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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink."
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Higher Education in Britain

Canadians who are interested in higher
education are following the debate in Great
Britain on the future of English universities with
growing attention.

The British Government has accepted, as a
broad objective, the recommendation of the
Barlow Committee that the output of university-
trained scientists should be doubled "at the
earliest possible moment."

When the replies of all the universities
were weighed, it was found that they believed
it would be possible to increase the student
population within the next ten years by only 45 per
cent instead of the 100 per cent urged by the
Barlow Committee.

To achieve even this more modest objective,
the government will be required to spend
more money on university education than it has
been accustomed to do in the past.

After all, it is not the primary function of
a university to turn out engineers or research
specialists. Its vocation is to train students in
the humanities of scholarship and touch them
with the passion for disinterested learning.

Secondly, and equally important, the universities
are afraid that with the increased
money voted by the government will come an
increasing desire to meddle in university affairs.

These fine scruples, comments an exchange,
may seem wire-drawn to some Canadians.
But the mature academic tradition of the
British Isles is not lightly to be mocked.

Monty's English

It was Field Marshal Montgomery who
announced, after the Battle of El Alamein, that
everything was tickety-boo and, on the occasion
of the Allied landings in Southern Italy, that
the troops were full of beans and had their
tails high.

New Savings Bonds

As previously forecast, the Dominion Government
through the Minister of Finance has
announced that Canada Savings Bonds will
be offered for sale to the public commencing
October 15.

A large number of Canadians have been
able to build up comfortable bank accounts in
late years, as revealed by the high volume of
deposits in the banks, and they also have
invested in Victory Bonds, War Savings Certificates
and Stamps throughout the war years.

continually purchased War Savings Certificates
and Stamps, the sale of which were discontinued
on Monday, will find in the Canada Savings
Bonds as good an investment for the money they
consistently placed in the Certificates and
Stamps now withdrawn.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Soap chemical workers' disputes are alleged
to be the cause of laundry soap shortage. The
women should be given a hand in settlement of
that strike.

Francis Williams, public relations adviser
to Prime Minister Attlee, has suggested that
membership in the United Nations "should be
limited to those countries that guarantee freedom
of information and news."

Ottawa dispatches announce that letter
carriers have been instructed to take note during
their daily routes of unoccupied apartments or
houses and to report the address and whether
the accommodation is a single house, double
house, apartment, duplex or triplex.

In connection with the "floor" delegation
now in Ottawa, the Bureau of Statistics reports
that the potato production this year is estimated
at 44,628,000 hundredweight compared with last
year's harvest of 36,986,000 hundredweight.

Our External officials, who correspond to
the British Foreign Office staff, are on the move
this month. Mr. Norman Robertson, newly-
appointed Canadian High Commissioner to the
United Kingdom has assumed his new duties.

The Church of Scotland has received from
an anonymous donor a gift of \$1,045,000. The
gift is in the form of stock, and is to be used for
specific purposes.

Alberta's "bill of rights", a measure by
which the Social Credit Government hopes to
provide a social security pension to every un-
employed Albertan between 19 and 60, is now
before the appellate division of the province's
Supreme Court in its first test of validity.

William Morris, poet, artist, socialist, died
this date 1896; associated in art with Burne-
Jones, Ford Madox Brown, and Rossetti; his
outstanding poetic works were: The Defence of
Guenevere, The Life and Death of Jason, and
The Earthly Paradise.

Apparently the ready tongue of Britain's
famous wartime Prime Minister is a family
idiosyncrasy, as one Australian police sergeant
discovered recently. In the Dorrigo country of
New South Wales lives a cousin of Winston
Churchill, who, naturally, is a center of interest.

Captain Russell writes to The Times:
"A day or two ago Canon Meyer began
a letter to you with the words, 'Poor B.B.C.—
a gallant colonel finds fault with the B. B. C.
because...' Why did the Canon use the ad-
jective gallant? Not, clearly, because any ques-
tion of gallantry was involved. I very much fear
he was using it in an unflattering sense, the
intended implication being 'gallant possibly but
wooden-headed undoubtedly.'"

About the time everyone becomes
used to seeing women's legs—or at
least that part of them below the
knee—fashion decrees skirts shall
go down. And they go eventually,
for what woman resists a fashion
asked The Edmonton Journal. Just
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manager of a women's dress depart-
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Notes By The Way

According to reports from Greece,
105 percent of the electorate voted
there in the recent plebiscite. Evidently
by working our party "repeaters"
at the home we can make a score
like that in a Canadian election.
—Peterborough Examiner.

In these precarious days it is
a proven fact that more and more
people are turning to the higher
things of art and music. The increase
in audiences for opera and concert
both during and since the war has
been phenomenal. It is estimated
by those who have studied the sit-
uation carefully that the number
of faithful music-lovers has been
more than doubled in the last few
years of the past decade. —Montreal
Gazette.

With Thanksgiving so near, and
Christmas not so far away after
that, it is timely to learn that the
Amberst branch of the Fish and
Game Association is planning to
raise wild turkeys and set them
loose, under the care of district
game warden, in the hope that the
flocks will thrive and eventually
join the permanent ranks of Mar-
tine-type game birds. Not that the
step will mean anything to sportsmen's
dinner tables this year, or even
next year but it sounds intriguing
just the same. —Saint John's Tele-
graph-Journal.

Albert Pierrepont, Britain's ace
hangman, is going to Austria, says
the London Herald to teach his
countrymen the art of hanging. It
is a humanitarian move, however, as
British occupation authorities have
refused to turn over eight young
convicts to Austrian hangmen be-
cause of their bungling brutality.
Evidently Austrian practice in this
respect has declined from the
days of the guillotine. The "Austrian
hangman" was almost a stock
term of British and American poets
denouncing Austrian oppression in
Austria and Hungary. —Chicago Daily
News.

ample of a word derived from a
gangster's name, in the manner
of sandwiches, "blatant" is a
well-known boot. It was in a min-
ing village where a miner
was unable to work through no
fault of his own but because of
the lack of apparatus or similar cir-
cumstance and still, in consequence
of his pay, the circumstance was
referred to as "blatant." The
pit in question was in Derby-
shire, but I was assured that it
was a conventional term; and I
know of no other use of the word
whether it is in use in for example
South Wales, Durham and York-
shire. —John O'London's Weekly.

"Sing" is dead and along every
Pacific Coast waterfront, from
Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver
to the tip of the continent, the
name of a man, Chue, who was
never called him that. He was
the one and only Sing; others may
have had the name but they were
not the same. Sing was mentioned
who knew who meant. Sing was a
cook for half a century on the B.C. Coast's
"Princess" liners. Fortune was
the passenger; who travelled on
Sing's ship. They dined like kings.
No one could order a steak or bake
something like Sing. But he was
more than a cook though an ex-
cellent one. He was friendly to
thousands of passengers; he was a phil-
osopher; he was a good citizen. —
Vancouver News-Herald.

Because he is disgusted with post-
war conditions, Robert Smith, a 23-
year-old student at the University of
Marine, is on his way to the famed
South Sea Islands of Tahiti, sail-
ing alone in an 18-foot sloop. He
wishes to stay there until the
world settles down. If Smith,
had invited all the people who
share his views to accompany him,
they would have been a long
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Many old English inns have quaint
and curious signs the origins of
which have been forgotten or which
the common tongue of centuries
has twisted into something quite
unrecognizable. For instance the
inn sign "The Goat and Com-
pass" is a corruption of "God
Encompasseth Us" and the
"Three Kings" inn sign is a cor-
ruption of "The Infants of
Castile." Spackin' in the BBC
program "Radio Trek" recently,
from long custom of the inn sign
of "The Swan With Two Necks,"
which she said was originally
"The Swan With Two Nicks"
and the inn sign of "The Five
Thames are private property
and belong to one of three owners
—The King, the Worshipful Com-
pany of Vintners or the Worshipful
Company of Dyers. —BBC London
Letter.

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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
its correspondents.

FOUR-LEAVED CLOVERS

Sir,—I have been reading from
time to time of persons finding
four-leaved clovers and of these
being lucky. If that should be the
case I must be going to have
abundance of luck in the future.
The second week in September I
picked four four-leaved clovers, the
following week four more, the last
week six; and on Sunday last I
picked two five-leaved clovers and
I am sure that today I have
found two more.

MRS. MARY MACLENNAN

York, R.R.2.

DR. CARSON REPLIES

Sir,—My reasons for non-attendance
at an irregularly held milk
producers meeting in Prince of
Wales College Monday evening are
as follows: first, because I was
professionally engaged on the
9 o'clock; second, because the
meeting was irregular, and third,
because I believe that the Milk
Board, if it is to properly main-
tain the purpose for which it is
designed, should receive all briefs,
complaints and even
threats at a regularly constituted
meeting and before its three mem-
bers only.

The self-appointed chairman of this
meeting Mr. Andrew MacBain,
is quoted as follows: "He (mean-
ing me) was afraid some of the
present would go to work on him
and such was alleged to be the
reason for my absence. This state-
ment has a double meaning. It
implies that I am afraid to be
considered as being the in-
terferer, then I have reason to pre-
fer charges of somewhat serious
nature to work in the milk busi-
ness, the public interest, in-
stead of a committee to pre-
pare a brief to be submitted to the
Milk Control Board. Then it nat-
urally follows that he would re-
port back to his parent organiza-
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mate meeting should not be recog-
nized by the Milk Board because of the said
unconstitutionality. Then, again,
rumor has it that Mr. MacBain is
not even a member of the Char-
lottetown Producers and Vendors
Association.

A rather amusing phase of the
meeting's notice was that it was
to be held on Monday evening at
8:30 o'clock p.m. Daylight Saving
Time, which time was dispensed
with the day before. It is still more
amusing when one considers the
purpose of a committee to pre-
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He bedded for the Judgment Day.
—Walter de la Mare.

report of a mean and base attack
at the last meeting on one who was
not there to defend himself. I
understand that the press report
did not contain all the account of
the spleen that was vented on
my name. It would have been in-
teresting to have seen Mr. Smith
make a speech, I wonder if he
cried, or appeared to cry. I pre-
sume that his chief objection to
my writing was the fact that he
could not answer it or even write
a letter.

Then the climax: As to roven,
rubicund, rollicking Rolfe from
Mermaid—he was a riot. He claims
that I was "off my beam." Was
he ever on his? I'll leave that for
his neighbors to answer. There
was no doubt of my stand on the
milk question—any "dope" could
see that, and Rolfe did.

What a "Happy Gang" they are,
or shall I say "Unhappy"? I will
confess that there are many fine
men among the milk producers
from Major Robertson. He is a
good stabilizer among these half
dozen little "lemons" that split and
fly about there is good reason
why I did not "knock at their
door."

Point Pelee Rebellion

(W.L.C. in the Windsor Star.)
Anyone wanting a good laugh can
enjoy an afternoon hearing Chief
A. Birtwistle of the Charlottetown
Police talking about the Great In-
dian Rebellion of Point Pelee just
after World War I.

The Charlottetown chief of the Royal
Canadian Mounted Police in Win-
dward at the time. He has since re-
tired from crime curbed and well under
control in the Prince Edward Island
capital.

Many people in Windsor and Es-
sex County still recall the great
revolt of the Indians. Only there
were such a few Indians. That was
one of the huge holes of the time,
but to a lot of people it was no
hoax, because they took it all in
deadly earnest and lived for it.
All was quiet on the Pelee front
again. But to this day, some of
the boys still claim they never
knew of an Indian rebellion that
ran so short of Indians.

SCOTTISH LIVE STOCK

By Ministerial Order, permits
may be issued for the importa-
tion into Canada of cattle, sheep,
goats and other ruminants and
swine from Scotland, which is
free from foot and mouth disease.
The animals must be embarked
at a Scottish port, and the ves-
sels carrying them must come
direct to Canada without touch-
ing at an English, Irish, or for-
eign port.

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DODDS KIDNEY PILLS
By Ken Reynolds



"The job we offered in the Guardian Want Ad has
been taken — if anything else turns up I'll call you
in fact, I may call you anyway!"

that an army of Indians had left
Walpole Island bound for Point
Pelee to carry out the threat of
taking the land by force.

Believing that his duties as hon-
orary superintendent of Point Pelee
National Park demanded that he
do something to protect the land
under his jurisdiction, Mr. Conover
called the Mounted Police. By tele-
phone he told Sergeant Birtwistle
all about the plot and the threat-
ened invasion.

Having had the buck passed to
him by Mr. Conover, the sergeant
immediately passed the buck to
his superiors at Toronto, who pas-
sed the buck along to their super-
iors at Ottawa, who had nothing
else to do but pass the buck right
along to the Minister of Indian
Affairs.

Everything was exciting. Major
"Gus" Twomey went down to help
with some volunteers and soon re-
ported he was surrounded and did
not expect to be on his feet in
the morning. Just what the detach-
ment was surrounded by or with
was never quite clear, but there
was a lot of "dead soldiers" lying
up as the days and nights
flew along.

All the days passed and no In-
dians appeared. Sergeant Birtwistle
went up to Walpole Island to find
the invaders. He went from In-
dian to Indian and listened to more
grievances than he could shake a
stick at. He heard all about what
the Great White Mother, Queen
Victoria, was supposed to have
done, and what the Great White
Father, King George V, was sup-
posed to do. But, all was quiet
except for the orator.

Finally, Sergeant Birtwistle got
back to Point Pelee. He announce-
ed that he had gone out on an
individual, had met some of
the Indians, had shown them
the folly of any rebellion and they
had agreed with him.

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