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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Baden-Powell's Birthday

Baden-Powell, the most remarkable man in the world, celebrates his eighty-third birthday today. Lady Baden-Powell's birthday falls on the same day, though she is much younger.

Lord Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scout Movement in 1907, and now it has spread to the uttermost parts of the earth—to 97 countries, including the British Empire.

Lord Baden-Powell was here five years ago and addressed a large gathering in the Charlottetown Hotel. He reminded Scouters that when devising their schemes of training to keep steadily in mind the aim of their work.

Judging by the number who attend camp, the important place that camping holds in character training is evidently not fully realized here.

Militarism has no part in Boy Scout policy or training; indeed the reverse is the case. In an address at a great Scout banquet in Toronto on the occasion of his last visit, Lord Baden-Powell quoted the following verses which enshrine the seizable object of the Movement as envisioned by its Founder.

If I have battled well
Who was not made for battle,
Let me go!
In some far field, I would salt the cattle,

But this does not mean Scouts are pacifists; volunteer enlistments today prove the contrary. They are patriots, first, last and all the time.

Disappointed With King

The Montreal Gazette, which has been favorable to the Mackenzie King Government for reasons of its own, has now to confess its disappointment with Mr. King's keynote broadcast to the electors.

features of his war administration. In so doing there are certain fields which he would do well to avoid. He has nothing to gain by wholly unconvincing attempts to justify his attitude towards the British Government's first proposal for the training of airmen in this country.

In his first broadcast the Prime Minister told the public that national unity had not been brought about by committing this country unconditionally to any British war wherever fought. The Gazette reminds him that no such proposition is unconditional participation in any British war ever confronted the Government or was considered by the Canadian people, and this, it says, is underlined by the statement of the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) that "there was never any possibility of these commitments being given or of any serious request that they should be given."

The Gazette urges Mr. King to take a leaf out of Dr. Manion's book and go on a national government policy. Evidently the Montreal paper has noted the favorable reaction across Canada to Dr. Manion's appeal. It is no longer predicting an easy Liberal victory but a sure defeat unless Mr. King changes his tactics.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Washington's Birthday celebration—but records prove he was born on February 11.

The snow suits sleighers and skiers, but puts political canvassing on the rough.

Reports are that grave dissatisfaction prevails among Prince County Liberals that a local candidate is not getting an opportunity for nomination, and herculean efforts are being put forth to straighten out difficulties and present a united front at the nomination meeting.

Farm implements and machinery were imported in December to the value of \$1,447,312 as compared with \$1,285,512 in November and \$511,932 in December, 1938.

A special correspondent of the Montreal Gazette investigating the political situation in Ontario suggests that the quarrel between Hepburn and King may result in 65 of 82 seats there going Conservative. This would more than offset the Liberal estimate of 60 seats in Quebec for Mr. King, and allowing gains for Dr. Manion in other provinces, would mean that Mr. King's majority will be wiped out, to be replaced by a National Government majority.

Lord Baden-Powell born this day, 1857—"The average boy does not grasp ideals, nor the attitude of being in a 'state of mind'; but he understands action, and rises to the occasion where he is to do something. Thus the collective good turns, as done in Canada, are excellent and have already won a good name for the Movement. But I hope that this will not be considered as equivalent to the individual good turns done by the boy. It is the practice of his good turn daily which, if fully encouraged by the Scoutmaster, gradually becomes a habit of the boy, and eventually part of his character in unselfish service for his neighbor. In other words, it is the fundamental spirit of the Christian and other religions, put into practice instead of being merely preached as a precept."

Thousands of students of the Universities are deprived of their first Federal vote this election by a decision of the Chief Returning Officer for the Dominion. It was within the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer to give students attending university away from home the right to vote in the electoral districts where they live during university term.

It may be recalled that between October, 1916, and November, 1918, no fewer than 26 merchant ships were sunk by U-boat or surface raider within 300 miles of Canada's Atlantic coast, and that 78 Canadian merchant ships were sunk by the enemy during the four years of the war.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

In consequence of the successful use of women police officers of the Metropolitan Force in detective work, the Home Office has authorized an increase in the branch from 140 to 150. Though women have been employed in uniform duties for some years with the status of men officers, few of them were called upon until recently to carry out inquiries in plain clothes, and only one was engaged in work such as the ordinary detective was asked to handle.

The return of road accidents for the month of December is in the literal sense shocking. The number of persons killed, 1,155, is the highest total ever recorded, in the history of the country.

The army regulation against the wearing of full dress or mess uniforms during the war would probably have a fervent supporter in Wellington. The pretensions of British officers for "muffs" when off duty has been traced to the torments they suffered in wearing the absurd costumes designed by George IV, but it no doubt owed much to Wellington's personal dislike of frills and gold lace.

The report from Oslo states that Norwegian dairy farmers, faced with a temperature of 54 below zero, have been forced to cut up pieces of sackcloth to clothe their cows in order to understand that when it gets as cold as that, the cow with nothing to wear is lucky to survive, and even then with probably well worn frozen milk shakes or ice cream.

That Stalin in his present predicament is turning to Germany for help is denied in Nazi circles; and an appeal for Nazi assistance would at least be wholly incongruous with the latest manifesto of the Communist International, in which the demns Nazi principles and action in the most vigorous terms, and accuses German Imperialism of "continuing the policy of the conquest of foreign peoples."

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of current events. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

WHY NOT A COOPERATIVE PIGGERY?

Sir—The plans of gardens for the unemployed seem to have met with some success. What about a "Piggery" which might be run with advantage by the unemployed as well?

There must be quantities of swill and garbage to be had just for the asking and the collecting. If suitable pig-pens could be built a short distance from the City and pigs reared to be cured for by the unemployed, who would collect swill systematically, there is little doubt that the scheme would be a success financially, and a great help to those without work.

HOPEFUL

The Second Baron

The announcement is made that the young Lord Tweedsmuir will remain at his post with the Canadian Active Service Force abroad. He is quoted as having an eventual career that "to enjoy life to the full one must go out and meet it in the raw. I like to mix and work with men who know what trial and hardship can mean."

He probably is looking for such experiences in the right place. He has worked as fourth deckhand on a fishing trawler in the North Atlantic. He has hunted walrus among the flocks of Hudson Bay and, as an official of the Hudson's Bay Company, slept in igloo; of Barfin Land. There he and his companions built the first timber house and covered more than nineteen hundred miles by dog team. In the Arctic he acquired an unusual acquaintance with the language of the Eskimos.

He spent some weeks in 1931 on the rocky St. Kilda island in the Hebrides as a member of an ornithological expedition, and there was reduced to short rations and rations. He has hunted walrus among the flocks of Hudson Bay and, as an official of the Hudson's Bay Company, slept in igloo; of Barfin Land. There he and his companions built the first timber house and covered more than nineteen hundred miles by dog team.

The Shetland Islands

(St. Thomas Times-Journal) It was general knowledge before the last war that the British Navy had a sanctuary in the Orkney Islands, the particular haven of the Grand Fleet being at Scapa Flow. The British public must have been surprised, however, at the persistence of the Germans in raiding the Shetland Islands soon after the present war began, a much longer journey from Germany, being about 1,000 miles and a few days' sail, than that from the base of the German U-boats in the Atlantic, which indicated to the British people that up there the navy has a new stronghold, although, obviously, the Germans know about it.

The Shetlands comprise about 70 islands in all, the total area being 26,000. The people are a hardy folk, descended from the ancient Vikings, and despite the loneliness of their poverty of their resources, they seldom "emigrate" to Scotland except to follow the herring at certain seasons. Fishing, small-scale, however, is the chief industry, such as the renowned Shetland shawls, and the breeding of the even more famed Shetland ponies, are the chief sources of income. On the whole life there is primitive. The Orkneys are believed by some writers to be in the Ultima Thule written about by classic writers—the more northern islands known to the ancient Romans, although some historians believe Ultima Thule refers to Iceland.

When the Orkney and Shetland Islands were first populated is not known, but for 600 years from the middle of the ninth century they did belong to Norway. How they came to be passed on to Scotland and therefore to become part of the British Empire, is interesting. On July 19, 1468, Princess Margaret, 11 years old, daughter of the third King of Denmark and Norway, Christian I, was married in Holywood Abbey, Edinburgh, to James III, who was 18. King Christian gave his daughter a dowry of 120,000 florins, equal to \$60,000, offering to pay 10,000 florins down, and leaving the islands as security for the other 8,000. They were all poor countries in those days, and 2,000 florins was all the King could raise. It was agreed that if Margaret survived her husband and returned to her native land the islands would revert to Norway, but Margaret died in 1486, two years before James was murdered at Mill town of Bannockburn and the islands thus became part of Scotland. Several times the Government of Norway and Denmark endeavored to regain them for a cash payment, but the deal never went through. In 1744 the Dundas family acquired them. The head of this family is the Marquis of Zetland, long a leading squirearchy in Yorkshire to this day, and it was from his name that the northern group of islands came to be known as Shetland. However, in time they were bought back by the Crown.

If Queen Margaret has outlived her husband the Orkney and Shetland Islands might be regained part of Norway, and the strategy of the British Navy in the big wars would have been altered, the nearest naval base in the North being in Rosyth, near Edinburgh, some 250 miles south.

PREFER OLD HANDS

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The Health League Of Canada

Throughout the United States on February 1st, Fourth National Social Hygiene Day was observed and provided a reminder of the tremendous strides being made against syphilis and gonorrhoea.

Canada, of course, had made considerable progress in venereal disease control, but, as in the United States much is yet to be done. As to immediate and future needs in the United States, "The Health Officer" published by the United States Public Health Service says:

"An active program of public information must continue to inform those who are still not aware or only half aware of the nature of the venereal diseases. Millions of dollars are still spent for 'curealls' that do not cure. Quacks and sellers of worthless remedies reap a rich annual harvest because not all people are sufficiently well-informed about the nature of the disease and the correct methods of treatment. Many communities have not yet begun to exert themselves effectively in instituting control measures, with the result that these diseases continue to reap a needless toll in misery and death. Legislation has not yet been enacted in a Department of Venereal Diseases set up in Ottawa, grants made to provinces for clinics and to the Health League of Canada to carry out the necessary educational work."

In Canada similar needs exist. Here the start on part of government was made 20 years ago when a Department of Venereal Diseases was set up in Ottawa, grants made to provinces for clinics and to the Health League of Canada to carry out the necessary educational work.

The interest of Canadian citizens in the problem of venereal disease control will undoubtedly be further increased by the influence of the aggressive campaign now being waged in the United States.

KILKENNY, Australia. — (CP) — The first cotton mill in South Australia is expected to be in full operation by the end of March. English operators will arrive this month to form the nucleus of a staff of several hundreds.

The Poet's Corner

SONNET (Composed, 1802)

I grieved for Bonaparte, with a vain And an unthinking grief! The tenderest mood Of that man's mind—what can it be? what food Fed his first hopes? what knowledge could he gain? 'Tis not in battles that from youth we train The Governor who must be wise and good, And temper with the sternness of the brain Thoughts motherly, and meek as womanhood. Wisdom doth live with children round her knees: Books, leisure, perfect freedom, and the talk Man holds with weak-day man in the hourly walk Of the mind's business: these are the degrees By which true sway doth mount; This is the stak True power doth grow on; and her rights are these. —Wordsworth

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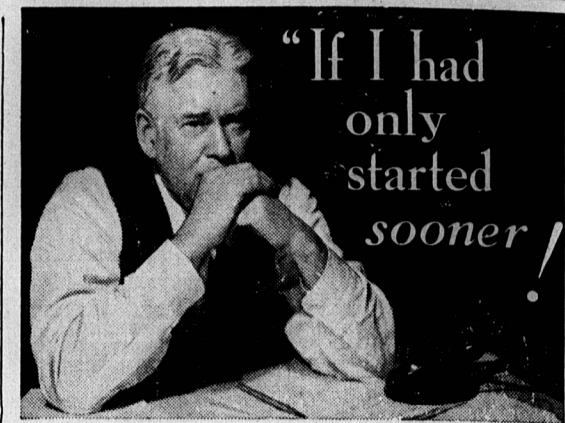
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Province of Prince Edward Island Notice Re Hillsboro Bridge

Hillsboro Bridge will be closed to traffic on and after Monday, February 12th, for a period of two weeks.

L. B. MacMILLAN, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways

Charlottetown, February 2, 1940.

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