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

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Fertilizer Requirements

Our farmers are reminded by Ottawa authorities that they should begin ordering and accepting delivery of their 1946 fertilizer requirements from now on, instead of waiting until spring.

The zoning plan of fertilizer distribution is being continued for this year, in order to make certain, so far as possible, that each farmer gets his share of the fertilizer available.

Through wartime necessity many farmers are having demonstrated the practicability of storing fertilizers on the farm during winter months.

Adult Education

A pamphlet just issued by the Official Information Services of the United Kingdom Government, released by the Canadian agency in Ottawa, gives an interesting historical review of the adult education movement since the first "adult school" was established by the Society of Friends in 1798.

In its report on educational policies, the Government said the "effectiveness of earlier education" depended upon the extent to which, in some form or other, "it is continued voluntarily in later life."

Devised Christmas Seals

History books cite the names of countless persons who have benefited humanity. Yet few people know of Einar Holboell, Danish postal clerk and originator of the Christmas seal.

He was only one of thousands who delivered mail that winter of 1903. The sufferings of tubercular children on Copenhagen's streets moved him to compassion, then to action.

Stamps constantly passed through Holboell's hands, and to him came this thought: Why not add one more penny stamp to the thousands of Christmas letters, a levy on healthy senders, to help alleviate T. B. suffering?

The enthusiasm of his fellow workers caused him to present his plan to the King and Queen of Denmark, who paved the way for the first sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals in December 1904.

Every such seal, whether its motif be the Danish Queen's face (1904), a wreath of holly (1907) or a little boy (1945)—designed by Artist Park Phipps—whether sold in Canada or Europe, displays the same emblem—the double-barred cross, in its patriarchal or religious form, used as a symbol of rank or dignity by the patriarchs of Jerusalem and Alexandria.

cross, which was used as the badge of the Free French under General de Gaulle. The National Sanitarium Association, pioneer organization in Canada to fight T. B., founded in 1896 by a group of philanthropists in Toronto, was intended to be national in scope.

In 1900 there was but one small sanatorium. Now there are more than 30 sanatoria which treat 12,000 patients annually.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Let us all return to a world in which the homely things of life can again be ours... the things that have been saved are beyond price"—His Majesty's message, good for the New Year as well as Christmas.

Let the store clerks and other hard working people at this season bear in mind Boxing Day, now generally observed by stores, etc., is the outcome of a campaign carried on in the Public Forum, anonymously by Mrs. R. E. Mutch.

"I am convinced that we must get away as quickly as possible from Government controls, and that we must get back to the free operation of our competitive system," declares President Harry S. Truman.

Early diagnosis of tuberculosis saves not only lives, but the taxpayers' money. Three-quarters of a million Canadians were X-rayed for tuberculosis last year. Canadians are dying of tuberculosis at the rate of sixteen persons a day.

St. John the Evangelist's Day; a special reverence and interest is attached to St. John—"the disciple whom Jesus loved"; through a misapprehension of the Saviour's words, a belief came to be entertained among the other apostles that this disciple should never die, and the notion was doubtless fostered by the circumstance, that John outlived all his brethren, indeed, the only apostle who died a natural death.

Charles Lamb, poet and essayist, died this date 1834; a scholar at Christ's Hospital School from the age of seven, where he spent seven years and formed a lasting friendship with the poet Coleridge; an impediment in his speech prevented him following his intention of entering the Church, and he entered instead East India House as a clerk, where he rose to enjoy a large salary, and ultimately retired on a handsome pension; his office hours were ten to four leaving him ample time for literary work; as an author his name will principally be recollect-ed by his celebrated Essays of Elia which endeavored him to contest the palm with Addison and Steele.

Messrs. St. Laurent and Isley, in the Bill 15 debate, certainly laid down new standards of constitutional Government in Canada, remarks an Ottawa critic. Challenged to give reasons why the citizen should not be permitted to take his grievances against the Government to court, Mr. St. Laurent took the position that this would be inconvenient for the Government.

Queried as to detailed examples of this inconvenience, he said he would have to consult his colleagues, but Mr. Isley disposed of that very quickly. He intervened to point out that he did not wish to prolong the debate by giving his reasons for wanting his officials to exercise their powers, without interference by the courts.

Ottawa rumours are very definite that the Prime Minister is not feeling very Socialistic at the moment, says The Letter-Review. Whatever his faults, he has shown a great willingness to follow changes in public opinion. His close view of the difficulties of a Socialist Government in action in London; the overwhelming evidence that the U. S. is moving altogether in the other direction; the unfavourable reaction in Canada to Mr. Isley's constitutional theory, which is a necessary part of the Socialist state, and many other items of evidence have convinced him that there is only a limited number of votes to be won by appeals to Socialism, and that Mr. Coldwell has those pretty well cornered. In contrast to some of his advisers, the Prime Minister is said to believe that there is more danger of Mr. Bracken defeating the Government, by appeals against Socialism, than there is of Mr. Coldwell winning on the other platform. In short, the Prime Minister is moving away from the Left at the moment, and does not welcome suggestions for Government policies which look at all Socialistic.

"Increase in Population Indispensable to Canada", such was the theme of a recent address by Mr. J. S. Duncan, President of the Massey-Harris Company, in Montreal. Le Jour gives whole-hearted support to President Duncan's thesis that it is necessary to expand the domestic market in Canadian products as well as extend the export trade. Neither Mr. Duncan nor Le Jour is in favour of the "Open Door", but rather immigration on strictly selective lines. Says Le Jour: "An intelligent immigration policy would help to support the economic position of Canada, Mr. Duncan said. It would gain for us a wider domestic market, which would allow us to consume right here in Canada more of the products which we grow or manufacture, and our needs thus made greater, we could import more from foreign countries who buy from us. This is a realistic expose of a businessman, who has travelled, who has observed, who has studied our needs and possibilities. The ideas which he has expressed deserve to be noted and to carry the inspiration for establishing a truly constructive Canadian policy."

Notes By The Way

Financial writer figures President Truman will be \$100,000 in debt at the end of this year. High time he received writing about it every day. —Toronto Telegram.

Don't lose that card. National registration is in force for at least another year and possibly long after that, in some amended form. The time, however, has not arrived for everyone to be fingerprinted. —St. Catharines Standard.

A new safety razor lubricated as it shaves. A comb, just patented, or, to be strictly accurate, Earl Lloyd George — is to be written many years on the part of the Liberal Party Organization, will receive this considerable surprise. —London Spectator.

You who like people with names that look like people with names: fanxy Evans, a new soprano just over from Wales. She descends, no doubt from the flat of the famous member of the famous trio, known, Shrlu and Cmtwp. —Ottawa Citizen.

Grandfather cut firewood in the timber on the side of the wagon in zero weather. Carried it on his shoulder and whipped his back in freezing snow. —Ottawa Citizen.

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If Vancouver has one outstanding fact in its annals, it is the fact of its citizens over civic affairs. Yesterday was as fine an election day as any since the election of December. The election was in support as any the city has known in its history, there are well over 100,000 names on the voters list, the highest vote polled more than 16,000.

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One capital officer who "looks down" the amalgamation of the two provinces, and who stands every time both of them stand together is the new Under-Secretary of State for the Interior, who stretches skyward six feet five from his North Carolina tower. The tallest man in Washington, that is, the tallest man in the world, is Fredrick H. Osborne, Major-General, Federal Service for the Army, who stands six feet-eight.

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Now is the time of year when the United States folk in Northern Ontario claim our resources. And there is an urgent need for nurses and for domestic staff in hospitals. The scarcity which exists has been produced by bad working conditions. Slowly the demands of the public and the press have been accepted by the authorities. Now at last, we are promised some measure of reform. We welcome the announcement of these new codes of working conditions. For one thing salaries are to be increased. But though wages figured in the grievances of the past, and undoubtedly prevented many a girl from entering the profession, it was perhaps the senseless and out-of-date restrictions on the liberty of the nurse that took most of all. In hospital work discipline is admittedly essential during duty hours. But in their off-duty hours, they should be permitted the same freedom of dress as they will be enjoyed by everybody else. The new codes recognize this. The nurses' profession is a most honorable calling. Let its members be treated honorably. For without them we should be in a sorry plight. —London Sunday Empire News.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CHESTER McLURE, M.P.

Sir,—In the Christmas Eve issue of the local "would be" Liberal paper, a letter appears, under the caption "Out Order," the writer of which lambasted himself in secretive fashion behind the unwell but rather significant non-de-plume "Hansard Reader." The purpose in this supplanting the name identification with selected anonymity was undoubtedly in objective — an endeavor to create an immediate impression that the writer was one of the few intellectual giants who had access to this special source of information. The writer's real purpose, however, was to create a line of demarcation between such a "classic" and ordinary contributor to the press.

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The North Nova Scotia Highlanders

FOREWORD

This is only a skeleton—a dry thing without life. Its purpose is to provide an immediate story of where the North Nova Scotia Highlanders came from and what they did.

It is hoped that someone with a pen to do justice to the subject will have provided the flesh and blood of the story. Someone who can describe such things as the beauty of the countryside, the slightly smelly of the battle-field after a few days of the hot Normandy sun and, most important of all, the spirit and actions of the men.

There were among us, some who were weak, and some whose deeds will never be remembered for their great unselfish bravery. But far the greatest number were men who were strong, and who, whatever it was with a willingness to pull their weight because they were men, they were upheld by the thought that they could depend on those beside them doing their share whether they were passed on to the next section or in some other Battalion.

This spirit is one which we all hope will be taken back to civilian life in Canada and elsewhere. Many times platoons and companies were inspired to perform deeds which were beyond the strength of human flesh. This inspiration came from the example set by great men whose acts were frequently unrecognized, publicly and unrewarded in this world. But who shall say that those who have passed on have not received the greatest reward. To those who their sketch is humbly dedicated.

Varel, Germany. D. F. FORBES. 23 August 1945.

I. PRE-WAR

This is the story, in brief, of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. The unit was formed in June, 1940, from the four units of 18 Highland Brigade, N. P. A. M. G. which were carried on the name, traditions, and dress of one of them, the 1st Battalion, N. P. A. M. G. Included in the Nova Scotia Units were the Cumberland Regiment and the 1st Battalion, N. P. A. M. G. The Cumberland Regiment was formed in 1882, and the Colchester and Hanley Regiments at Truro.

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The Poets Corner

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and a march to Charlottetown a few weeks later. When the unit sailed in July it was not fully trained for battle, but was strongly knit with the bonds of good fellowship and mutual confidence between the leaders and men. (To Be Continued)

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