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

CHARLOTTETOWN, MONDAY, JULY 5, 1948

Mr. Kennedy's Death

Charlottetown lost one of its most highly
esteemed citizens in the death on Saturday of
Mr. Samuel Kennedy, M.B.E. A former Mayor
of the city, and for many years prominent in
the business life of the Province, Mr. Kennedy had
the happy faculty of making friends with all
classes and creeds, and was undoubtedly one
of the most popular contestants for civic honours
during the many years in which he served on
the Council board. A pioneer in the silver fox
industry, he had many other business interests
which brought him into close touch with the
community. His experience and sound judgment
was a valuable asset to the Charlottetown
Board of Trade, of which he was a past president,
and to the Conservative Party of which he
was a lifelong supporter and former president
of the Provincial organization. A man of naturally
vigorous constitution, always cheery and optimistic,
few were aware that he had been in failing
health for some time and the news of his
death came as a distinct shock to the community.
To his bereaved widow and family The
Guardian tenders sincere sympathy in the loss
of a loving husband and father, whose devotion
to his home was known to be deep and abiding.

Earl Grey's Sponsorship

Of interest in connection with the annual
meetings this week of our Island Co-operatives
and Credit Unions at Morell is the fact that it
was under distinguished auspices indeed that the
movement developed in Canada. No less a personage
than Earl Grey, Governor-General of the
Dominion, appeared before the Parliamentary
Committee of Inquiry to give it a boost. His
Excellency was for years one of the apostles of
co-operation in Europe, and he appeared before
the Committee not in his official capacity but
as President of the International Co-operative
Alliance.

He said he wished to avoid controversial
matters, "but having been informed that under
the existing law in Canada, co-operative associations
of workmen have no legal status, I have
come here in order to state that I am heartily in
pathy with the object of the Bill now before
Parliament, which I understand is to give to
co-operative associations of workmen that legal
status which is now wanting, and which it is most
desirable should be secured in order to help
workmen in their endeavours to help themselves."

His Excellency went on to give a favourable
report of the progress of co-operatives in Denmark
and England, and also of the activities of
the Caisse Populaire started at Levis, Quebec.
Undoubtedly his sponsorship did much to
popularize the movement in this country. Certainly
his appearance before a Parliamentary Committee
was a unique event in Canada's history.

The Liberal Convention

According to an Ottawa correspondent in
the Winnipeg Free Press, the two names most
prominently mentioned for the Liberal leadership
at the coming national party convention on Aug.
7 are those of Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Gardiner.
Some members are playing it safe and
have promised their support to both sides. The
official optimism in both camps must therefore
be discounted but most political prophets are
convinced that Mr. St. Laurent still has a large
lead. The younger party leaders—Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Claxton, Mr. Martin—are no longer being
regarded as serious contenders, unless something
unexpected happens. This leaves for consideration
the two ablest provincial leaders, Premier
Garson of Manitoba and Premier Macdonald of
Nova Scotia.

The delegates will be represented roughly
as follows: Nova Scotia 75; P. E. I. 29; New
Brunswick 65; Quebec 324; Ontario 389; Manitoba
96; Saskatchewan 110; Alberta 97; B. C.
4; Yukon 4. Total 1252. Delegates will vote
on individual secret ballot. The winning candidate
has to obtain one vote more than half the
total vote. Together, Ontario and Quebec will
have more than half the voting strength of the
convention. By itself, Quebec will possess one
third of the convention's votes. The three
Atlantic Provinces have a combined strength of
votes, which is less than that of Quebec. The
times account for 169 votes. British Columbia
has 93 votes but the real balance of power is
by Ontario with its 389 votes, the largest
of all. Whoever succeeds in getting the bulk of
Ontario's votes is the man to beat.

Alternative delegates have no vote but they
have other rights, including the important one
of making part in the convention and meeting
and influencing voting delegates. Since the convention
is being held in Ottawa, most alternates will
come from Ontario and Quebec rather than from
the more distant provinces. Thus the predominance
of the two central provinces is again
increased. Present arrangements call for voting
on the party leadership to begin on Saturday
afternoon, the closing of the convention.
As far as the platform is concerned, the
party faces a difficult decision. The two previous
national Liberal conventions were held in 1893
and 1919. Both times the Liberals were in
opposition. It was comparatively easy to draw up
a platform statement in opposition. Now the party
office. It can do the things it wishes. It
has more responsibility and less freedom than of

the two previous conventions. Will it decide to
draw up an election manifesto or a long-term
statement of Liberal principles as a guide for
the future? Party officials are wrestling with
this dilemma now.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Old members meeting of the Oddfellows to
night.

Temperance Federation meets at Summer-
side this afternoon.

The Public Utilities Board have a sitting to-
day to hear an application from the Electric Co.
for a revision of energy rates in rural areas.

One thing the late twentieth Parliament did
not do was provide any encouragement for the
West Point ferry. That, no doubt, is to be held
over for election year.

In wartime it was found that a well planned
publicity campaign for the fishing industry was
an important factor in keeping down the cost
of living. That particular solution seems to be
out of favor with the powers-that-be today.

It is a step in the right direction to estab-
lish a national federation of music festivals. It
is regrettable that no representative of the province
is on the executive, while Nova Scotia has
two and New Brunswick one.

Now that the holiday season is here the
value of our open play spaces is more notable
than ever. Were it not for the park and squares
children would have nowhere to play out of doors
but on the streets to their own peril and car drivers'
shaken nerves.

An endeavour is being made by a committee
of Murray Harbour citizens to raise funds
for the purpose of providing a skating rink for
the community. A building of 205 ft. by 85 ft. will
be erected on a site in the village. The estimated
cost of the undertaking is from \$10,000
to \$12,000. A stock company will be formed,
and \$25 shares sold to raise the money. A tea
party and boat race will be held on July 21 for
the purpose of providing initial capital.

George Henry Borrow, English author and
philologist, born this date 1803. His principal
works are The Zincla, Lavengro, The Romany
Rye, Wild Wales, Romano Lavo L'i. His style
and method of expression is distinctly individual,
he being practically self-educated and leading a
wandering life; "There's night and day, brother,
both sweet things; sun, moon and stars, brother,
all sweet things; there is likewise a wind on the
heath. Life is very sweet, brother, who would
wish to die?"

It is hardly any use attempting to trap Prime
Minister Mackenzie King at question hour. Mr.
M. J. Coldwell asked him if he intended being
present at the London Conference of Commonwealth
Premiers, and he replied that Prime Minister
Atlee had expressed the wish that he, Mr.
King, would personally attend. Whereupon Mr.
Pouliot remarked: "In view of what has been
said about the possibility of the Prime Minister
himself attending the conference of Prime Ministers
in the fall in his capacity of Prime Minister,
would it not be just as well to cancel the
Liberal convention at Ottawa which would serve
no purpose?"

Colonel the Hon. Colin William George
Gibson, K.C., M.C., V.D., Minister of National
Defence for the Air, now holidaying here, and
keeping a watchful eye on developments at Summer-
side, is a son of a former Lieut.-Governor
of Ontario, Sir John M. Gibson, Kt., K.C., M.G.
He represents Hamilton West in Parliament, and
was Minister of National Revenue before being
transferred to his present portfolio. He has
been a member of the Bisley team five times,
and its chairman. He is married and has four
sons.

War assets are big business. Canada's ob-
solete war equipment, sold through War Assets
Corporation on the open market, has netted
the country \$434,100,000 so far, it was authori-
tatively learned tonight. Second World War
ships were the biggest money makers. Sales to
the end of May totalled \$116,774,000 for ships;
\$66,335,000 for automotive vehicles and equip-
ment; \$60,528,000 for machinery and production
equipment; \$48,803,000 for lands and buildings,
and \$34,583,000 for clothing and textiles.

Why eat porridge with sugar—the combina-
tion does not help digestion? According to St.
Thomas Times-Journal: Dr. Alan Brown, of
Toronto, is one of the most noted pediatricians
in the world. A pediatrician, if you don't know,
or imagine he has something to do with the feet,
is a specialist in the ailments of children. His
fame is such that he is now giving addresses in
England, and the other day he delivered the
Ingleby Lecture at Queen's College, Birmingham.
Dr. Brown said something that interested us.
He stated that the pre-cooked breakfast
foods lack a B vitamin factor and children should
never be allowed to sprinkle sugar on their cereal
or porridge. Sugar, he said, has a high satiety
value and takes the edge off the appetite. It
is a poor food because its only constituent is
carbohydrate. Scotsmen generally take porridge
for breakfast, but they never put sugar on
it. They eat it as it is with lots of creamy milk,
only they can't have much milk these days. But
normally, Scottish children will tuck away much
bigger helpings of health-giving, bone-building
porridge than other children because they don't
sprinkle sugar on it. If you were to see a dozen
men in a restaurant having porridge for break-
fast and one of them was a Scotsman, you could
pick out the Scot instantly because he would be
the only one taking porridge without sugar.

Notes By The Way

No matter what the cut—hair or
beef—the price is apparently going
up.—St. Catharines Standard.

A Toronto man got married and
became a citizen all in the same
day. He took a bride for the rest of
his naturalized life.—Woodstock
Sentinel-Review.

Britain admits more refugees
than any other country. Figures
just published by the International
Refugee Organization show that
Britain has taken in more refugees
and displaced persons than all the
other countries of the world put
together. They are entering Britain
at the rate of 1,500 a week. At
least 70,000 have been admitted
since the end of the war.—Niagara
Falls Review.

The long-dreamed-of tunnel under
the English Channel connecting
France and England is now
nearing the blueprint stage and
only a few minor matters need to
be ironed out before the actual
work begins, reports from Europe
indicate. Predictions go so far as
to say that by 1955 automobiles and
trains will be trafficking back and
forth between the island and the
continent. The connection will be
more than a mere physical link. It
should bring the two nations even
closer than they are.—Boston
Post.

I am not a professedly religious
person; all the same, I feel that I
am speaking for thousands of others
like myself when I say that the
war in Palestine hits us in a hor-
rible manner. The one Person in
all the world's history upon whom
we can look back with real love
and affection is Christ. To think
that the place where He was born,
where He wandered, and where He
died is being ravaged by war is
more than horrible. Surely the
United Nations have but one man-
date from civilization—to stop this
war somehow.—Mr. H. de Vere
Stacpoole.—Letter to the London
Times.

In view of the marked preva-
lence of major crime in Canada in
recent years, Mr. Hisley's assurance
that the Federal Government has
no intention of doing away with
the death penalty will be received
with general approval. Murder is
a cold blooded crime and a common
crime in the Dominion particularly
since banditry has grown to alarm-
ing proportions. Those who are de-
termined to use guns despite the
consequences must pay a fitting
price for the taking of human lives.
Elimination of the death penalty
would only tend to increase rather
than decrease crimes which are
deserving of punishment of this se-
vere category.—Chatham News.

The battle of the hoppers is on
in deadly earnest in the southwest-
ern section of Saskatchewan and
farmers are engaged in an all-out
attack on the pests. The area where
there was crop failure or low yield
last year, because of lack of mois-
ture, was known to be heavily in-
fested with hopper eggs and this
spring the conditions have been
highly favorable for the hoppers.
They are still small and at the
particularly greasy stage for the
juicy, tender young grain. Tons of
poisoned bait are being spread by
the farmers, who are employing
every vehicle they can press into
service to haul the bait from the
mixing stations set up by the mu-
nicipalities in the badly infested
areas.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

An expedition which has just re-
turned from the Antelias Valley of
Lebanon is all worked up over
finding that human life has existed
in that area for 75,000 years.
They have brought back specim-
ens, including the 60,000-year-old
skeleton of a boy. According to
the scientists, they dug through
succeeding layers which showed
the climatic changes in the valley,
from the lowest levels, relics of a
tropical period; higher up they
found the remains of wild boars;
still higher they found relics of
deer and gazelles. But through all
the layers they found traces of
men—in the form of flint arrows
and spears. As usual, man's weap-
ons of destruction outlasted him.
Here is a thought for atom-bomb
enthusiasts.—Winnipeg Tribune.

An Ohio high school girl, Mary
Stuben, fell thinking about dirty
dishes not long ago, and after a
bit it seemed to Mary that there
was more in the matter than met
the eye. Before a dish has been
dirtied it must have held food. It
seemed to the high school girl, who
never had known a lack of dirty
dishes—her had any of her friends
—that she had been given a
glimpse of a great and timely
truth. So Mary Stuben made a
verse of her thoughts on dirty
dishes, and called it by that name,
and here is the verse:
Thank God for dirty dishes—
They have a story to tell,
And by the stack I have
It seems we are living well.
While people of other countries
are starving
I haven't the heart to fuss,
For by this stack of evidence
God's very good to us.—Portland
Oregonian.

A New Brunswick architect says
the ideal Canadian city of the
future would have a population of
about 50,000. There would be ser-
vice roads for local traffic, bound-
ary highways for through traffic.
Dwellings would be within easy
reach of schools, parks and stores.
He added that "plants would be
at the doorstep of workers' homes."
More important to industrial work-
ers than increased leisure time is
a daily opportunity to have a
change in environment. The man
who has to sit in the evening under
the shadow of the factory
smokestack is subconsciously re-
minded of his hours of work in the

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by correspond-
ents of questions of interest
The Charlottetown Guardian
does not necessarily endorse
the opinion of correspond-
ents.

THE LAST TREE

They've taken my tall brothers;
There they lie
Stark logs, that yesterday were
splendid trees.

Well—men must have room
To run their frantic race with Time
Thoroughfares must be stream-
lined.
Denuded of graceful branch
And shining leaf,
Summer shade and lovely tracery
Of bare twigs against the winter
sky.

Could we have lived our lives
To the end,
Facing the hazards of the ele-
ments—
Death by lightning stroke,
Or sudden gale of wind —
We should have fallen with dig-
nity
And lain where we fell
'Till kindly Earth should take us
back.

APPRECIATION

Sr.—I am directed by the
President and members of the
Provincial Command of the Cana-
dian Legion to write to you and
express our sincere thanks for
the invaluable and generous as-
sistance you gave to the recent
"Get Out To Vote" campaign
sponsored by the Canadian Legion
in connection with the recent
plebiscite. The extremely large
vote registered on June 28th is
gratifying to all good citizens of
Prince Edward Island as evidence
of an active interested electorate.
We know that a great deal of the
credit for such a healthy situation
belongs to you and the Province.
Again, may we express our
sincere thanks for your fine sup-
port.

FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE

Sr.—The First Special Service
Force, made up of combined Amer-
ican and Canadian troops, would
gratefully appreciate the co-op-
eration of your newspaper in mak-
ing it known that they are hold-
ing their second Reunion in Tor-
onto, Canada, August 13th and
14th.
Some 4,500 to 5,000 Canadian
and Americans served with the
First Special Service Force, in-
cluding men attached to this unit
from different branches of the
forces. Our mailing list is incom-
plete and a great many men who
served in this unit have changed
their addresses in recent years.
Registrations for the Reunion
in Toronto, Canada, must be made
before July 7 in order to make
time for hotel reservations. Will ex-
members of the First Special Service
Force who served with this unit,
and who have not received registra-
tion forms, please send their
names and addresses to the Re-
union Committee in order that
forms may be sent to them.
The First Special Service Force
was organized in July, 1942. The
unit was designed as a parachute
commando force. Later on it ac-
served other duties. It served at
Kiska, in the mountainous south
of Casimo, Italy, the Anzio Beach-
head, and in the south of France.
The Unit was dispersed in De-
cember, 1944.
Last year 800 members of the
Unit held their first reunion in
Montana.

P. E. I. Labor Law

(Toronto Saturday Night)
The Province of Prince Edward
Island is small and not very popu-
lar, and for that reason it may
be difficult to get the people of
the other eight provinces to take
much interest in what it does. But
whatever it does establish is just
as valid a precedent for similar
action by other provinces as if it
were done by Ontario or Quebec
and is in that sense just as im-
portant to all Canadians.
On March 25 last the Legislature
of Prince Edward Island enacted
a statute amending its then exist-
ing labor law. Under this amend-
ment the existence of any trade
union in the Province is made de-
pendent upon the granting of a
certificate by the Provincial Secre-
tary; the granting or withholding
is entirely within his discretion,
except that he may grant it only
upon receiving a certified state-
ment that the union is autonon-
ous and that its membership does
not include any non-resident in
the Province. The certificate may
be for any period that the Secre-
tary may deem advisable, and may
be cancelled at any time at his
discretion.
It appears to us that the right
of a Prince Edward Island work-
er to unite with his fellow work-
ers in other Provinces for the pro-
tection of his interests as a work-
er is one of the primary rights of
a Canadian citizen, and that the
worker in Ontario or Alberta has
the same primary right to unite
with his fellow-worker in Prince
Edward Island, and that both of
these rights are infringed by this
statute.

If the statute is ultra vires
of the Legislature, which we strug-
gly suspect, it will ultimately cease
to have effect. But the process of
securing a final decision against it
will be long. It may be extreme-
ly difficult to start, because the
enforcement of the amendment
will normally take place in the
criminal courts by prosecution of
a person "who represents himself
to be a member of, or who pur-
ports to act directly or indirectly
on behalf of or under the authority
of any trade union" which does
not possess a licence, and such
a case cannot be appealed beyond
the Province. Until it is declared
ultra vires, every member or agent
of an international or national union
is liable to \$100 fine or thirty
days for every time he says he is
such a member or agent.
It is our opinion that because of

the daytime. Long travel to and
from work is a time-waster and
is not to be recommended. But in
any ideal city, the plant worker
should live far enough away so
that he can get a feeling of re-
lease from the routine of his work
day.—Fort William Times-Jour-
nal.

The Poets Corner

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nity
And lain where we fell
'Till kindly Earth should take us
back.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)
SUMMER DAYS

"In July in this Island the
weather is very fine and steadily
warm, the thermometer standing
generally between seventy and
eighty; sometimes it rises as high
as eighty-six; the wind blows ar-
most constantly at south-west a
fresh breeze, and coming immedi-
ately off the water serves to tem-
per the heat; when the wind fails
in the evening and the night oc-
casionally calm, the heat is at its
time more disagreeable during the
night than in the day. The weather
often continues dry through the
greater part of the month, but we
are generally relieved from any
drought by heavy showers; though
of very short duration, which ac-
company thunder storms; these
storms very seldom do any mis-
chief; they are always over in
two or three hours, and the weather
immediately becomes clear and
steady. From the middle of this
month most of the vegetables com-
mon in England at this season will
be found in great abundance in
our gardens. About the 20th hay-
harvest generally commences, and
by the end of the month early
sown barleys will often be fit to
cut.
In August the heat generally
continues the same as last month,
but commonly more rain falls;
heavy dews are more frequent
when the weather is dry, which
are very beneficial. By the middle
of the month the harvest is pretty
general over the Island."
—From "An Account of Prince
Edward Island," &c., by Jean
Stewart, Esq., 1806.

These facts the amendment should
have been reserved by the Lieuten-
ant-Governor, which would have
withheld it from going into effect
until assented to, giving the Do-
minion Government an opportu-
nity to consider (1) whether it is
constitutional, on which point a
reference could have been made to
the Supreme Court, and (2) whether
it is not contrary to Dominion
policy.

It was not reserved and is there-
fore in force. It can be disallow-
ed by the Dominion at any time
within a year of its adoption, and
it is our opinion that it ought to
be disallowed even if it is constitu-
tional. But governments are at-
turally reluctant to use the power
of disallowance if they can avoid
doing so. We suggest that the least
that the Dominion Government can
possibly do is the least that is
asked for by the petition of the
two great labor organizations of
the Dominion, namely a reference
to the Supreme Court at public ex-
pense.
A Bill of Rights would protect
the Dominion Government from
putting itself in conflict with the
Legislature of a Province wherever
that Legislature uses its constitu-
tional powers (at present unlimited
by any express reservations)
over the classes of subject assigned
to it by the B. N. A. Act to op-
press its own citizens or those
of other Provinces.

NEED MONEY FOR ARENA
VICTORIA, B.C. — (CP) —
Another \$250,000 is needed to
complete Victoria's memorial ice
arena seating 4,500 and civic of-
ficials are wondering where the
money is coming from. Already
\$400,000 raised for the structure
has been used up.

REPORT ON STRIKES
HALIFAX — (CP) — A total of
1,294,782 man working days were
lost in Nova Scotia through strikes
during the fiscal year 1946-47, the
provincial labor department has
reported. A 310-day walkout of
12,000 coal miners was the great-
est contributing factor.

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Be careful, Alvin, and don't break those skates we got for
Junior with a Guardian Went Ad"
Illustration of a boy with skates and a dog.