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

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In Memoriam

Prince Edward Island yesterday lost two of
its leading citizens in the passing of Mr. Chester
P. McCarthy, Tignish, and Major Albert S. Rob-
ertson, of Mermaid. Both these gentlemen were
known personally to a host of friends and ac-
quaintances, and to many others by repute.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. McCarthy was
even more widely known as founder and manager
of Tignish Fisheries Ltd., and pioneer in the
organization of the Fishermen's Unions in this
Province. As a first president of the United
Maritime Fishermen and a director since its in-
ception of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation, he
played an invaluable part in promoting the in-
terests of this great industry. He also took a
prominent part in the activities of the Prince
County Conservative Association, to whom his
wise counsel and support were given wholeheart-
edly for many years. But he was by no means
an extreme partisan, and his qualities of mind
and heart, and reputation for honesty and integ-
rity, were known and appreciated by all.

Keenly interested in every movement for the
welfare of the Province, Major Robertson was
an ideal citizen, and gave unstintingly of his time
and means to every worthwhile cause. His ser-
vice overseas in the First World War, and as
commanding officer of the military training depot
at Beach Grove during the last conflict, was
performed in the same disinterested spirit in
which he entered upon his peacetime activities
and responsibilities. These included, the taking
of a leading part in dairy and beef cattle raising,
and in promoting, along with our present Premier,
Hon. Mr. Jones, the first fox show ever held in
the Maritimes. He was equally zealous in fur-
thering the social, religious and cultural inter-
ests of the community. In politics he was a
staunch Liberal, and had been mentioned on
more than one occasion as a likely candidate for
the Federal Parliament.

These two public-spirited citizens have passed
to their reward, but their memory will remain,
and their example should prove profitable to us
all.

Fewer Live Stock In Canada

Estimates of the numbers of live stock on
farms in Canada at June 1 this year indicate
a decrease for each of the principal kinds of
farm animals as compared with the numbers
at June 1 last year, according to results of the
June survey by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
Cattle numbers at 9,470,300 declined 2.6
per cent from June 1 last year. There was, how-
ever, no significant change in the number of
cows and heifers two years old and over-kept
Quebec, Ontario and Alberta were almost com-
pletely offset by decreases in other provinces.

Hogs, as reported in the Bureau's press re-
lease of September 15, estimated at 4,463,100,
were 18.5 per cent below last year. The number
of horses on farms decreased 6.3 per cent from
last year and at a total of 1,904,900 has now
fallen below 2,000,000 for the first time since
1906. Sheep numbers decreased substantially to
2,250,800, almost 17 per cent below last year.

United Nations Day

"To save succeeding generations from the
scourge of war... to reaffirm faith in funda-
mental human rights... to establish... conditions
under which justice can be maintained... to
promote social progress and better standards of
life in larger freedom... And for these ends to
practice tolerance and live together in peace with
one another, as good neighbors, and to unite our
strength to maintain international peace and
security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of
principles and the institution of methods, that
armed force shall not be used, save in the com-
mon interest, and to employ international machin-
ery for the promotion of the economic and
social advancement of all peoples," etc.

This reads the preamble of the United Nations
Charter, signed by forty-nine free nations which
fought in unison to turn back the beast and up-
hold human rights and human dignity in World
War Two. Last year the United Nations General
Assembly set aside October 24, the anniversary
of the signing of the Charter, as United Nations
Day, to be observed all over the world. This year
the day falls on Sunday, the most appropriate
day of the week so far as Christians are con-
cerned, for this solemn observance.

To say that the letter and spirit of the Char-
ter have been ignored by certain obstreperous
members of the United Nations, that it has failed
to establish peace in Palestine, in Berlin and
elsewhere, is merely to say that it has not suc-
ceeded in changing human nature overnight. It
is well to remember, also, that the purpose of
the Charter was not to establish world peace,
but an international organization to maintain
peace after the great powers themselves had
succeeded in establishing it. The failure of the
great powers to provide the basis upon which
the work of the United Nations was to be found-
ed is the crux of the present situation. In effect,
this means the failure, to date, to work out a
satisfactory compromise between Soviet Russia
on the one hand, and the United States and
British Commonwealth of Nations on the other.

To impugn the Charter of the United Nations
because it has set up ideals which have not been
realized would be a crowning piece of folly. In
the words of Field Marshal Smuts, the building
of peace must be established "one step at a
time." The Charter is the first step. Its ap-
plication through the Security Council, General

Assembly, World Court, Economic and Social
Council, Trusteeship and assisting bodies, re-
inforced by public opinion, can outlaw war. The
public response which is given to the efforts of
the United Nations Association across Canada
will be the real measure of our continuing con-
fidence in its ultimate success. In the words of
the newly substituted third verse of the National
Anthem, first used at a special national service
of intercession for the United Nations in St.
Paul's Cathedral, London, on Oct. 20, 1945 and
previously approved by His Majesty King George—

"Not on this land alone—
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore,
Lord, make the nations see
That man should brothers be
And form one family
The wide world o'er."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow 22nd. Sunday after Trinity, or
23rd. after Pentecost.

It's a long way yet before Winter. We must
wait first till Indian summer passes.

It is a good sign politically when there
is plenty competition for nomination as candi-
dates.

British Pilots Black and Scott accomplished
the first flight from England to Australia this
date 1934, accomplishing the journey in two
days, twenty-two hours and fifty-eight minutes.

It has not been unknown in the past for Am-
ericans to suggest that Canada become a state
of the union, but Dr. F. Cyril James, principal
and vice-chancellor of McGill University has
turned the tables. He recently suggested to
an American audience that "the time has come
when the United States might consider rejoin-
ing the British Commonwealth of Nations."

It is an exceptional honour, indeed, if not
a precedent, for His Majesty the King to visit
one of his subjects, Prime Minister Mackenzie
King, who is recovering from his indisposition
in a London hotel. The rule is for the King to
visit only Royal Dukes and great County Lord
Lieutenants who are his deputies in County Coun-
cil administration, usually peers of the realm. His
Majesty did not even visit Prime Minister Atlee
in his recent illness.

Dr. David W. MacKenzie, Jr., son of Dr. Mac-
Kenzie, Sr., of Eldon and McGill, who has been
honored by being invited to read a paper at the
Congress of Fundamental Surgical Problems to
be held in Los Angeles, California, has been
associate professor of surgery and director of
surgical research in McGill for the past few
years, and is thus following in his father's foot-
steps.

Miguel Cervantes, Spanish poet and story-
writer, born this date 1547. He served in the war
against the Turks in 1570, was taken prisoner
and enslaved for seven years. He gave the rest
of his life to literature, doing for Spain what
Sir Walter Scott did for English literature. He
is chiefly known as the author of Don Quixote.
He is the father of the modern novel, in so far
as it has become a study and delineation of
character instead of being a narrative seeking
to interest by situation and incident.

According to the Manchester Guardian, Hon.
Mr. St. Laurent is not a "wait-and-see" states-
man. It says he is "a believer in the ideals of
the Commonwealth," but his eyes are open to
the possibility that politically it is a dimishing
force; he is most unlikely to rely upon it
as an alternative to close understanding with
the United States. Although St. Laurent did not
consider it Canada's role to lead the world
against Communism, he was ready to put Canada
on the line as soon as there was a line. "In
St. Laurent, then," it continues, "we may see a
statesman who is not content to wait upon
events. He shows no tendency to appease those
of his people in the Province of Quebec (inciden-
tally, he seems to regard them as few in
number) who may be rightly termed isolation-
ist."

Whatever may be the case with other pro-
vinces, Prince Edward Island is not affected by
an Inferiority Complex. A Scottish University
Professor visiting Canada declares, "You Cana-
dians all seem to feel intellectually inferior to the
people of other countries because of your Cana-
dian background. That is absolutely incor-
rect... just a lack of effort makes you feel
that way." We plead not guilty to the charges.
We have provided the Dominion and the States
with too many intellectual giants to hide our
light in this respect under a bushel. In other
words, a superiority complex that would not play
second fiddle even to the War Office.

As respects other walks in life apart from
intellect, Islanders usually hold more than their
own. The late Mr. John Messervy, M. P. used to
dilate on his own experience when he was de-
legated by Prime Minister Borden to visit the
troops overseas. He found the Canadians camped
for training in a rain-soaked field, with in-
sufficient heating even for cooking. The Com-
manding Officer said repeated complaints had
been sent to the War Office without effect.
Mr. Messervy went immediately to the War Office,
sent his card with Premier Borden's letter of in-
troduction to the Secretary of State for War,
laid the story before him, and before he re-
turned to the Camp a consignment of coal had
been delivered, and contractors chosen to drain
the field. When he came back to Canada
he told Sir Sam Hughes, then in control of our
forces, what he had done. "You had great gall,
Messervy, to do that," expostulated Sir Sam,
"who had plenty of it himself." "You may con-
sider it so," replied Mr. Messervy, "but in my
opinion it was merely an appreciation of the fit-
ness of things."



Iron Mines In Labrador

Terranovian, in St. John's (New-
foundland) Telegram

During the past week there has
been confirmation that the tar-
get quantity of 300,000,000 tons of
commercial iron ore is known to
exist in the deposit lying across
the border of Newfoundland, Lab-
rador and Quebec and it is likely
the Labrador Mining and Explor-
ation Company will speed up its
decision to mine the vast quantity
of high grade ore now known to
await extraction in the north.

It will be recalled that Mr. J.R.
Tomlinson, President of the Lab-
rador Mining and Exploration
Company, in reply to a question
submitted to him by the National
Convention, said that there must
be a known quantity of 300,000,000
tons of ore with a daily produc-
tion and rail movement of at least
40,000 tons. Previous to this an-
nouncement, the company in ques-
tion had drilled and explored sev-
eral areas with excellent results,
but further investigation was
necessary to ascertain if sufficient
quantities were available to war-
rant the tremendous expenditure
the mining of the ore would in-
volve.

According to the report of the
Mining Committee of the National
Convention, the presence of iron
ore has been known to exist in
Labrador since the Canadian geo-
logist, A.P. Low, conducted a sur-
vey during the last decade of the
nineteenth century. At that time,
Low discovered the existence of
large areas of "iron formations"
(which is to be distinguished from
"iron ore"). The samples he
brought back, analyses of which
were given in the Geological Sur-
vey of Canada's annual report of
1885 showed a very high silica
content and could not be consid-
ered as workable iron ore, even
under conditions more favorable
than are known to exist in Lab-
rador.

The first actual discoveries of
iron ore, the report continues, were
made by James and Gill in 1922.
These discoveries made by them
that year were so small and in
such remote areas that the devel-
opment of them seemed to be out
of the question at the time.
In 1933, however, a group of
interested financiers of Montreal
and New York, known as Weaver
Minerals, Ltd., approached the
Newfoundland Government for a
concession to make an exten-
sive survey and ultimately devel-
opment of an area of Labrador. In
1937 this company transferred its
rights and interests to the Lab-
rador Mining and Exploration
Company to provide the necessary
money to conduct the survey and
carry out the terms of the agree-
ment.

Labrador's remoteness did not
deter the promoters and they
started to overcome the isolation
separating the north from civil-
ization by establishing base, camps
and radio stations and using air-
craft to ferry essential machinery
and supplies. The survey job was
a tremendous effort but the men
of vision connected with the en-
terprise knew that the outward
and visible signs indicated the
possibility of great potential
wealth in Newfoundland's north-
ern domain.

During the past summer a sur-
vey party connected with the min-
eral project carried out explora-
tory work on a projected railway
which will cost in the vicinity of
one hundred million dollars as an
auxiliary part of the huge iron ore
development. This railway will
cover a distance of over 300 miles
and will run through both New-
foundland and Quebec territories.

The Poet's Corner

A SAILOR'S GRAVE

Out of the winds' and waves' riot,
Out of the loud foam,
He has put in to a great quiet
And a still home.

Here he may lie at ease and won-
der
Why the old ship waits,
And hark for the surge and the
strong thunder
Of the full Straits.

And look for the fishing fleet at
morning,
Shadows like lost souls,
Slide through the fog where the
seals are waiting
Betwixt the shoals.

And watch for the deep-sea liner
climbing
Out of the West,
With a salmon sky and her wake
shining
Like a tern's breast—

And never know he is done forever
With the old sea's pride,
Borne from the fight and the full
endeavour
On an ebb tide.

—Marjorie Pickthall.

The Age-Old Story

As the mountains are round a-
bout Jerusalem, so the Lord is
round about His people, from
henceforth, even for ever.

forest operations which will, at last
make the wealth of this almost
forgotten region accessible to the
world and at the same time pro-
vide employment for those in need.
The world is running short of
easily accessible iron ore, and the
development of the Labrador con-
cessions will no doubt be speeded
up on this account. While there is
much further exploratory work, it
appears sufficient evidence exists
to start the mammoth operation.
Labrador is teeming with water
power so it will not be difficult to
harness the rivers and lakes to
provide the necessary power the
huge mines will require.

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you may suffer Disaster

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Agents throughout the Province

- Notes By The Way -

We're all for more women taxi
cab drivers. From Boston comes
the tale of one who not only drives
a cab but also is proprietor of the
firm. When she had a gun stuck
in her ribs for the first time, she
simply remarked: "Put that gun
away, you screwball, before some-
body gets hurt." The thug did, and
walked out of her office. Maybe
that's just Boston underworld
manners, or maybe lots of stick-up
men need only a show of courage
to make them beat it.— Windsor
Star.

Several high-toned scientific reasons
have been given for the pro-
posed detonation of 3,000 tons of
bombs—the remains of World War
II ammunition dump—at Attapu in
New Guinea. The blast, which is
solely told, will aid in the study
of earthquakes, and perhaps lead to
the discovery of oil. But we some-
how suspect that the real reason
may be a youthful desire on the
part of the officiating scientists to
produce a really big bang—the fire-
cracker of the ages, so to speak.—

Sir Isaac Isaacs, who left
estate in Victoria sworn at £A5,380
gross, has bequeathed all his papers
and insignia, except the chain of
the Grand Cross of the Bath, which
is to be returned to the chancery
of the order, to the Commonwealth
National Museum "in memory of
the first Australian-born Governor
General and as a perpetual reminder
of the right of Australians to
aspire to the highest positions in
the gift of their native land. He
directed that all correspondence be-
tween the King and himself during
his Governor Generalship should
be sent to the King's private
secretary.— London Times.

The National Association of Sugar
Growers in Cuba has advised the
New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange
that a loss of at least 500,000 tons
of sugar will be sustained for the
coming crop as a result of the two
storms which swept the sugar cane
provinces. Sugar futures were dull
and prices were unchanged with
most of the trading done in the
world No. 4 contract. Small
declines feature trading in coffee
futures. Clearances from Brazilian
ports in the week ended October 9
totalled 340,000 bags, of which 263,000
were destined for U. S. buyers.
Stocks in Brazilian ports on that
date numbered 3,189,000 bags com-
pared with 3,338,000 a year ago.—
Fredericton Gleaner.

The report of Sir Ernest Rook
Carling's address to the British As-
sociation on the folly of the con-
ventional compulsory retirement at
60 and 65 must have raised great
hopes in the minds of many who
have reached, or who are approach-
ing that age. Recent investigations
by members of the Nutfield Survey
have shown that a large number of
men and women are just as cap-
able of continuing to work after
they have reached that age as they
were immediately before they did
so. In an age when unemployment
is a large scale, was almost accep-
ted as being normal this policy may
have been justified. But, at the
present time, when we all hope for
a policy of full employment, and
when, indeed the Chancellor of the
Exchequer has expressed his view
that we have reached our limit in
our reserves of manpower, such a
policy is as foolish as it is unkind.
—Lord Amulree in London Times.

Newspaperwise, we like at least
to be abreast of what is happening
to our language. Editorially, we
feel called upon to discuss and in-
terpret whenever we think it can
be helpful, readerwise. If in the
foregoing paragraph you note the
use of the suffix "wise" in a sly-
ward new sense, then you are in
agreement with us that the ten-
dency has become a habit to tack
on the suffix wherever we think it
will fit. Businesswise, it seems to
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