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

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Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is traditionally a night for fun and frolic. It used to be associated with the lighting of bonfires and the belief that on this one night of the year, ghosts and witches wandered freely abroad.

Only the festive customs have been retained, and so long as these are truly of a festive nature there can be no serious objection. Another and most reprehensible practice, however, has been engaged in during recent Hallowe'en observances, which is absolutely alien to the occasion.

Hallowe'en, like Christmas, is a children's night and the youngsters should have every scope for good-natured fun. The limit is easily definable as being any kind of fun that is harmless to themselves and others.

Lessons Of The Past

An analysis of the last provincial general election, made by the Canadian Press, showed a drop of nearly 7,000 votes from the 1939 total of 73,604. This was attributable in part, at least, to the fact that comparatively few public meetings were held in 1943, the candidates preferring the easier method of making radio speeches.

An analysis of the last election figures also showed that the Liberals, though winning two-thirds of the seats, polled only 51 1-2 per cent of the ballots. On a proportional representation basis, this would have entitled them to—at most—sixteen seats.

Had the overseas soldiers' vote been taken at the last Provincial election—this right was denied them by the Jones Government—there is little doubt but that the Liberals would have come out on the minority side of the total. Even then it is possible—due to the C. C. F. campaign which split the Opposition votes—that with their better working machine they would have obtained a majority of the seats.

Scotland's Problem

Canadians, deploring the exodus of young people to the neighboring United States, will have considerable sympathy for Scotland, which has suffered a similar movement to a larger neighbor for many years.

The track of Scots to England is still continuing. During the first three months of 1947 12,000 people left Scotland for England, according to an announcement by the Scottish registrar-general. In 10 years the net loss has been 40,000 people.

"Scotland," says the registrar-general, "has led all Europe in exporting people." Even though over 100,000 babies were born in 1946, the highest figure since 1926, the birth rate was much smaller than it was at the first of the century.

Mr. Bracken's Background

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in that year. The Opposition to his Government consisted of Conservatives, Liberals and Independents. The Bracken Government, adopting the name of "Progressive", was returned in 1927, 1932, and 1936, and finally absorbing the remnants of the Provincial Liberal party, carried the Province in 1941 as a "Liberal-Progressive" Coalition.

Notes By The Way

Magistrate Gore-Hickman's quest for a policy of never giving less than 30 days to a person convicted of drunken driving is a good one. There are too many magistrates who are too lenient in such cases.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

All Hallowe'en. Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, British M. P., is to be made a Freeman of Lambeth today.

There is something almost reassuring in the news of the barricades being manned in Paris, even though this time Parisians are out under the name of Communism. Parties have changed but not Paris.

Sauris is to be congratulated on the acquisition of a new and efficient quick-freezing and cold storage plant within its boundaries. The plant was built and will be operated by the Eastern Cold Storage Company Ltd.

Britain's steel output has passed the target rate. In the week ending October 4th, according to a statement by Mr. G. R. Strauss, the new Minister of Supply, its output was equivalent to more than 14.2 million tons yearly. The target for 1948 is 14 million tons.

Glasgow University students elected the Rt. Hon. Walter Elliott, M.P., former Minister of Agriculture in the Coalition Government, Lord Rector for the next two years. There were four candidates, including a Socialist and two Independents.

The Guardian has received one or two letters on the approaching election which it has consigned to the waste-paper basket because they were not argumentative but abusive. Abuse is not new, and never was, a fair and honorable means of furthering a cause.

We have gone through a period during which everything was scarce except money. Incomes were high and the government could not embark on any road building or other public works program. Consequently the province should now have large reserves with which to finance all these things that have had to wait.

How our taxes steadily mount upwards. Dominion Department of Labour cost to operate, in 1933, \$951,000; in 1939, \$1,282,000; in 1941, including the Unemployment Insurance staff, \$12,029,000; in the current fiscal year, \$49,755,000. Of the total cost, \$12,500,000 will represent Dominion Government payments in unemployment relief.

Dr. Gaspard Fautoux, Speaker of the House of Commons, on return from consultation with Imperial authorities on how to run the House successfully, says he would like to see his successor give the same treatment as the Speaker in the British House. There the Speaker is elected by acclamation, is given a house at Westminster and usually is elevated to the peerage after his term as Speaker.

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The Kirkconnell Case at Windsor (says The Letter Review), deserves the widest publicity. Professor Kirkconnell of McMaster University is a well-known writer and speaker against the totalitarian system. He speaks with great authority on international questions. The United Nations Society, Windsor committee, sponsored a meeting, with Professor Kirkconnell as one of the speakers.

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Canada and Palestine

The Report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine contains the considered judgment of a group of scientific observers on a problem of world importance. The Canadian delegation considers that it must express its views on the report.

The Canadian delegation has approached the Palestine question at this session of the Assembly without commitments. The Canadian representative on the Special Committee on Palestine is in no way bound by instructions from the Canadian Government and his freedom to use his own judgment and to reach independent conclusions is made known publicly at the time of his appointment.

There's no accounting for tastes. Coolies selling water piped into the city under a new system that has been introduced have put mud into it before the public will consider buying it. Apparently the Chinese are so accustomed to consuming water that is dirty and impure they are suspicious of the clear, clean variety.

The most striking record of development in the Dominion is that of British Columbia. In proportion to its population it is growing at a rate far above that of any other province in the Dominion, including the province of Quebec.

The seven first winners of the scholarship presented by Lord Beaverbrook arrived in Britain to begin their free post-graduate course at London University. They are students, tutors and graduates of the University of New Brunswick.

There is fascination in plowing. There is scarcely a more beautiful sight than a well-matched team rhythmically and leisurely plodding up and down a field and heaving earth with pasture so stubble were before. Science says that straight furrows are not the thing, and the farmer is a connoisseur in the art of plowing.

With the recent change in fashions in women's wearing apparel raising more conversational points than a Russian attitude, it is interesting to note that styles in Central Africa have changed as well, remarks The Winnipeg Free Press.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

MR. GARDINER'S VISIT

Sir.—By all means let Rt. Hon. Mr. Gardiner come to Prince Edward Island and explain to the farmers of this Province what steps he proposes to take to reverse the exceedingly important results anticipated from the recently imposed feed grain regulations.

The position was explained by the Prime Minister in the United Kingdom House of Commons on October 21st. Mr. Atlee said "The Government have continued to review the size of our forces in relation to the responsibilities which we are called upon to carry out. They have also to have regard to the economic resources of this country."

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Supports Partition

The discussion which has taken place in this Committee has in our view, tended to confirm the principal argument given by a majority of the Committee in support of its proposal for partition with economic union.

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The Reductions In Britain's Armed Forces. (United Kingdom Information) A misconception has apparently arisen in some quarters as a result of unauthorized reports to the effect that Britain's Home Fleet was being reduced to one cruiser and five destroyers.

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