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

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"This Canada Of Ours"

It is worth being reminded, as Transport
Minister Chevrier reminded a Board of Trade
meeting in Vancouver last week, that with a
population of less than twelve millions Canada
is today the third largest exporting nation in
the world; that she has expanded her indus-

tries until they are exceeded only by those of
the United States and Britain; that she is
fourth in airpower and third in seapower; that
she has doubled her production of steel and is
now the fourth greatest steel producer in the
United Nations; that she is today the world's
greatest producer of nickel, radium, asbestos,

platinum and newsprint, is second in wood
pulp, gold, aluminum, mercury and molybdenum,
and third in the production of copper, zinc, lead,
sulphur and arsenic; that she has produced
enough bread for everyone in Canada and for
the normal bread requirements of another
eighty million people, and has sent overseas
one-fifth of all the food requirements of
UNRRA.

Where the signs pointing to Fortune in
Canada once read "Go West, young man," they
now, said Mr. Chevrier, read "Go North." He
pictured that huge section of country known to
science as the Pre-Cambrian Shield. There lies
more wealth in potency than in any other
part of the world. It is made up of the Peace
River District, the Mackenzie and Yellowknife
areas, the Yukon, Flin Flon, Northern Ontario,
the Chibougamou Chain and the District of
Ungava. In this great region there can be
found gold, silver, nickel, radium, uranium, oil,
lead, zinc and coal deposits which are said to
equal those in the United States. There too are
found the Great Bear Lake radium mines, the
Yellowknife gold fields and the Fort Norman
oil wells. The uranium deposits are surpassed
only by those of the Belgian Congo, and recent-
ly there has been discovered at Ungava, east
of the Hudson Bay and adjoining Labrador, rich
iron ore deposits far superior to those discover-
ed anywhere in the world.

These vast resources should be shared in
by all Canadians. They are not the wealth of
any one Province or group of Provinces, but of
the Dominion to which we all belong and to
which we have all contributed. That, incident-
ally, was not one of the points made by Mr.
Chevrier in his address in Vancouver, but it is
something to be remembered in the allocu-
tion of tax revenues and other fiscal matters
under discussion at Ottawa. The Siris Report
takes cognizance of this fact when it
says, (vol. 1, page 30):

"Another great economic objective of Con-
federation, to be realized as soon as circum-
stances permitted, was the opening up of the
Northwest. This project had to await the
acquisition of the lands of the Hudson's Bay
Company. It required the building of a trans-
continental railway. This, in turn, depended
upon attracting new capital and capital, at that
time, had become shy of Canadian ventures.
Collective effort and resources on a scale which
only government could secure were neces-
sary and, at the same time, conditional on the
restoration of the public credit. Although these
plans were necessarily vague in 1867, they were
nevertheless resolutely held. The new political
framework was designed to give the Federal
Government ample powers for the prodigious
task of opening up the West. The Federal
Government was intended to give a vigorous
lead in the development of the new transcon-
tinental economy and in matters relating to that
development there was to be no doubt."

Annual P. C. Convention

The national President of the Progressive
Conservative Association, James M. Macdonnell,
M.P., has announced that the annual meeting
of that organization will be held at Ottawa on
March 28 and 29, when delegates from all parts
of Canada, as well as members of the party from
the Senate and House of Commons, will devote
a couple of days to political conference. This
will be the fifth convention of the kind since
Mon. John Bracken became Progressive Con-
servative leader in December 1942. On the evening
of the 28th the annual dinner will take place at
the Chateau Laurier, at which Mr. Bracken will
be the chief speaker. The annual meeting of
the Young Progressive Conservatives of Canada
whose president, Major E. D. Fulton, M. P.,
is due in Charlottetown today, will be
held at the same time as that of the As-
sociation. Representatives from all the Provinces
will be in attendance at both these Con-
ventions; one of the chief aims of which will be to
keep members of Parliament the opportunity to
keep in touch with the political trend across
Canada.

That New Zealand Butter

Dairy farmers, meeting in Toronto recently,
protested the importation of butter into Can-
ada to meet domestic needs. This was the second
protest from farmers on this subject within
a short time as the matter had come before a
meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agricul-
ture. Some time ago the Dominion government
announced that twelve million pounds of but-
ter would likely be imported from New Zeal-
and, and that the United Kingdom Food Min-
istry had agreed to this. The Government's
argument, with which the United Kingdom food
authorities apparently agree, is that unless we
have sufficient butter here to continue the six

once a week ration public opinion will de-
mand more butter and milk will have to be
diverted from cheese and manufactured pro-
cesses which we are exporting in fairly large
quantities to Britain.

"One thing that has never been made clear
to the Canadian consumer," says the Ottawa
Journal, "is that the butter shortage here is
largely an 'artificial' one. It is not that Can-
adian cream producers and butter manufactur-
ers are unable to make sufficient butter for all
Canadian needs but that, as a result of a fixed
price structure, milk has been deliberately kept
away from butter so that there would be some
chance of our filling other dairy product con-
tracts with Britain. On top of this there has
been a decline in overall milk production, greater
amounts used by the fluid trade. Farmers
naturally seek the highest price outlet for their
milk and that is not the butter factory."

"The farmers' objection to allowing New
Zealand butter in is based on these facts, plus
the allegation that such imports would be from
a country with much lower production costs
than in Canada. At the Toronto Federation
meeting the claim was made that if farmers
were to be subjected to competition from low
cost production countries they should also be
allowed to make their purchases from such
countries. Canadian manufacturers, they said,
operated in a highly protected market and Can-
adian farmers should be allowed to do the same."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Today we enter the last week of the first
month of the New Year.

It's a poor bird that fouls its own nest, and
a worse one that glories in advertising the fact
abroad.

Mr. J. L. Garvin, whose death is just an-
nounced, was at one time one of the three most
influential journalists in London. As Editor of
The Observer he brought a powerfully logical,
analytical mind to bear on the important polit-
ical questions at issue, and it was said leading
statesmen waited the verdict of "J.L.G." on their
proposed legislation before pushing it through
Parliament.

The uncertainties of soil production are once
more illustrated in the slump in potatoes, as it
was after the last war in the production of
coffee, both surpluses being ordered to be des-
troyed. The U. S. agriculture department has
authorized farmers to dump all low-grade pota-
toes stored under government price-supporting
loan. The aim is to clear decks for next crop,
by getting rid of 45,000,000 bushels surplus from
last year's record crop.

Guisepppe Verdi, Italian composer, died this
date 1901; known almost solely by his operas,
achieving his first great success with Rigoletto
in 1851, followed by Il Trovatore in 1855, and
La Traviata in 1855. These closed his triumphs
till his Aida was produced in 1871; his musical
career ended brilliantly with Otello in 1887, and
Falstaff in 1893.

Mr. H. H. Bloom, vice-president of Massey-
Harris Company, addressed the second annual
convention of the Ontario Retail Farm Equip-
ment Dealers' Association said supplies have
increased 10 per cent over 1946, but will be
short in relation to consumer demands this year.
"Canadian farm equipment dealers and farm-
ers have been provided with a substantial higher
percentage of equipment than the United
States or any other country during war years,"
he said. "Prices have increased by only 18 per
cent."

It is surprising how valiant New Brunswick
has become since discovering the effect of Nova
Scotia's stand on the taxation issue. Says Saint
John's Telegraph-Journal: "It now appears that,
because of the fight put up by New Brunswick's
Premier, we are to get the consideration we are
entitled to in grants. It appears, too, that Ot-
tawa has been thwarted in its unparadonable
conniving in the financial negotiations with the
provinces. But it will not do to take too much
for granted, and it is up to New Brunswick to
stay constantly on guard, for we have been vic-
timized too often in the past, and we have learn-
ed by bitter experience how unwise it is to trust
any Federal government."

If and when the same concessions are
granted to the Port of Saint John as have been
announced for the Port of Vancouver—and it
is presumed that such will be the case—the fi-
nancial statement of Saint John should show a
substantial improvement as a result of the gov-
ernment's new refinancing plan for harbors
under the jurisdiction of the National Harbors
Board. In announcing inauguration of the new
plan, Transport Minister Chevrier stated at
Vancouver that the Port of Vancouver would
benefit by more than \$4,000,000 by cancella-
tion of its interest liabilities and a reduction of
current interest rates on harbor debts owing to
the Federal government.

Saint John has its bridge problem as well
as Charlottetown. A committee to explore the
possibilities of constructing a harbor bridge to
connect West Saint John with the east side of
the harbor, will be appointed by the Common
Council, it was decided after discussion. The
motion supporting Councillor O'Brien's sugges-
tions for immediate action toward obtaining the
bridge was moved by Councillor Jamieson and
seconded by Councillor Wasson, then passed
unanimously. The committee will enlist the aid
of the Trades and Labor Council, Town Plan-
ning Commission and the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way, as well as other groups which might be in-
terested in the construction of a bridge in the
near future. Councillor O'Brien said the Board
of Trade, city and the provincial government
should all work toward accomplishing the build-
ing of a bridge. Meantime, he contended, pas-
sage by ferry should be free.

Notes By The Way

It would help if folk would brag
as much about their home town
while in it as they do when they
get away.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

We do not suggest that young-
sters should be trained to call their
elders Sir and Ma'am, or instructed
in any elaborate code of etiquette.
It is a pity, though, that a boy
should grow into a youth, and the
youth into a man, without having
come to an instinctive knowledge
and use of the small courtesies
which do so much to smooth the
rough edges of our crowded lives.
The lad who forces his way first
into a tram and sits while women
stand is not to be blamed too much
—he doesn't know any better. But
somebody is to blame for a duty
neglected.—Ottawa Journal.

Those of us who read the English
papers were profoundly moved by
the spirit of England at the end of
last year. There is no doubt that
among all the nations in the world
on the side of the victors, their case
is dark and difficult. They lived
in an ecstasy of sacrifice and deter-
mination until victory came, and
then they wakened up to the fact
that they were providing the luxury
for the rich nations while they
themselves are living Spartan lives.
—Rt. Rev. J. Renison in Toronto
Globe and Mail.

Perhaps five or ten years from
now we will be mentally condition-
ed to accept flights to the moon
and to enjoy ersatz meteors which
can be shot into the upper regions
of the air, beyond the pull of gravi-
ty, to challenge the brilliance of
the northern lights. Right now,
however, we have enough confu-
sion in our own little globe to just-
ify our allowing the stars and
planets to hold a monopoly on heav-
enly displays. In the midst of
chaotic conditions, it would help
our sanity to be able to believe,
at least for a little bit longer, that
what goes up must come down.
Take that belief away, and we our-
selves, like the wandering warhead,
will be ready to scatter to the
four winds.—Baltimore Sun.

Maybe it is not as much of a
mystery as it seems, but no reader
of the account of the crime-be-
leaguered apartment building at
Manhattan avenue can help feeling
puzzled that the tenants of this one
house should have been singled out
for assaults, burglaries, robberies
and even a murder, and except in
one relatively minor instance, with
impunity. Unable to move because
of the housing shortage, the tenants
have formed a protective associa-
tion of their own, and at their
own expense have hired day and
night guards. It reminds one of the
Middle Ages rather than of mid-
twentieth-century New York. If
every man's home is his castle, here
indeed, is a multiple castle armed
to the teeth, only lacking for ver-
isimilitude a moat, a portcullis and
Greek fire.—New York Herald
Tribune.

It seems clear that an upward re-
vision of salaries for scientists em-
ployed by the government to levels
approximately those across the line
is unavoidable. But higher remuneration
is only one aspect of the problem. Greater
scope and freedom for research, im-
proved facilities for scientific trans-
action, more attractive conditions
of work generally are equally es-
sential. Government apart, private
industry has a responsibility also
in the matter. As Dr. C. J. Mac-
donnell, president of the Southern
Research Council, noted in his re-
cent annual report of his organiza-
tion, industry and capital must do
their part to prevent this very ser-
ious wastage through migration of
Canada's trained personnel.—Ot-
tawa Citizen.

The other day a little item in
the Herald told of a Cornely lady
travelling from Medicine Hat to her
home in a privately-owned plane
in 45 minutes, a distance which,
with other transport available in
the snowbound Southeast, would
have taken her the better part of
three days. It is little wonder, there-
fore, for instance, that more and more
small private planes are being bought
by farmers and ranchers for their own
use. We understand there are now
ten or a dozen in South Alberta,
several of them in operation. We
are just beginning to find out how
handy the small private plane can
be. Perhaps the helicopter will make
it even handier and more stable in
the next few years.—Lethbridge
Herald.

It is true there are still things
along the line of physical drudgery
that must be faced by us today,
and may have to be for some time
to come. For instance, we must take
the toast out of a toaster until a
toaster is invented which slides it
along to us (preferably playing
music) and extends a dexterous
wire arm to butter it and toast
our plate. There again there is
no dodging the disagreeable task
of getting ice for drinks and there
will not be until an electric refrig-
erator comes on the market which
will slide from the kitchen to the
living room (certainly playing
music) and deposit ice cubes in
drinks as required. Hand salt shak-
ers requiring such vigorous exer-
cise at the wrong time of day must
be nearly ready for the a.s. can.
and as a mechanical man has been
invented in England that can play
a fair game of chess it is just about
time to have a pocket television
set provided to warn that your
partner is about to trump you
and as an appendage to kick him
in the shins.—Hamilton Spectator.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by corre-
spondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

FARMERS' INCOME TAX

Sir,—I most heartily endorse
the sentiments of "Common
Sense" in his letter of Jan. 22nd,
that farmers should be exempt
from income tax on what they
produce on their farms.
There is no encouragement
whatever for farmers to work
hard and try to produce all they
can on their farms and then have
to pay income tax over a certain
amount. No wonder you hear
them sigh, "Oh, for the good old
days in which our fathers lived!"
True, in those days they worked
hard, early and late, but they
were happy because it was all
their own, and there were no va-
cant farms as you see today on
our fair Province. Something is
surely wrong. From farmers all
around you hear them remark,
"Why bother growing crops, you
are only working for the govern-
ment?" That seems to be the sit-
uation; farmers are being dis-
couraged instead of encouraged to
speed up production on their
farms.
No one wants to see a food
shortage, but it will surely hap-
pen unless the Government re-
moves this barrier called income
tax from our hard-working farm-
ers.
I am, Sir, etc.

ANOTHER FARMER.

Canadian Medal of Honour Men

(The Legionary)
The decoration of Sergeant
Charles A. MacGillivray with the
Congressional Medal of Honour by
President Truman was not the
first occasion on which a native
of British North America has been
honoured. MacGillivray, a native
of Charlottetown, Prince Ed-
ward Island, had followed the
tradition of valour set by at least
27 others who in years gone by
had received that coveted award.
The Congressional Medal of
Honour was established in 1862 and
is awarded by the President of the
United States, in the name of
Congress, for gallantry in actual
combat with a foe, at great risk
of life over and beyond the call
of duty. A recipient rates a salute
from anyone, regardless of rank
or position.

Perhaps the most prominent
of the earlier Canadians to receive
the decoration was Martin T. Mc-
Mahon, who was born in Leprieur,
P.Q., in 1838. The deed for which
McMahon was cited occurred dur-
ing the Civil War at White Oak,
Virginia, in June, 1862, while
serving as aide to General George
B. McClellan. A valuable
Union train of supplies had been
abandoned not far from the Con-
federate lines. Because the mater-
ial would have been of inestimable
value to the latter, it was essential
that it be destroyed. With utter
disregard of personal danger, Mc-
Mahon worked his way through
the cover of fire between the Uni-
ted States lines and the wagons,
destroyed them and returned
without injury.

After the war Colonel McMahon
held various public offices and for
a time was United States Minister
to Paraguay.
The second Canadian to win the
Medal of Honour ultimately at-
tained the grade of Brigadier-
General, John Curtis Gilmore—
entered the service as a captain. On
the 18th New York Infantry with-
in a month after the Civil War had
started. In May 1863, at Salem
Heights, Virginia, his men became
badly disorganized by the galling
fire of the Confederates and Gil-
more, now a major, seized the
regimental colours and, rallying
his men around him, led them for-
ward in the face of heavy opposi-
tion.

Gilmore was twice breveted for
gallantry, became a Brigadier-
General in the war with Spain in
1898, and retired with the perman-
ent rank of colonel in the Regular
Army in 1907. His son, of the same
name, was graduate from the
United States Military Academy at
West Point in 1894.
It would be impossible to de-
scribe in detail the services of each
Canadian recipient of the Con-
gressional Medal of Honour, but
they may be mentioned in passing.

FAST-SURE
RELIEF FOR SIMPLE
HEADACHE
ASPIRIN
GENUINE ASPIRIN IS
MARKED THIS WAY

ATTENTION!
YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES
There will be a public meeting in the McLure Building,
110 Kent Street, Charlottetown, tonight, January 27th at
8:30 P. M., to afford all Young Progressive Conservatives
of Charlottetown and Royalties an opportunity to meet
and hear Major David Fulton, president of the Young Pro-
gressive Conservatives of Canada.

The Poet's Corner
A THUNDERSTORM
A moment the wild swallows like a
flight
Of withered gust-caught leaves, ser-
enely high.
The leaves hang still. Above the
weird twilight,
The hurrying centres of the storm
unite
And spreading with huge trunk and
rolling fringe,
Each whirled upon its own tremen-
dous hinge
Tower darkening on. And now from
heaven's height,
With the long roar of elm-tree
swept and awayed,
And pelted waters, on the vanished
plain
Plunges the blast. Behind the wild
white flash
That splits the air the pealing
thunder-crash.
Over bleared fields and gardens dis-
arrayed.
Column on column comes the
drenching rain.
—Archibald Lampman (1861-1899)

Old Charlottetown
(And P.E.I.)
COLONIAL BUILDING
GUARD
On Feb. 18, 1946, the following
address was on motion of the
House of Assembly presented to
His Excellency, Sir Donald Camp-
bell, the Lieutenant Governor:
"May I please Your Excellency:
"The public offices in the Colo-
nial Building, being now finish-
ed and ready for the use of the
officers for whom they are pro-
vided, the House of Assembly are
desirous that those gentlemen
should remove from their pres-
ent offices to the Colonial Build-
ing with as little delay as possi-
ble; and the House of Assembly
therefore pray Your Excellency
will be pleased to cause the re-
quisite orders to be made for the
occupation of all the public off-
ices in the Colonial Building.
"The House of Assembly fur-
ther desire respectfully to bring
to Your Excellency's notice the
necessity that will exist for the
protection of the public monies, re-
cords, etc., after the same are re-
moved there, and should Your
Excellency be of opinion that the
same cannot be drawn from the
small number of militia at pres-
ent on this Island, the House of
Assembly beg Your Excellency to
represent the same to the Im-
perial Government, in order to
obtain an additional number of
military, so as to afford an addi-
tional security to the public
monies, etc., of the Colony."
To this address, His Excellency
was pleased to say that he would
comply with the desire of the
House.
It does not appear how long
this guard was continued. In an
account in an Island newspaper
of a very destructive fire which
broke out in the establishment of
John Scott, Kent Street, on the
26th November, 1946, it is stated:
"The alarm was first given by
the sentinel at the Colonial
Building." This would be ten
months after the application for
the Guard was made.

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