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

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Mental Health in Schools

The mental health of the school child has a definite effect upon his physical health. If he is worried or afraid, or if he is not accepted by his group, his physical health soon exhibits the results of such mental disturbances.

One table shows certain provisions which exist in the provinces for the guidance of elementary school children. Certain values in the table are in terms of per cent; for example, Item 1 shows the per cent of inspectorates which enjoy the services of a child guidance clinic.

It is unfortunate that in all tables for elementary schools no data are available for Prince Edward Island. The arrangements which were made to obtain the data were considered unsatisfactory finally by the committee for the province.

Another table presents the number of classes which exist in Canada for a typical children. The table also shows the number of specially trained teachers connected with each type of class.

A third table shows the per cent of schools in which provision is made for gifted children. It is felt that consideration of the gifted child is as important as that of the child who is not performing satisfactorily.

The final table is the result of the opinions of inspectors regarding the personal mental health of the teachers in each inspectorate. Each inspector was asked to give the proportion of teachers under his jurisdiction which might be said to have superior, average or inferior personal mental health.

With respect to the Mental Health of school children the National Committee for School Health Research recommends:

- (1) That teachers-in-service receive instruction in child psychology and in the detection, appreciation, and solution of types of mental health problems.
(2) That gifted children receive definite consideration in the larger schools in each province and that enriched programs be the minimum provision for such children in all schools.
(3) That suitable provision be made for backward pupils in elementary schools.
(4) That suitable provision be made for physically handicapped pupils in elementary schools.
(5) That in secondary schools a varied program be provided for students of different interests and capacities and diagnostic services be provided for maladjusted students.
(6) That guidance programs in both elementary and secondary schools be extended to problems of social adjustment.
(7) That a study be made of the incidence and causes of poor mental health among teachers.

More British Immigrants

As indicated in yesterday's Ottawa despatches, the Senate committee on immigration has decided to press for an immediate policy of expansion which would bring a much larger number of selected immigrants to Canada annually than has been permitted for many years past.

There has been an erroneous idea that Canada has received practically no immigration since before the war. This is corrected in a

return tabled in the House of Commons recently, showing that no fewer than 166,428 immigrants have arrived in the Dominion between April 1, 1929 and March 31, 1947. The figures show that these new arrivals are predominantly of British and United States origin.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Much of our present consumption now consists of American manufactured goods but buying twice as much from the U. S. as we sell must come to an end.

Judging by the price paid for the Premier's Lord Alexander Holstein Calf (\$4,500) the Americans are anxious to buy up the best dairy stock we can produce.

That certainly is a good move on the part of the powers-that-be at Ottawa to send the new car ferry on its trial trip to Charlottetown. The original intention was to send it to Murray Bay, and to have on board M. P.'s and Press representatives to see what Sorel can produce in the way of up-to-date Diesels.

The cost of living has gone up 2.5 points for the month ending May 1st. This is partly due to the dropping of subsidies and is compensated for by reduced taxation.

Robert the Bruce, claimant of the Scottish crown, died this date 1329; his ancestor went over with the Conqueror from Normandy, and obtained the lordship of Annandale; Robert and his two sons fought for Scottish independence, the elder becoming Robert I, and the latter crowned King of Ireland in 1316; Robert's son reigned as David II, his grandson as Robert II, first of the Stewart line.

Can't we have naval vessels here during Old Home Week? Ships of the West Indies squadron of the Royal Navy are scheduled to call at two New Brunswick ports this summer, during the first post-war appearance of the squadron in Canadian waters.

The building hardware industry has before it the ten most prosperous years it has ever known, was the good word given delegates attending the recent convention of the National Hardware Association in New York.

In the alleged "gerrymandering" over the redistribution of Federal seats, the Progressive Conservatives agree that they've been "done." Although the main committee has made minor revisions in assorted sub-committee findings, the compromise deals have offered too little to appease the aggrieved.

The ducks and geese of North America have been the subject of an annual inventory covering Canada, Alaska, the United States, Mexico, and Central America. The object of this check on the numbers of these valuable birds is to find out, as closely as possible, how many survived the hunting season last autumn, so that some idea can be formed of what water-fowl hunting will be permissible in the fall of this year.

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Notes By the Way

The British Columbia Minister of Education is offering \$10,000 a year to a doctor who will teach people how to drink in moderation.

We don't want to discourage the Father's Day movement so early in its revival. There are many reasons why Father's Day, with all its faults and foibles, deserves a little special recognition.

Since the inception of the United Church of Canada, this country has had a lot more permanent residents than before.

Not many days ago an English clergyman held forth to the effect that American girls were a scandalously immoral lot.

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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.

A FERRY NEEDED?

Sir.—I recently had the pleasure of driving around the block, June 4th (the day after the rain), down the Cahill road and out the Mount Hope road to the Potune Road.

I felt I would have a good road the rest of the way to the F.R. Road. But, when I came to the big bridge twenty chains from this road, one of our good Liberals was sitting on the bridge in his bare feet.

As it was the only thing to do just then, I got into the habit of shutting my eyes when I crossed the St. Peter's Bay bridge, and again when I passed the old Court House that is substituted for a high school.

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THE LANGUAGE OF REPOSE

A listening Silence lingers in her halls And steals on tiptoe down the shabby stair— Almost a shadow darkening the walls— Almost a presence standing by her chair:

A Silence sweet with laughter that is still, And clamorous with feet that run no more, That leans and whispers to her heart until Young voices call old greetings from the door:

A brooding Silence, folding like warm wings About her weary heart, shutting away The tumult of unnecessary things— The discords of this silent, empty day:

Beyond her door a city roars and shrieks: The traffic presses on her garden close. But Silence dwells with her and Silence speaks The lost and lovely language of repose.

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.

First Grand Jury Report

The Humble Address of the first Grand Jury on the Island of St. John, assembled at Charlottetown, the 12th, of August, 1771.

"We, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Grand Jury of Your Majesty's Island of St. John, with hearts replete with gratitude, for the many blessings we enjoy under Your Majesty's mild and auspicious Reign, beg leave to approach Your Majesty's throne with our most humble and dutiful thanks for Your Majesty's paternal goodness in having been graciously pleased to constitute this Island a Separate Government. By which we and the other Proprietors and Inhabitants have been relieved from the many great inconveniences and hardships we laboured under, from our being placed at so great a distance from the Seat of Government and Courts of Justice during the time we were annexed to Your Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia.

"Animated and supported by the happiness we enjoy under our present establishment, the pleasing prospect already opens to our view of completing the settlement of this Infant Colony agreeable to Your Majesty's most gracious intention; and of extending the blessings of Your Majesty's Reign over this fertile country."

(Signed) David Higgins, foreman, John Russel Spence, John Patterson, Robert Stewart, George Burns, George Teard, John MacDonald, Donald MacDonald, John Urquhart, Jas. Davidson, David Lawson, John Ramsay, John Webster, William Warren.

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