in Vancouver. Addressing the
Board of Trade Ad Club there, Mr. Ker com-
mented on the evidence of a decline in the
soundness of public opinion in all phases of pub-
lic life. It could be found, he said, in decreased
church attendance, increased criminal con-
victions, and the triumph of political opportu-
nism. He said the responsibility to cultivate wis-
dom among the people lay with the home, church,
schools, colleges, press, radio and theatre. "How
haphazard is the cultivation of reverence and
awe and a decent humility before God in our
schools, colleges, newspapers, radio and the-
atre?" Mr. Ker added that unwise speeches, un-
wise acts, declining rectitude and morality were

reflected back to the people by the press and
radio in the happenings of the day. Trends
were caught and crystallized in the movies and
on the stage. "The confused state of public
opinion is an unflattering commentary upon
the moulding and that includes the clay as well
as the moulders. The press moulds for good and
bad by reflecting the happenings of the day.
Editorially it does its best to counteract the
bad."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow Thanksgiving Sunday.
Tomorrow, Nineteenth Sunday after Trin-
ity

Monday Thanksgiving Day and a public
holiday.

Monday evening, reception for the Arch-
bishop of Nova Scotia and Primate of all Cana-
da in St. Paul's Church on his first visit since
his elevation.

It will be noted from our Public Forum that
"Ellen" will suspend publication of her Diary
during the potato harvesting. It will resume
(D.V.) on Oct. 27.

There is something a little childish about
the way this country and Russia have left their
respective embassies unmanned since the spy
probe. That sulkliness has resulted in almost a
cessation of trade between the two countries.

It is hard to believe the Australian report
that workers on a rocket-bomb range were re-
sisting "almost en masse" in disgust at the
waste of public money. Their political educa-
tion must have reached a point where they knew
that government money was their money and
resented the waste.

It would seem that the anti-picketing Order-
in-Council is merely a brutum fulmen for such
activities of strikers as were illegal, of course
remain so, and such as were lawful are not now
offences just because of the order. Perhaps
its real justification is that it serves notice on
the strikers that illegalities in the guise of pic-
keting will not be tolerated.

Henry VIII, the much married English sover-
eign, became Fidei Defensor, this date 1521.
That was after the conclave held with Francis
I at the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" in 1520,
though he afterwards sided with Francis' rival,
Charles V: "Of seven peasants I can make as
many lords, but of seven lords I could not make
one Holbein."

An announcement "within a few weeks"
that will lead to the construction in the Saint
John area of "a substantial cement-manufactur-
ing plant" was prophesied in Saint John Muni-
cipal Council by Warden James A. Whitebone.
The matter was brought to the attention of the
council by a letter from Mr. J. R. Dudley, in-
dustrial commissioner of the Saint John Board
of Trade, who stated in a routine report that
he was in frequent communication with at least
two nationally-known cement industries which
were "vitaly interested" in establishing plants
for the manufacture of cement and cement by-
products in that city.

The 1947 spring pig crop was 10.5 per cent
greater than that of 1946, hence it is expected
that marketings will be considerably greater
during the last quarter of 1947 than during the
same period a year ago. An increase of 6.9 per
cent in the estimate of the number of sows bred
to farrow during the six months following the
date of the survey indicates that hog produc-
tion will continue to increase. The seriousness
of the feed situation, particularly in Ontario and
Quebec, which has developed since farmers re-
ported their intentions for the fall pig crop and
which has led to the marketing of a consider-
able number of sows, will tend to reduce the in-
crease somewhat from the 6.9 per cent indicated
at June 1.

Bermuda has been patronizing Canada to a
greater extent than she can afford. Because of
the dollar shortage citizens of Bermuda may
be barred from travelling to here and the West
Indies by the Canadian National Steamships
Line, the House of Assembly heard at a sitting
this week. John Cox, chairman of the Finance
Committee, told the Lower House of the Col-
onial Parliament that during the first seven
months of 1947 Bermuda had a \$4,000,000 ad-
verse balance of trade with Canada and the
United States. He said restriction of travel on the
Canadian line, which would be one measure
adopted to combat the dollar shortage, was under
consideration but that he could make no defi-
nite statement at present. In 1946 Bermuda
showed a \$325,000 favorable balance of trade
with the United States but had over-expended
in Canada by \$4,000,000.

It seems Ribbentrop was a wholesale ro-
ber as well as a war monger. United States
war crimes prosecutors have embarked on a vast
treasure hunt in search of millions of dollars
in gold—perhaps as much as \$50,000,000—they
believe was cached by him. Existence of the
undiscovered funds was tipped off by former
henchman of Ribbentrop in the Nazi Foreign
Ministry. Ribbentrop was hanged as a war
criminal last Oct. 16 before the prosecutors got
on the trail of the hidden gold. He had four
funds—a general budget, a "secret" fund of
about \$4,000,000, a war emergency fund of un-
limited amounts, and a "super-secret" personal
allotment which held at one time at least \$45-
000,000, said Dr. Robert Kempner of the war
crimes staff. Starting in 1935, Kempner de-
clared, Ribbentrop started to ship gold in small
bars to various embassies "in the event that war
should come."

Notes By The Way

Defence Minister Clarkson's an-
nouncement that Canada is ac-
quiring 86 new speedy jetplanes
indicates an awareness of this
country's defence needs and an
intent to meet them. — Ottawa
Journal.

A Northern Ontario man has a
cat that has brought in nearly 200
rabbits, of which both man and
cat are very fond. That is enough
to make any enterprising kitten run
away to the northland, where
there is bigger and better game
than the meticulous mouse. —
Toronto Star.

Eliminating the smoke nuisance
taken on a new aspect. It need
not constitute a feud between the
community and the offending in-
dustries. Rather, it may be some-
thing in which a distinct service
can be done the companies —
Windsor Star.

I've never known anything like
Londoners for newspaper reading
—to see large numbers of people
deeply immersed in their papers
in tubes, on the streets, in cafes.
In fact, anywhere, in the top
strange to me, because in Salisbury
newspaper reading is connected
with one's home or the Civil Ser-
vice Offices! — Pamela Walker in
B. C. Broadcast.

An interesting suit has been de-
cided in Toronto where Justice
Dale has dismissed an action for
damages brought by a woman who
slipped and fell in a theatre. The
judge found that if she insists up-
on wearing high heels "you must
assume by the consequences." It
was said the woman was wearing
four-inch heels, described as med-
ium height. What height must they
be to be high? — Niagara Falls
Review.

There is plenty of evidence that
the only real sorrow in the hearts
of the Germans is over losing the
war, not causing it. There is noth-
ing to show that they blame them-
selves for the predicament in
which they now find themselves or
for the tortured state of the Euro-
pe they ravished. Rather they
seem to blame the Allies for de-
stroying their economy, their cities
and their factories. — Galt Re-
porter.

It was natural that British peo-
ple, after saving the rest of the
world should feel that they them-
selves had earned the right to
better living conditions, shorter
hours, higher wages, more holidays
with pay and a generally easier
time. But an easier time has not
produced the increased goods nec-
essary to sustain her economy. Her
economy also has been further dis-
torted by too much money in the
pockets of her people, creating an
abnormal demand for goods and
services at home. — Vancouver
News.

One might imagine that even
Socrates with his wealth of philoso-
phy and his calmness in the pres-
ence of death, might have been
startled just a bit if he had sud-
denly caught a vision of horseless
carriages, huge machines soaring
in the heavens and had seen light-
ning made a drudge. Though he
heard "voices" from invisible
sources the radio would have am-
azed him. — Chatham News.

There is no apparent founda-
tion for the long-standing belief
that plants that twine in one di-
rection in the Northern Hemisphere
reverse themselves and twine in the
other direction in the South-
ern Hemisphere. This erroneous
belief, which probably gave rise to
the similar idea about pigs' tails
winding in different directions ac-
cording to the hemisphere the pig
was in, seems to be based on a
misunderstanding of some of Dar-
win's statements about twiners. —
Bulletin, New York Botanical
Gardens.

Gasoline can be made from low
grade coal and lignite by a new
process which has been developed
by V. F. Parry, E. O. Wagner, A. W.
Koth and B. J. Goodman of the
United States Bureau of Mines,
Golden, Colo., says a New York
Times science writer. Soft coal
or lignite is pushed into the top
of a double-walled cylindrical
oven. Steam is introduced as the
coal slides down between the walls
toward the bottom of the retort,
which is heated to about 1,900
degrees centigrade. The steam and
hot coal react to synthesize gas, a
mixture of hydrogen and carbon
monoxide. This is piped off
through a vent in the inside wall.

In these times, when the best
scientific brains are busy improv-
ing the atomic bomb, it's com-
forting to find at least one inven-
tor who is trying to make life a
little less hazardous. His master-
piece—recently exhibited in Los
Angeles—is a timed traffic signal.
It has a clock attachment which
tells motorists and pedestrians how
long they have before the light
changes. If widely adopted, this
signal should remove one of life's
major uncertainties, especially
for the unhappy pedestrian. As
matters stand now, crossing a
street, even with the light in your
favor, is a great adventure. You
may think you have all the time
in the world. But, just as you
reach the middle of the street, the
ominous rattle sounds the light
changes, and you run for your
life. — Edmonton Journal.

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Finland, 200 miles north of the
Arctic Circle, is always free of ice
because of the Gulf Stream.



OCTOBER

With what a glory comes and goes
the year
The buds of spring, those beautiful
harbingers
Of sunny skies and cloudless times,
enjoy
Life's newness, and earth's garni-
ture spread out.
And when the silver habit of the
clouds
Comes down upon the autumn sun,
and with
A sober gladness the old year takes
up
His bright inheritance of golden
fruits,
A pomp and pageant fill the splen-
did scene.

There is a beautiful spirit breath-
ing now
Its mellow richness on the clustered
trees,
And, from a beaker full of richest
dye,
Pouring new glory on the autumn
woods,
And dipping in warm light the pil-
lared clouds.
Morn on the mountain, like a sum-
mer bird.
Lifts up her purple wing, and in
the vales
The gentle wind, a sweet and pas-
sionate weaver
Kisses the blushing leaf, and stirs
up life
Within the solemn woods of ash
deep-crimsoned,
And pecks by the witch-hazel,
whist aloud
From cottage roofs the warbling
blue-bird sings,
And merrily, with oft-repeated
stroke,
Sounds from the threshing-floor
the busy flail.

O what a glory doth this world put
on
For him who, with a fervent heart,
goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky,
and looks
On duties well performed, and
days well spent!
For him the wind, ay, and the yel-
low leaves,
Shall have a voice, and give him
eloquent teachings.
He shall so hear the solemn hymn,
that death
Has lifted up for all, that he shall
go
To his long resting-place without a
tear.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,
"Autumn."

Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)
FINANCES AT CONFEDERATION
From the Parliamentary Report-
er, March 24, 1874:
Hon. John Yeo rose to move that
the House resolve itself into a
committee of the whole House on
the consideration of granting a
Supply to Her Majesty, and in do-
ing so, would merely observe that
in looking over the items and sources
of revenue, he found they might
be summarized thus:
Land Assessment \$ 13,000
Receipts of Land Office 35,000
Secretary's fees 750
Registrar's fees 1,200
Prothonotary fees 2,700
Prince of Wales College 100
County Court fees 2,000
Interest 1,000
Fines 280
Wharves 1,400
Licenses 1,600
Total from local sources 59,300
Subsidy from Canada 140,800
Interest 22,500
Legislation 15,000
80 cts. per head 37,500
Difference of Interest 45,500

Which gives for the current
year a total from all
sources of \$320,438
for the next financial year. The
amount required for the public
source for the same period was
estimated at \$210,000, to which, for
contingencies that might arise,
might probably be added, say \$10-
000. This would leave a balance
in the Exchequer of \$100,438. It
would be well, however, to bear in
mind that our sources of income
would, for the ensuing year, be
more limited than they had been
during the past. Hence our in-
come would be less next year than
it had been for the one just closed.
But with good management, he
had no doubt we could get along
for a good many years without
having to resort to increased tax-
ation. (Hear.) We had but newly
become a part of the Dominion
but, with due economy, our ex-
penditure might be so regulated as
to have, for many years, a sur-
plus in the Treasury. (Hear.)

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by corre-
spondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
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sarily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

ELLEN'S DIARY SUSPENDED

Sir.—I find it has come again to
a convenient holiday-time, one I
shall spend pretty much as last
year's, perhaps not so faithfully
as "James" expects, but neverthe-
less helping in more ways than
one at the potato harvesting.
She "also serves, who only
stands and waits", was never writ-
ten of any Island farm-wife in the
"digging" season!
Perhaps for a couple of weeks—
until the issue of Oct. 27?
I am, Sir, etc.
"ELLEN"

New Maritime Presbyterian Leader

(Moncton Times)
The election of Rev. T.H. Bus-
sell Somers, M.A., B.T.M., minister
of St. James Presbyterian Church,
Charlottetown, as Moderator of the
Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian
Church in Canada brings to
that important office a church-
man whose high qualifications
make him an eminent incumbent
for the post.

A distinguished graduate of Uni-
versity of Toronto, as well as of
Knox College and Union Theologi-
cal Seminary of New York, he has
had a notable career in the minis-
try of the Presbyterian Church and
in whose religious councils he has
come to be regarded as one of the
leading leaders. During the past six
years in which he has filled the
pulpit of the Charlottetown church,
Rev. Mr. Somers has been very ef-
fective in spreading the doctrine
of Christianity and under his in-
spiring leadership St. James Church
has shown a continuing progress.
In the religious life of Charlot-
tewtown and in the larger sphere of
the entire Island province he also
has been a great influence for good
and welfare organizations, too,
have benefited from his generous
assistance in forwarding their
cause as well as for his wise coun-
sel in matters of direction and pol-
icy.
A strong preacher, whose schol-
arship have combined to make
him a revered figure in Prince Ed-
ward Island, it was to be expected
that Rev. Mr. Somers, who for
some time past had so successfully
filled the role of Moderator of the
Presbytery in that province, would
be marked for wider fields of
Christian service. Therefore, his
call to the Moderatorship for the
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be warmly acclaimed by all mem-
bers of the Presbyterian denomina-
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