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

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All Should Vote

All that is left to say before the ballots are cast in today's contest is to repeat with still greater emphasis what was urged in these columns yesterday, namely, the importance of every elector registering his or her vote.

Valetide Farm in U. K.

British housewives are facing this year increasing burden of trying to make a merry Christmas for the family with less and less to do with it.

C. M. A. Statement

A statement has been issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which recalls the King Government promise right after the war to reduce taxes as rapidly as possible and to frame a fiscal policy to encourage the increase of private investment, in order to create remunerative employment.

British Conservative Gain

In the Epsom by-election in Britain last week the Conservatives polled 6,452 more votes than in the 1945 general election, and the Laborites 2,294 fewer votes.

8,000 Farm Fires

It is estimated from a recent survey made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that there were 8,000 farm fires in Canada in the 12-month period ended June 1, 1947.

and the amount of loss covered by insurance was estimated at \$3,778,000, just under 37 per cent. This indicates that a relatively small proportion of farm property is adequately insured against fires.

Fires were most frequent in barns or out-buildings and 45 per cent of all fires originated in these places. The farm house was the location of 38 per cent, and 15 per cent were in barns, bush or grass fires.

The frequency of farm fires shows considerable seasonal variation, the late spring and summer being the season in which fires are most common. Nearly half of all farm fires occur in the four months of May to August.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The last King of Delhi died this date 1562. It has been a vigorous, well fought-out campaign, and to the victors will be given the spoils.

Election Day. Not "Early and Often," but soberly and with a sense of high responsibility should citizens exercise their franchise.

After tomorrow more attention will be given to the approaching festive season, though the election did not seem to appreciatively affect the preparations.

Could it be that Prime Minister Mackenzie King publicly differs from Minister of Agriculture Gardiner to queer his pitch in view of Mr. Gardiner's aspiration to be his successor?

By an unhappy printer's error, Hennessey's X. O. brandy—one of the noblest products of the district of Cognac—is referred to in a recent Australian Government Gazette as Hennessey's K. O.

The matter of immigration can be tied in with new industries. If we are interested in seeing particular industries and trades established here it will not be difficult to find the necessary skills among prospective immigrants.

A sage has remarked that a community is held together by the multiplicity of its cleavages. As long as the division lines of religion, politics, race, occupation and wealth, etc., do coincide the more such divisions the less chance of any wide split caused by any of them.

The reason why cases of ships breaking in two have become more common in recent years is the adoption of welded instead of riveted construction. Although the welded joint may be stronger than the plate itself it lacks the "give" of a riveted joint which allows a big ship to bend slightly with any stress.

Now that the election campaign is over it is worthy of note that the Maritime Electric Company is now an Island corporation having removed its head office from St. Stephen, N. B., to Charlottetown. It is up to the company to justify its existence by providing cheaper and more effective electrification of the Island than could be done by any government commission.

Canadians may soon be receiving more Australian wine. A campaign has been started to sell more Australian wines in Canada, Britain, U. S. and Malaya. First step is a comprehensive research programme by the Australian Wine Board and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. It includes the maintenance and testing of yeast cultures.

Anniversary of the King's Accession (1936). He replaced his oldest brother, Edward VIII (now Duke of Windsor) who abdicated the throne and its responsibilities, to marry (in his own words) "the woman I love," Mrs. Wallis Warfield. His Most Excellent Majesty George the Sixth, is the second son of George V and Queen Mary, and was born Dec. 14, 1895, and married Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne in 1923.

It seems strange, but nevertheless true, there is a very considerable emigration from the United States to Australia where business is said to be booming. The Immigration and Information Minister of New South Wales recently extended a hearty welcome to newcomers, including numerous young married couples with children. Prime Minister Chifley, in commenting on the statement by Ambassador Robert Butler, who is present in America, that Australia was headed for an economic boom said: "Never has there been so much interest in expanding industry. Any pessimism is largely political not economic. Australia has never experienced such satisfactory conditions."

According to the Bank of Montreal Business Summary, wholesale and retail Maritime trade during October was well maintained. The dollar volume of retail trade shows little change from last year indicating a decline in physical volume. Buyer resistance to luxury goods is in evidence. Collections are fair to good. Winter woollens operations are under way. Contracts are now being closed for the sale of pit props to Great Britain. Domestic demand for lumber continues good. Potato shippers have commenced marketing this season's average crop and important export shipments are reported. Demand for dried and pickled fish is strong with prices firm. Production of fresh fish was lower, as compared with the same month last year. Manufacturers are busy, but scarcity of certain essential materials and, in some cases, labour shortages have affected production. Shipyards are active. Coal production in Cape Breton during October was higher than during the previous month and the same month last year.

Notes By The Way

An Ohio man was robbed of \$100 half an hour after he won it at bingo, Bangol—Windsor Star.

To support their two children a film canteen sues her former mate for \$14,000 a year, or about the annual appropriation for a school system back in the old home, observes The Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The time for snowdrifts having arrived, it is pertinent to recall that a good many of middle age and older have died suddenly of over-exertion caused by their efforts to push motor cars out of the drifts—Brookville Recorder and Times.

Vanouwer's rat population today is estimated at 2,000,000, but there is a night watchman along the waterfront who claims it runs closer to 4,000,000, should know, he says. He watches their escapades every night reports The Vancouver News-Herald. He looks upon himself as an authority on a believer in more than 30 years he has been employed on the waterfront—primarily at night, and it is at night the rat life reaches its peak. The waterfront is quicker-witted than those elsewhere and they can outguess any person who has not made a study of their habits.

It is not generally known whether or not the decorator employed to furnish up Lancaster House for the current "Big Four" foreign ministers' meeting is a believer in signs and portents. But in any case he has managed a neat, symbolic interpretation of the occasion. The chairs are gorgeous and gold, obviously to Comrade Molotov and General Marshall. In the prevailing state of British sentiment, the blue table will signify to Mr. Bevin, M. Bidault appears to have been ignored, but, doubtless, in the present situation in France nothing says "peace" more eloquently than just to let his feelings.—Windsor Star.

The Alberta government has taken one more step along the road of "orthodox" finance. This week it sold a \$2,500,000 bond issue to a Toronto syndicate, the first in 1948. The debentures sold at \$99.52, a moderately good price considering they were 10-year securities. The syndicate was selling Alberta debentures for \$47, and for a long time remained in the low \$50's. The government's refunding program in 1948. The reason for the refunding is the need for provincial debentures now set at par or better. It has found that the money market is not much greater value to the administration than some monetary theories.—Calgary Herald.

Take a bright December morning. It is not normally, after a night, so there is a coating of frost on the ground before the sun gets above the horizon. Then, as the sun rises, the air is cool and good to breathe. It is a good beginning for a day, in town or country, and puts rest in a man with a clear December evening. Then the western heavens glow, as the sun goes down, with a single redness that is more than the transient hazy glow of early autumn. Bare branches stand out black against the sky. And when the brief light of day has gone, the stars shine out in a night blue velvet overhead. The dark with enticement for those who look—Calgary Herald.

Two Harvard professors listening over a special radio receiver have heard "music from the sun." What poetic is the phrase that what ethereal sweetness ravishing the ear, what radiant purity of tone creating again the morning stars together. "It sounds," said one of the professors, "like gravel on a tin roof." With a single phrase physics has done what the inadequate apparatus of Proud and his colleagues could not do. The vision of the golden-tongued poet who wrote: "The fault dear Brutus, is not in our stars but in ourselves"—Christian Science Monitor.

The relation between the British Royal Family and the British peoples defies analysis. It is so much a compound of the real and the artificial and yet it is impossible to define accurately what is real and what is artificial. A King may see all and yet experience nothing of the things that are essential to the lives of his subjects. He may understand much and yet know that in so many things he is condemned to be always a spectator. A serenity is built around him, in form of an obedience, a substance one of imprisonment. The tyranny of princes has been replaced by a tyranny of their peoples. And yet in the case of Britain, these captive Kings have given their captors many gifts. They have, by their own initiative, helped and fostered activities that need encouragement from above if they are to achieve success. The foundation stones laid by the Kings of Britain are not only cold walls standing in public buildings. They have also become warm impulses that have energized many corners of public life.—London Economist.

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.

THE WRONG MR. WRIGHT

Sir,—There appeared in last week's Guardian a notice signed by Hon. Horace Wright, disclaiming connection with the C. C. F. announcement of a meeting in the evening of Friday evening, Dec. 5 which stated that the speakers would be Messrs. Walker, Toombs and Wright. Apparently no other man of the name is qualified to enter public life; perhaps Hon. Horace Wright has come to the point where he feels that the only thing that draws people to a political meeting is to hear him speak. In Friday's Guardian, so that the electorate may be spared the disappointment of driving to Bedeque Hall on Friday evening to find that the speaker was not there to address them. May I assure the seemingly irritated Mr. Wright that the C. C. F. meeting in Bedeque Hall on Friday night, Dec. 5, was not the same Mr. Wright who a little while ago was following his leader into the latter lock, stock and barrel. The C. C. F. Mr. Wright is not the Mr. Wright who at that time went about the Fourth District from platform to platform, telling the electorate that he had left the Liberal Party because it was not the party of the people. The C. C. F. Mr. Wright is not the same Mr. Wright who at that time was following his leader into the latter lock, stock and barrel. The C. C. F. Mr. Wright is not the Mr. Wright who at that time went about the Fourth District from platform to platform, telling the electorate that he had left the Liberal Party because it was not the party of the people. The C. C. F. Mr. Wright is not the same Mr. Wright who at that time was following his leader into the latter lock, stock and barrel. The C. C. F. Mr. Wright is not the Mr. Wright who at that time went about the Fourth District from platform to platform, telling the electorate that he had left the Liberal Party because it was not the party of the people.

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"We beg, again, to thank you for your thoughtfulness and attention to our comfort and to express our hope that the Dominion Government may soon recognize your services by appointing you permanently in the charge of the winter communication between P. E. Island and New Brunswick, and that you may be able to fulfill the conditions of the Act of Confederation.

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The Poets Corner

JELLY FROM WILD CRAB-APPLE Forked tongues of blue-eyed birds are in this jell, blood hum of wasps; and bumbled bees as well.

Silvery nels thrown over morning's olive, the angustura of worn-out groves: . . . The grey-ringed, feathered sigh of mourning doves: . . .

Squirrels bowing live-oak balls assail the roof, ash-mourning lizard's blood-drop of eye, beneath the stove: . . .

Rusted shadow beneath the flicker's wing, the watered scent of mint beside the spring: . . . Scissor of bluejay's squawk and grey crane's shout and hissing, as fingers the light-aimed fruit.

Zebra-leaved gulvering . . . as king-snake springs beneath the floor, Spoon through rose amber . . . (sugared) . . . cry of kill-deer on the shore! —Virginia Russ in New Quarterly of Poetry.

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Scotland To Have Five National Parks

Some of the most magnificent scenery in Scotland is being preserved for all time from any danger of being spoiled by industrial developments. As soon as the necessary legislation is passed, five areas recommended by the Scottish National Parks Committee in their report just published as a White Paper will become National Parks. The five areas, all situated in the picturesque landscapes of the Highlands, are Loch Lomond-Trosachs, Glen Affric-Glen Gairn, Strath Park, Ben Nevis-Glen Coe-Black Mount, the Cairngorms, and Loch Torridon-Loch Maree-Little Loch Broom. The Committee estimates that the total cost would amount to about £3½ million (\$18 million), of which £1,500,000 (\$7,250,000) would be for the purchase of the land, £1,000,000 (\$4,750,000) for the provision of the necessary holiday accommodation and recreational facilities, and £1,000,000 (\$4,750,000) for the purchase of the land. The report suggests that the capital expenditure could be met from Scotland's National Land Fund of £50 million for a separate Scottish fund. When the Parks are established the annual expenditure will be £150,000 (\$675,000) on wages and upkeep. There will be no charge for admission, but strict measures will be taken to ensure that this easy access does not drive away the game. The Parks will be managed by the Forestry Commission, which will include regional organizations with a mobile staff and a central headquarters. Nor is it only the nature lover, rambler, artist, mountaineer and angler who will benefit from this fine plan. Those who already live in those areas will reap most advantages. For the report proposes not only to provide amenities for visitors but also to ensure that all the possibilities for farming, forestry, hydro-electric power and rural industries.

N. B. Smelt Market

(Saint John Telegraph Journal)

Smelt fishing is again under way along our Gulf of St. Lawrence and Northumberland Straits. The fishery is being opened for a good season. At this stage, the indications seem to be favorable. For catches in the last week have been large and the price, now twenty cents a pound, is said to be more likely to go up than down. As is the case with most fish, smelt have mysterious reproduction cycles. For a few years they will steadily increase. According to experts they are now in one of their periods when they grow more plentiful.

The delicately-flavored smelt, regarded by so many people as a rare winter delicacy, is made of the first quick-frozen product ever offered to the public anywhere. Caught through the ice on a bitter winter day, they are small and of such a texture that they freeze almost instantly when they are exposed to the air. They are rapidly and most effectively frozen by ultramodern quick-freezing processes.

Another point about them, in the view of the fact that they are now Brunswick controls sixty-five to seventy-five per cent of the entire supply on the Atlantic coast.

Prince Edward Island lands some smelt, around 1,000,000 pounds annually, as does Quebec. In New Brunswick, the most of the volume, the bulk of the catch, some 5,000,000 pounds, is taken in New Brunswick.

In view of the fact that we have a virtual monopoly on the supply of the fact that we have permitted the price to drop in the past to a few cents a pound, bespeaks an inferior system of marketing. If it has not done so, this is a question to which the fisheries division of the New Brunswick department of industry and reconstruction might profitably devote some attention.

If the division could bring our people better returns on smelt, it would be another feather in its cap, and it has earned several feathers already.

Christmas Books

"Danger to Windward" — by Hamstring Perry. (The John G. Winfield Co.) "You may be sticking your head into a byke of wasps!" With this phrase ringing in his ears, Hugh Dewar turned anxious steps toward the house on the moor. Well he might, for he had known that he would find his uncle and his cousin thieves as well as near murderers, he might never have entered that house of mist. Hugh Dewar would have missed many an adventure at sea on that ship Good Intent if he had not gone to seek his inheritance that night, and he would never have known Skip from Beacon Hill nor Rimata of the South Seas. But he did go, and his story is the story of adventure on the sea in a Nantucket whaling ship, captained by the man who was his worst enemy, Davy Mac, So "Come all young men both near and far, Who love the briny seas, When you're aboard a whaling ship, Don't think you're at your ease!" "Lower away" into one of the best sea stories you've ever read! "The Story of Air Transport" by Jim Ray (The John G. Winfield Co.) This long awaited book admirably portrays in lucid, non-technical language, aided by many of the drawings and sketches, the complete, astounding story of the development of air transport. Included are pioneer transport-in-air experiments, early air mail trips, passenger and freight growth, the epic of the Air Transport Command in World War II, and all the other important phases of the technical details of flight, radar, etc. The 80 illustrations, drawn as only Jim Ray can draw them—presenting the technical details in a most artistic manner—make this volume one of the most beautiful as well as useful books of its kind. The end-papers are a map showing the air routes of the world.

"Sorcerer's Apprentice"—Written and illustrated by Cooke. (The John G. Winfield Co.) The contents and imports of this finely printed and illustrated children's "Shoeker" is best described by the following words of the author: "This is the tale of a magical age. Who lived long ago in a mystical age. In a curious, wonderful, wonderful way. In a marvelous, wonderful story-book day. How he worked at his spells and mixed up his brew. No one but Alphonse, his apprentice, ever knew. As for his strange story was written at last! This magical story right out of the past! It tells about poisons and powers and spells. And it tells how the Sorcerer left home one night. Leaving Alphonse to a sorrowful plight. It tells of the witch-broom, the one that the boy conjured to life; how it danced to his joy. But when to his terror, the words he forgot. The Sorcerer's wrath was his pitiful lot! For all of you children who love make-believe. Here is a storybook spell you can weave! For all of your very last line from the very first word. It's the strangest, most magical story you've heard!"

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