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

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fullest they raise more than could be sold." The Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, which administers the potato industry, replies that pests and disease have reduced the potato yield, but the fact remains that under controlled marketing the potato acreage has steadily shrunk and the potato shortage has continually deepened.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The North West Rebellion broke out this date 1885, when a number of recruits from the Prince Edward Island Militia volunteered for service.

No more stirring appeal to the Federal Government at Ottawa on our behalf has ever been made than that on Monday by Mr. McLure. We feel sure that every one irrespective of party, will feel convinced we have the right man in the right place in Parliament.

The best, in both mind and breed, usually finds its way to U. S. A. The latest is the famous Shorthorn bull, Pittodrie Upright, which was sold in Aberdeen, Scotland, for the record price of 14,500 guineas (\$67,715). It has just been shipped from Glasgow to its new owner in Missouri.

We are getting somewhere, somehow, sometime in the matter of reconstruction and housing accommodation. We have two organizations, a Federal and Provincial, in being, and now a City Town Planning one in prospect, all of which is reminiscent of "jam yesterday, jam tomorrow but never jam today" which is what we have wanted for the past two years.

Family allowance payments are being made to children's aid societies and other welfare organizations for a total of 9,609 children, it was reported in a return tabled in the Commons. The largest number, 5,821, were in Ontario with British Columbia second with 1,303, and Nova Scotia third with 1,107. The maximum payment under the plan is \$4 a month for each child.

It will be a grave mistake if the City Council allow themselves to develop a reputation for pettiness and parish pump politics. There are great issues at stake, and immense problems to be solved requiring vision, study and perseverance, and councillors should not allow their attention and efforts to be diverted by minor matters which ought to be under the control of committees, subject to the supervision and vigilance of the Mayor. Where a truck should be parked, and when it should be used, surely could be handled satisfactorily by the committee concerned.

Staunch friends of the Navy League, the departure of His Excellency, the Earl of Athlone and H. R. H. the Princess Alice from Canada recalls many acts of thoughtfulness and brings to light the fact that Her Royal Highness frequently visited the Quebec City Division of the Navy League and recently brought seven pairs of sea-boot stockings which she had knitted herself. In addition, her gift included two cartons of knitted goods and all the knitting wool that she had on hand when leaving Government House.

This is an excerpt from the eighteenth annual report of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board: "The Intoxicating Liquor Act was amended at the 1945 session of the Legislature to restrict the sale of extracts, lotions and other such preparations for use as beverages. The resulting closer supervision of sales of extracts and a stricter enforcement of the provisions of the Intoxicating Liquor Act respecting them, together with the order of the Dominion Government restricting the quantities of lemon extract authorized for manufacture and reducing the alcoholic strength of extracts have had a very beneficial effect. It is anticipated that the discontinuance of rationing will result in still greater improvement as well as a reduction in the manufacture and sale of home-brew and of bootlegging activities generally. There have been no indications of any extensive importations of contraband liquor into the Province." The financial statement of the Board certified by Mr. H. G. Hoban, Chartered Accountant, shows a net profit of \$4,247,301.75 payable to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer on gross sales of \$10,920,973.89. In addition to the net profits of \$4,247,301.75 payable to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, \$2,995,342.15 was paid directly and indirectly to the Dominion Government in Customs and Excise Duty and Sales Tax on the purchases of the Board.

**B. C. Potato Decline**

British Columbia used to grow a lot of potatoes, but that was before it organized its potato industry under a system of centralized market control. The Vancouver Sun points out that before the war 10,000 acres of potatoes were grown in the Fraser Valley, largely to supply the Vancouver market. Last year only 6,511 acres of potatoes were planted. At this rate of decline, the Sun calculates, no potatoes will be grown in the Fraser Valley at all by 1952. Today there is a potato famine in British Columbia. Some 400 cars of American potatoes are imported and they are of relatively poor quality.

Thus under controlled marketing the potato industry is shriveling away and the British Columbia housewife cannot get the potatoes she wants and needs. The deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. J. B. Munro, has been telling the farmers of the Fraser Valley to grow more potatoes but the Sun says that they have been constantly discouraged by the board which markets their crop.

"There is no doubt," it asserts, "that production was impeded by the practical application of the theory that scarcity brings high prices and greater returns for the comparatively few people left in the business. The belief was fostered that growers had to be care-

**Notes By The Way**

The Bank of England nationally is to finance the movie industry. So the Old Lady will be a glamor girl of Threadneedle Street. —Brandon Star.

Now that the "Reds" are getting back in the headlines, it's wise to remember the old rule: On the sport page it means the Olney Reds. On the front page it's the Russians. —Ottawa Citizen.

From the Canadian Corps Association, which is doing useful work in securing living accommodations for discharged veterans, comes the report that the married man with one child is in particularly hard luck. With few exceptions landlords refuse to rent houses or apartments to couples with a child or children. The War Relocation Committee says that the family must have two children to be eligible for a house. —From Printed Word.

When your best and biggest customer goes bankrupt through extraordinary efforts in the community cause if you are a good banker you will drive him out of business unless you want him to set up a hostile outfit. You help him to get back to a healthy position once more and he will be a customer. It means economic warfare, rivalry spheres of influence, closed markets, and inevitable political consequences. —From the point of view of American world interest, it would seem to be that the European courts should insure final success. In actual fact, it amounts to what America spent on two wars, the latter surely not an excessive amount to ease the economic barriers and expand multilateral trade, which even the opponents of the League of Nations prime American interests. —From the Christian Science-Monitor.

Mention of "Floradora" recalls to those of us old enough, the lovely music of the say 90's, before the world was caused such a searing tragedy, before the atomic bomb came along to worry us, when we could take our best girls riding in the motor cars, and the girls, a real surly, with fringe on top, says The Vancouver News-Advertiser, "once seeing 'Floradora' can forget it." Floradora, we can still see the pert winks of those pretty girls—"Oh all me, pretty maiden, the song in the famous sextette, which a gay period was the 90's! It was a decade that produced more fine European courtiers than any other, before or since. Perhaps, sometimes, we who didn't see them, but who talk of them and the airplane, but only the beauty and color of the footlights and the satisfying pace of the surfer, we were born 30 years too soon.

An Adelaide (S.A.) lightning artist works at 120 miles an hour because she paints with both hands at once. She is Mrs. V. G. D. Her husband is a painter, and she is apart from using crayons and pencils in either hand at the same time, can also paint upside down. She is a member of the Order of Field-Marshal Montgomery. Observers who watched her work several times were astounded when she produced 30 minutes of work in five minutes. Each hand appeared to work independently and she was able to paint with one hand normally with one hand and at the same time, backwards or upside down with the other. She says doctors tell her that she has a brain have dual nerves from her hands to the brain. —Australian News Bulletin.

Up to the time the last war broke out, a storm of protest would have been raised against the suggestion to compel Canadians to register with the authorities and carry identity cards. Such regulations were only for the purpose of the census and constant surveillance by the police. Now, however, a Gallup Poll reveals that 81 per cent of the citizens favoring the suggestion to register and registration system. It is difficult to understand this striking change in the opinion of the people. The only possible explanation is that they have become so accustomed to wartime controls that they accept a policy that is positively alarming. Canadians do not seem to be so meekly this movement as they were in the past. The most independent people in the world are the most rebellious at official restrictions. Now we find them actually voting to perpetuate a useless measure of control. We had lost our sense of proportion, our mental outlook, and the coming too much like sheep. —Windsor Star.

Toward the end of winter when the big pile of logs in the back yard and split logs in the woodshed, the job of stacking it in the woodshed, says The New York Times. A man who is not unduly disheartened on a Saturday morning after breakfast, "Why don't you stack wood today? It's a good thing to get gray hair and before you're 'be-gins'." The wood is brought into the shed in the old wheelbarrow. A lad can experiment with different architectural designs in loading; the bigger the load the fewer the trips. When one is pushing a heaped barrow up the slanting plank to the door, there are occasional disasters if a too-high pile of logs is precariously balanced. It's rather like the horse in the circus which is tossed into a corner. It will be a good stormy day to split these into fire kindling. The logs are tossed into a knotty chunk into a special pile for next winter's burning, and it's taken for granted along about 10 o'clock, if the spicy fragrance of tickling aroma of fresh-fried doughnuts drifts through the summer kitchen, to the woodshed, that a lad will go to the kitchen to get his Mother's setting along with the Saturday baking. When the sun tips over the horizon in late afternoon and there time there's something in the air, a woman looking at the results of the day's labor, working wood isn't an exciting job, but a young man knows the good countryman always keeps a bit ahead of the season's work.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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**PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE**

Sir—In these days of trials and tribulations I have come to the conclusion that there is great beauty in a can of worms. It is a globe of fresh fish and a new perspective on life. I am, Sir, etc.

**POTATOES ON PACIFIC COAST**

Sir—A few years ago 16 or more carloads of seed potatoes were shipped to the Pacific Coast from P. E. Island, where they were grown for 18 months. The Island farmers only received \$1.25 a bushel.

Best stock of potatoes have been continuing at 3 cents a pound and are limited in quantity. Prices this year compare at \$4.25 and \$4.75. The expense of the farm, inspectors, etc., should demand equal prices. I am, Sir, etc.

**What's The Next Step?**

(By Rev. Professor John Ballie, D.D., D. Litt. BBC overseas short wave service.)

"What is the next step that the Church should take?"—such is the question that has been set for us. It is a good question if we understand it in the right way, only let us be sure we do so. The next step is to determine that the grand strategy of history is not in our hands but in the hands of God. It is He who appoints our lot and determines the bounds of our nation. It is He who opens the gates of the future. You and I are indeed called upon to act, yet neither in our own strength nor under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. Our part is only to respond and obey. It is He who leads, and what His Church must do by itself to be led by Him.

Moreover, we must accept this leading where it is going to bring us out. We cannot foresee the pattern of the future, but we can depend on factors that are outside our control. Nor can the Church forecast the future of the world, but we can depend on the great revival of Christian faith and life for which we are already praying is quite likely to surprise. It may come from the quarter from which we were least expecting it, and in a form which we shall at first have difficulty in recognizing it for what it is. How much we know of the world about "bringing His people by a way that they knew not, and leading them in paths that they have not known." On this point, I think that man is called upon to do, just as at every step through the wilderness there was something they were expected to do, though they did not know it. I can remember how Abraham's servant said: "It being in the way, the Lord led me." The Lord will be with us, but we must be in the way.

Being in the way means doing the thing God wants me to do, and that is the most urgent task now confronting us. It is the question that has been put to me means just, "What does God want His Church to do at this time?" I am asked only about the next step, because that is all that is expected to concern ourselves with.

"I do not ask to see the next step, I only ask to see one step enough for me."

The difficulty of answering the question lies however in the fact that there are a number of next steps which the Church should be taking. I can take only one step at a time, and there the metaphor of the step breaks down a little, because the same way as we are proceeding, the action and division of agency, can and ought to be doing several things at the same time. How men of our own time, for I don't know the urgent lives of action now confronting the Church and say "that it is the most urgent of all."

Well, I am going to be bold. I am going to say that in the year that is before us, the year of our Lord 1946, the Church must be given first place. You will say, perhaps, that the Church's primary task is to preach the Gospel. Well, I am going to say just that. I am going to say that the Church's great duty now is to preach the Gospel to the age in which we live to the men of the nineteenth century and to the world that has been born in the twentieth century. It does not follow that we ought to proclaim the Gospel to the men of today in just the same way as we were preaching to the men of a hundred or a thousand years ago. And what I want to say is that the most urgent task now confronting the Church is to discover the most effective way of proclaiming Christian truth to the men of our own time. For I don't believe that we have discovered it yet. You see, it is quite possible to proclaim truth in such a way that it is not heard, and it can almost be guaranteed not to find acceptance with the particular men to whom we are speaking. I have heard sermons like that, and I have read books like that. They were good sermons and good books in their way, but they would not tell in advance that they were not going to be effective. It is the most urgent task of our readers or hearers to which they were addressed. If, then, it is my duty to do what I can towards leading men to the acceptance of Christ's Gospel, I must not only make sure that I really do preach the Gospel, but I must also try to preach it in such a way as to give it a reasonable chance of coming home to men's minds and hearts and consciences.

What is needed in the first place is a kind of translation. We must try to express the truth of Christianity in language which men will understand. Now it is unfortunately true that many of the great Christian writers of the past have been in the same time the

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of St. Paul, are found unintelligible by the men of today. That does not do the men of today much credit, but it is a fact. Words like salvation, justification, sanctification, election, which contain the very heart of the Christian Gospel, convey little meaning to multitudes of our contemporaries. Hence if the preacher of today uses these terms in a way that takes their sense for granted, he is almost sure to fail of his desired effect. What we must do is to explain the realities behind these words in such a way that men will see how closely they bear upon the situation in which they themselves stand.

**The Greek Elections**

The Greek elections are to be held on the 31st of March. The 20th of March was the last day on which names of candidates could be registered. The Greek Government has not allowed itself to be deterred by pressure from the Left Parties from adhering strictly to the timetable which it has itself fixed. Any deflection on the Greek Government's part would in fact be inconsistent with the mandate which the Greek Government assumed on taking office last November.

The United Kingdom Foreign Office has now issued a statement making the United Kingdom Government's position in this matter clear.

The United Kingdom Government would deprecate any further postponement of the election date (it was originally agreed to hold elections in 1944).

The effects of postponement would be felt politically and economically. Politically, not only is the state of security of Greece improved, but the Greek Government's information, no ground for anticipating the state of security of Greece would improve if the elections were postponed for two months, as the Left Parties demand, but it is not a new objection to the Greek Government's position in this matter.

The Greek financial and economic position is recognized on all sides as extremely grave. It was the Greek Government's realization of this gravity which led it to solicit the aid of the United Kingdom Government. Greek Ministers came to London in the new year and an Anglo-Greek financial and economic agreement was reached and its terms published on the 24th of January.

The United Kingdom Government undertook to grant Greece a credit of ten million pounds sterling, for currency reform, to waive repayment of the Greek debt of forty-two million pounds sterling, and to make available to Greece large quantities of consumer goods.

The Greek Government undertook to carry out a drastic program of reorganization, including an increase of taxes, a reduction of unproductive expenditures, the re-adjustment and stabilization of wages, and price control.

Such a program could only be

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**RUPTURED?**

BEWARE!

Thousands of persons are being afflicted each year by this distressing "Hernia" condition.

One word more. The Christian religion is never more successfully propagated by preaching and teaching alone. Men cannot be made to understand what the Gospel of Christ is unless they see it at work. They will not understand what is meant by the love of God unless they can see some reflection of it in the lives of those who profess to believe in it. But the only way in which the love of God can be reflected in our lives is in the love of one another, and especially in the compassion we show to those who are in need.

Our lives are to be a living testimony to the love of God. We should love the world's good, and with his brother have need, and shutteth up his bosom of compassion from him, how loathsome the love of God is him?

It is unlikely, then, that even the most powerful preaching of the Gospel will find its way into the hearts of our contemporaries, if it is carried on in abstraction from the crying needs of the poor and the oppressed within our gates. Christian missionaries have, for example, been doing their best for many centuries to instruct the Gospel of Christ to the Jews. They have met with but limited success. But now it seems to me that we have an unparalleled opportunity to show the Jews in Europe what Christianity means in action; and perhaps all that will turn out to be the most effective method of evangelism at our command. We

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