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

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A Striking Object Lesson

Speaking of industrial opportunities in this Province, why has such slow progress been made in setting up facilities for processing that valuable new Island commodity, Irish moss?

Sir Stephen Bilsland, who is chairman of the Scottish Seaweed Research Association, said he was authoritatively informed there was sufficient seaweed around the coasts of Scotland to support a chemical industry with an annual value of no less than 15,000,000 pounds.

At present seaweed supplies are short in Scotland. Small quantities come from the Outer Hebrides, but the bulk of it has had to be imported from Eire and Norway.

Here we have supplies of Irish moss of the best quality right at hand. Its processing on the Island should have been begun long ago.

Farmers' Tax Guide

Now issued in booklet form, and available to all requiring it, is the "Farmers' Income Tax Guide and Farm Account Book."

The information is presented in the form of questions and answers which have been divided into three sections. The first explains the necessity for keeping records and filing income tax returns.

Presumably the booklet is being supplied to all farmers through the Taxation Division, but any farmer not receiving his copy would be well advised to write for one.

The Right Age

In his oft-quoted comments on how a farmer should pick a wife, Premier Jones does not appear to have touched upon the equally important question of when he should set about picking her.

A most important one is that a sturdy wife is essential to a good farmer. Working out in the field, he cannot drop into a restaurant for meals.

A Tragic Symbol

The tragedy of pre-war pacifism was symbolized in the career of the late Lord Baldwin, as this depicted in the London News Chronicle: "Stanley Baldwin was the apostle of 'Safety First'."

"There were moments during the Italian invasion of Abyssinia when he saw the light but his courage failed him.

ness' when he confessed to the House of Commons that in the 1935 election he dared not tell the country that 'Germany was rearming and we must rearm' because 'the country would not have rallied to the cry.'

"When Mr. Chamberlain returned from Munich he gave voice to the reflection in his maiden speech as a member of the House of Lords that it was 'just as though the finger of God had drawn a rainbow across the sky and had ratified again His Covenant with the children of man.' After that he never spoke again on public affairs."

EDITORIAL NOTES

At least one provincial legislature, that of Quebec, is turning its attention to the problem of housing. The high regard in which the family is held in Quebec has helped to focus the government's attention on the housing situation.

Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., holds a record as the head of any local organization, over a quarter of a century, as president of the Children's Aid Society, and now has entered upon his 28th year.

During the past twelve years the world has seen many a dastardly act but even the hardened must look with horror on Communists who, to wreck the Marshall Plan, are prepared to plunge the continent of Europe into misery.

It is well that at the forthcoming session of the legislature the House will at last be able to inquire into the administration of the Prohibition Act.

Tomorrow another destroyer will be added to Canada's navy. The Athabaskan could, it is true, have been built more economically in the United Kingdom but in building four Tribal Class destroyers Halifax has acquired plant and skill that will stand the Navy in good stead.

Every child of every school in Victoria, Australia, is to be tested for tuberculosis. Providing parents' consent can be obtained, each child will be skin-tested.

A new wool fabric, which may revolutionize the whole field of lightweight clothing, has been developed by two United Kingdom firms. This fabric weighs from 1.2 to 7 oz. per square yard, and is claimed to be four times as strong as any known wool fabric of similar weight.

Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson, the President of the British Board of Trade, announced that a new Working Party is to be set up to deal with the moth pest, saying "All scientific knowledge about moths is to be accumulated to see how we can advise housewives and producers."

The First English Parliament met this date 1269, consisting of two citizens from each city, two burgesses from each borough, and representatives of cathedral and parochial clergy.

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Notes By The Way

For a play he wrote in 1903 and first saw staged in 1905, George Bernard Shaw is now collecting a \$4,700 weekly royalty as the drama's revival continues to prove a box office hit.

Under existing rules a husband may be awarded compensation for the loss of a talented and competent wife. Equity demands that some provision should be made to those who believe they are stealing the affections of a talented competent wife only to be disappointed.

"I have spent half of my life as a member of this House. It has been a good half of my life. It has been a joyous life, it has been a life of comradeship."

One Andy Anderson, a salesman from Bismarck, ND, has come into the news with the spectacular suggestion that atomic bombs be used to blast a path through the Rocky mountains and allow balmey Pacific winds to warm the Midwest with perpetual Summer.

It took three centuries to bring the British Empire to its apogee, from the reign of Queen Elizabeth to that of Queen Victoria. The greatest advance occurred between the battle of Waterloo in 1815 and the end of Victoria's reign, and the glittering climax of empire was the diamond jubilee in 1897.

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Weather Improbabilities

(Globe and Mail)

There cannot be much fun in being a meteorologist. Of course, it would be amusing to get reports from the weather bureau and there between Panama and the North Pole, and half as many miles east and west, because weather is interesting, wherever it is.

It is not the times he is right that give the weatherman his fame. For every time he is right, people can remember Toronto's Big Storm of 1944, the New England Hurricane of 1938, the recent New York snowstorm, and our New England blizzard of which was forewarned.

Weather forecasting has long since got beyond the guessing stage, based on the look of the clouds, the color of the sunset, or the feel of somebody's rheumatism. It is now a highly complicated process of accumulating data from various instruments of different points, and calculating from these data what may be likely to happen in a given area.

One reason for this, without question, is that in both Canada and the United States, not enough observations are made each day to give a complete picture of the weather. It is now known, too, that conditions tens of thousands of feet above the earth have a strong influence on surface weather.

All these things take money. Eventually public policy will have to decide whether a larger outlay on the weather might not save enough to justify itself perhaps many times. Farmers, transport companies, airlines, power companies, and protection services, municipalities and a score of other interests, not forgetting the ordinary individual going to an office, need accurate, dependable information.

Latest Books

Brazilian Adventure by Peter Fleming (The Reprint Society of Canada Ltd., Montreal)—In view of the forthcoming visit of the Governor-General, Lord Alexander to Brazil, this book is timely and will be appreciated.

While in a hospital at Le Vesinet, near St. Germain, Rommel was visited by Von Kluge, who openly asserted that he had completed a plan for liquidating Hitler, Kettel, Jodi, Speidel and Guderian were all said to be involved in the conspiracy.

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Paul was a great man. This is his story. Paul was a great man. This is his story. Paul was a great man. This is his story.



STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Whose woods these are I think I know.

My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

—Robert Frost.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FIRST PRESBYTERY

In 1821 the Synod of the Presbyterian church of Nova Scotia granted permission for the formation of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. In October of that year, in the house of Mr. Archibald Campbell, Lot 16, the following met and constituted the first Presbytery: Rev. John Keir, moderator; Robert Douglass and William McGregor, ministers; Mr. Edward Ramsay, ruling elder.

It is strange that up to this time, although there must have been incidental preaching, there was no Presbyterian organization in Charlottetown, the capital city of the Province. In 1825, however, the need of such having been keenly felt, a public meeting was called, which eventually resulted in the erection of the first Presbyterian place of worship, St. James'.

—From an article by the late Rev. Dr. T. F. Fullerton.

Was Rommel Poisoned?

A story in an Italian magazine called Today asserts that Field Marshal Rommel was poisoned by two German generals, Burgdorf and Meisel. General Burgdorf was Hitler's Chief of Army Personnel, appointed after General Schmundt was killed by the bomb blast at the time of the attempted assassination of the Fuehrer.

According to the Italian account, which is written in "believe it or not" ex-Fascist journalist, Luigi Romersa, Rommel was badly wounded in the left temple on the Western Front in July, 1944, when his car was machine-gunned by Allied planes.

In October he was visited at his home at Herlingen, where he was recuperating by Generals Burgdorf and Meisel. Hitler's special investigators. After this pair had left, Rommel is said to have summoned his wife and told her that they accused him of being implicated in the plot and offered him the choice of poison or appearing before a people's court.

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Listening Costs Money

(Fort Erie Times-Review) Recently two gentlemen from Hamilton, representing the Department of Transport, Ottawa, were in Fort Erie for the purpose of ferreting out owners of radio receivers who had not yet paid their 1947 license fees.

Of course, most people resent having to pay any kind of tax or license fee, and that is particularly true in this area as far as the radio license is concerned. Radio owners hereabout object to contributing \$2.50 a year to the Canadian Broadcasting Commission for the privilege of listening to programs emanating from Buffalo, which most of them seem to prefer.

Years ago, this impost was fairly easy to avoid, as long as the radio owner was not simple enough to record his name on the list of licensees. But, after many years, the alert young men at Ottawa caught up with things. They always do, if given enough time. So, now, if you buy a radio the vendor has to report the sale—and you are on record forever. You pay your \$2.50 annually, or else. We hope you like it fellow-citizens; but, for our part, soap operas, spot announcements, and

singing commercials have lost their charm. Since the great speeches of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston S. Churchill were broadcast with more-or-less frequency, what comes over the air seems utterly vapid and inconsequential; so we do not own a receiver, and are no longer one of the "invisible audience."

Today we subscribe to the better of our favorite newspaper, columnist that the best thing coming over the radio is the correct time. But is that worth \$2.50 a year—of your money?

HOW TO IMPROVE

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