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

CHARLOTTETOWN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25,

Newfoundland On The Alert

A Canadian Press story features the progress
made by Newfoundland in codfish processing and
marketing, which might well serve as an object
lesson to the industry in these Maritime Provinces.

At least ten new freezing plants sprang up
in Newfoundland during the war to supply the
English market whose fishermen were barred from
the North Sea ground by mine-fields and enemy
ships and planes.

Newfoundlanders even have their eyes on a
possible market in mid-west United States for
salt cod which has previously been sold chiefly
in Portugal, Greece, Italy and some of the Latin-
American republics.

This Machine Age

Despite the limited supply of farm equip-
ment available during war years, wholesale sales
in the 1940-45 period in Canada amounted to
\$298.5 millions, or more than double the average
for the years 1936-39, according to the Dominion
Bureau of Statistics.

Naturally some of the machinery was pur-
chased to replace worn-out or obsolete items, but
the Bureau estimates that the investment in farm
machinery, even after allowing for machines that
have worn out, and depreciation, increased by
\$50 million between 1941 and 1946.

Curbs On Freedom

In a final message to World Methodism, the
Ecumenical Methodist Conference, which recently
held its sessions at Springfield, Massachusetts,
made a striking pronouncement against the present
tendency to restrict the liberties of the individual.

"We are compelled in this conference to
face the problems of the state and the government.
Little or nothing is said about the exact
form which the state should take, except that we
cannot tolerate any governmental form which
tramples on the freedom of the individual, and
reduces man to the level of a mere instrument
of the state."

That, comments an exchange, is a pro-
nouncement that should cause considerable
thought, not only throughout the religious world,
but also among the friends of freedom every-
where. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,
and that proverb arose out of the long struggle
carried on in Britain through the centuries against
oppression.

Australia's Currency Crisis

On his visit here the Australian High Com-
missioner, Mr. Forde, referred to the efforts
his countrymen are making to assist Britain over
her dollar-shortage crisis.

Ultimately, it is stated, Britain may have to
freeze Australia's sterling balances in London
(Australia's stake is over \$2,732,800,000). Then
more shortage will be inevitable, as Australia
will have to live on the income from her exports.

Gasoline ration cuts of 10 to 25 per cent,
to save 4 1/2 million gallons monthly. (Present
average ration for a private car, 12 gallons a
month).

Review of dollar expenditure on such im-
ports as newsprint, tobacco, and films.
Severe rationing of dollars for travel.
Inevitably, it is feared, trade between Aus-
tralia and Canada will be affected. The bulk of
her newsprint comes from Canada, and we also
have been sending her machinery and metals at
the rate of about \$16 million annually.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Twenty-first Sunday after Trin-
ity—"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

This is Boy Scout Apple Day—only 5c to \$5
per for luscious Island fruit and future Island
manhood.

Mr. Claud Nelson, representative in Italy of
North American Y. M. C. A.'s, states that the
new "Y" in Italy comprises both Roman Catholics
and Protestant membership.

Canada's latest tribal class destroyer "Cay-
uga" is named after a branch of the Iroquoian
family which belonged to the Five Nations. Deep
sea crew members will not like to be reminded
that the name means "swamp dwellers."

With doubling up of classes in the city
consequent on the fire at West Kent School,
city pupils and teachers are finding their pro-
gram of work and recreation sadly disrupted.

Before the Government takes the leap into
the packing business on a permanent basis it
would be well to remember that the first result
will be the loss of tax revenue to city, province
and Dominion.

That is a munificent gift of the Kinsmen's
Club to the local Arts and Crafts Society—
\$2,500. The Club is, and has been, busy in good
work, especially in connection with the rising
generation, and deserves all the encouragement
and support the community can give.

The annual Bible Society canvass opens on
Monday, when representatives of the Society
throughout the Province will solicit contributions
towards this worthy cause. Attention is called
to the advertisement in today's issue in this con-
nection.

The sympathy of everyone goes out today to
Dr. R. J. Macdonald, surviving partner of the
benevolent "Darby and Joan" of St. Peter's Bay,
Dean of the Provincial Medical profession, still
active at the venerable age of eighty-nine. Her
works as wife and mother, as well as lady boun-
tiful, do follow her, and her soul rests in peace.

The indecisive battle of Balaklava fought
this date 1854 in the Crimean War, in which the
British Light Brigade and the Heavy Brigade dis-
tinguished themselves by remarkable charges. At
the close of the war when the Peace of Paris was
signed, Russia undertook to restore conquered
territories, and engaged to build no arsenals and
have no warships in the Black Sea.

Rural electrification has made another
step forward as the result of the report of Mr.
T. H. Hagg, former chairman of the Ontario
Hydro-electric Commission, who not only
thinks it feasible and practicable but essential
if this Province is to go ahead instead of retro-
grade. This is a time for progress, and aggressive
progress at that.

There are to be no luxuries and precious
few necessities for our friends in the Old Coun-
try this coming winter, but there will be no grou-
ching. They are the stuff heroes are made of
and they will continue to make sacrifices that
not only we here, but generations still unborn
may be free and enjoy the love and blessings of
Christianity as against Communism's cruel, hard-
hearted materialism. What are we going to do
to help them in their time of need?

The resignation of Hon. Grote Stirling, former
Defence Minister in the Conservative Govern-
ment of the 1930's, of his seat in Yale, B.C., was
sent to the Speaker more than a week ago, but
Dr. Fautoux was overseas at the time. The British
Columbia seat will be the only vacancy in the
Commons now that York-Sunbury has been
filled.

The famous undergraduates Rectorial elec-
tion of Glasgow University takes place today
with three contestants, Mr. Walter Elliot, M.P.,
Conservative, former Minister of Agriculture; Mr.
Thomas Johnston, former Secretary of State for
Scotland, Socialist, and Dr. O. H. Mavor (James
Bridie) novelist and dramatist, Independent. Dr.
Mavor is a graduate in medicine of the Univer-
sity, which conferred upon him the degree of
LL.D. in 1939.

According to the Governor-General "Char-
acter building is of prime importance in the
British and Canadian style of education." Speak-
ing to students, graduates and parents of Upper
Canada College, he said: "I have been in a posi-
tion to judge human values. In a real test, the
real man is the man with the character." That
is what the Boy Scout Movement stands for.

Britain's pedigree livestock export trade is
being maintained and, indeed, expanded, owing
to the persistence of overseas buyers who recog-
nize the excellence of United Kingdom stock,
and whose presence has always been welcomed
at Britain's agricultural shows. The export of
livestock is a valuable dollar-producing branch
of Britain's national industry, and such exports
are not largely confined to thoroughbred horses
and beef cattle as in the past but range over
the whole field of livestock breeds.

If the Government as a matter of policy
decides to take over the Canada Packers plant
permanently, it will have to do so by authority
other than that vested in the order-in-council
of September 27, which states specifically:
"Council did and doth order that the meat-pack-
ing plant and other facilities for the slaughtering
and processing of live stock in the Province
of Prince Edward Island, the property of Canada
Packers Limited, be and are hereby declared to
be taken over temporarily for operation by His
Majesty in the right of the Province of Prince
Edward Island."

Notes By The Way

Scientists are studying the effects of atomic
bomb radiations on heredity. It would be better if
the world's statesmen would agree on a plan
to outlaw the bomb. Other-
wise there may be no next genera-
tion and no heredity to affect. —
Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Every so often the heavyweight
scientists get together and make
discoveries they hail as
further clearing up the mysteries
of the atom. But somehow their
explanation of this clarifying de-
velopment only leaves most of us
more mystified than ever as to
what atomic energy is all about—
except that we have a general idea
of what it can do in a given case.
—New Glasgow News.

Because the postwar demand for
pianos continues at such a high
level, manufacturers have estab-
lished 12 schools in different parts
of the nation and are considering
the possibility of setting up six more.
Thus, the piano, which seemed to
know its heyday in the '20's, faced
with the keen competition of the
radio and perfected mechanical
music makers, holds its own today.
Its comeback is a tribute to an in-
imate American love of really good
music. —Boston Post.

The last time these columns had
occasion to deplore the vice of
light facing by women was back
in—well, quite a ways back, says
The Boston Herald. Now with the
projected return to the hour-glass
figure we began to wonder if we'd
have to start the old crusade over
again. And when we looked up the
figures on employed females in this
country—17,302,000 of them by last
accounts, and moving up toward
the 19,300,000 of the wartime peak.
So we said, no, they don't do it.
What woman will put in a 40-odd
hour week at a job, come home and
cook supper and do the housework
all in a tight foundation garment?
And the answer, as we got it, was
every woman!

Something new has been added
to the interesting subject of job
security which has been prominen-
tly discussed and promoted in Can-
ada during recent years. The in-
formation comes from Dr. R.G. Ratz,
head of the civil service health di-
vision of the National Health De-
partment, who says there is a much
greater proportion of "basically
secure" jobs in Canada than among
the general population. There are no
doubt thousands of us who will
say that we will take the short-
handedness of civil servants and
bear up under the neurotic diseases.
But there will be many others among
us who will see an application in
practice of a theory held for some
time.—Port William Times Journal.

The mink is no pocket pet. He
is a small mammal belonging to
the weasel family, with a beautiful
thick coat of fur. The fur of the
North he is found in the better
the fur, which is brown in color vary-
ing from light to dark and glossy.
Minks live in burrows, near pond
or stream and they are skillful
swimmers. They eat fish, frogs,
eggs, birds and even small land
animals. They are like skunks, and
have glands that secrete a liquid
of very penetrating odor and it is
very disagreeable when the animal
is in a rage. They are about two
feet long in Canada, smaller in
European countries, but they have
been trapped for royal sable from
time immemorial. And he is a very
hardy creature, so positive of
great cunning. The trapper who
gets his pet earns every dollar of
the market price. — St. Catharines
Standard.

More than 50 years ago two
brothers living in the little Scot-
tish town of Elgin decided to em-
igrate, reports The St. Thomas
Times-Journal. George McDonald,
the elder, went to Oregon, U.S.A.,
and Robert, four years younger,
went to Australia. They correspond-
ed regularly. A few months ago
George thought it would be nice
if they could meet once again in
Elgin. He wrote to Robert and
said it would be a good idea. George was 96
and Robert 92. Robert felt, however,
that the journey might be too hard
for an old man like George, so he
wrote back: "I'll go home to
Elgin. You stay where you are. I
will see all the folks in Elgin and
all the places we used to know, and
then come to Oregon and tell you
all about it." George agreed. So
Robert set off in Elgin his 80-
year-old aunt was waiting to wel-
come him. A few days ago she re-
ceived a telegram, similar to one
which was sent to George in Ore-
gon, which said "Regret to in-
form you Mr. Robert McDonald
died and was buried at sea."

The passing of Gits Rice in New
York will make many thoughtful
about other days. He was a song
writer through a generation. He
could feel out the mood of a re-
curring sadness as in "Dear Old
Pal o' Mine", or the hope of the
heart's fulfillment, as in "Cherry
Blossom Land." But undoubtedly
it was in wartime and in his war
songs that he showed his best tal-
ent. And he learned his skill as
a wartime song writer in the real
way. For it was the vigorous good
humor displayed by officers and
men one night under particularly
heavy German shell fire that first
gave him the key to his craft. It
was this mood that he expressed
with genuine energy in his "Keep
Your Head Down, Fritzle Boy," and
above all in his nostalgically im-
mortal "Mademoiselle from Armentieres,"
with all its unorthodox variations.
After Gits Rice's long career on the
stage, the final curtain has fallen.
"We got encore after encore," he
wrote after the surprising first
success of "Mademoiselle from Ar-
mentieres." And though Gits Rice
is dead, the songs he wrote will
still get many an encore. — Mon-
treal Gazette.

The Poet's Corner

TREES

Trees are the aspiration of the
ground...
Rooted in earth, look how they
build in air...
A green cathedral echoing with the
sound...
Of music... He who climbs their
spirited stair...
Approaches the Himalayas of the
mind...
But soon he will return unto the
sighing...
Leaves and dwelling in their dusk
will find...
Peace and strength for living and
for dying...
They are father and mother to the
lonely heart...
To the homeless they are home...
They give the brain...
Its childhood images, with consum-
mate art...
Building until life's ugliness and
pain...
Are diminished by their influence,
and the night...
Is outdistanced by their journey in-
to light...
—Florence Ripley Mastin in New
York Times.

Old Charlottetown
(And P.E.I.)

SPENDING WITHOUT
AUTHORITY

Legislative Assembly, March 25,
1874.
Mr. Beer complained that no
less than \$3,439 had been expended
upon Government House during
the year, instead of \$600, the amount
voted by the House last ses-
sion. The House also had appro-
priated \$25 for repairs on the
Colonial Building, but the Board of
Works expended \$4,300.

Hon. Mr. Owen, (leader of the
Government) said that when Gov-
ernor Robinson left the Island, he
was asked to go down to Govern-
ment House and see the condition
in which it was left. He went and
was really ashamed of the disgrace-
ful condition in which he found
it. The roof and walls were in a
very bad state of repair. The late
Board of Works had entered into
contracts for public works to the
extent of over \$91,000—a much
larger sum than had been placed at
their disposal by the House during
the session of 1872; yet they had
left Government House in a miser-
able condition.

Mr. Webb said he would not
have known that a single sixpence
had been expended on the Colonial
Building during the year, for he
could see no results. He protested
against the Board of Works ex-
pensing public money for such a
purpose, without the consent of the
House.

Hon. Mr. Brecken said that
previous to the visit of the Govern-
ment General, the Colonial Build-
ing was in a filthy state, and re-
quired a great deal of painting and
whitewashing. If Lord Dufferin and
his Countess had been entertained
in a building with dirty, greasy
floors, he supposed the house mem-
ber for Southport would have been
satisfied.

Hon. Benj. Davies complained
that not a single voucher had been
laid before the House to show
where the money went. When he
was a member of a former Govern-
ment, it was reported that one
wing of the Colonial Building re-
quired to be taken down and re-
built. Perhaps the Government did
this, but he thought the House
was aware of it but the workmen!
If the Opposition were not allowed
to open their mouths to complain
of the extravagance of the Govern-
ment with reference to such mat-
ters, it would be just as well for
the latter not to call the House at
all and do as Governor Smith did
when he did not convene the House
for five or six years together.

Mr. Beer said the Board had ex-
pended no less than eight thousand
dollars on the Colonial Building
and Government House, where he
thought would have been quite
sufficient. The whitewashing may
have been laid on very thick, but
the explanation by the Government
had been extremely thin.

The West Indies
Year Book

(Publishers—Thomas Skinner of
Canada Limited, 437 St. James St.
D. Montreal 1. Price \$5.)
The latest edition of this annual
is considerably enlarged and now
covers not only the British terri-
tory: Bermuda, the Bahamas, the
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PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., (CP)
—Puzzling the board of trade is a
letter to the Prince of Prince Al-
bert from Lois Jonson of Jack-
sonville, Ark., who wants the "prince"
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