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

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Hands Off The B. N. A. Act

When the Confederation Fathers framed the
British North America Act provided, as a
safeguard, that no change could be made with-
out reference to the British Parliament. This
insured the consent of all the Provinces, as well
as of the Dominion Parliament, to any proposed
amendment. From time to time schemes have
been set on foot to scuttle this wise provision.

This scheme fell through chiefly because of
the vigorous opposition put up by Hon. J. B.
McNair, Attorney General of New Brunswick.
Subsequently a number of the Provinces joined
New Brunswick in opposing, and the idea was
dropped. Evidently, however, it still has its
advocates. In Parliament last week representa-
tives of different parties spoke as if desirous of
reviving this dangerous issue.

It is amazing to find the Minister of Justice
speaking as he did on this subject. He seems
to be unaware that the British North America
Act is a solemn treaty between the Provinces
and the Dominion. Its provisions may not be
regarded as though they were a matter of mere
agreement or convenience.

When the change was suggested in 1936, the
Toronto Mail and Empire had this to say:
"Many of those who wish the power of the
amendment to be centred at Ottawa instead of
Westminster are deliberately and craftily work-
ing to weaken the remaining ties that bind us to
the Mother Country and to the rest of the Em-
pire..."

The Montreal Star was also firmly opposed.
"What we gain by the necessity of appealing to
Westminster," it said, "is the cooling effects of
distance, disinterestedness and delay. How can
anyone be sure—especially the leaders and guar-
dians of our various minorities—that in some
day of heat and passion we may not more sorely
need this piece of 'cold storage'?"

Attorney General McNair of New Brunswick
thus summed up the situation: "The division of
legislative and executive powers, which is the
pith and substance of a federal system of govern-
ment, must depend for its maintenance and
stability upon a paramount law; in our case upon
the supremacy of the Imperial legislation. This
Legislature (of New Brunswick) holds its present
powers because New Brunswick is an auton-
omous, self-governing province of Great Brit-
ain, sovereign within the sphere defined for
her by the B.N.A. Act and independent of the
Canadian Parliament."

The issue is still more clearly set forth in a
book by the late Sir George Ross, a former
Premier of Ontario, entitled "The Senate of Canada",
quoted approvingly by the Montreal Gazette.
Therein the author lays down the principle
that consent of all the contracting parties to the
Confederation treaty "stands at the very thresh-
old" and constitutes the "fundamental character"
of the B.N.A. Act. "The doctrine of consent, in
fact," he writes, "is the flaming sword of the
Constitution that turns every way and forbids
progress till consent is clearly established."

Potato Bug's March

Those who may suppose that the Colorado
Beetle, otherwise known as the "potato bug", is
a pest of comparatively recent appearance, may
be interested in the following brief article which
appeared, according to an exchange, in the "Colo-
nial Standard" of Pictou, N.S., in the year
1883:

"The Colorado Potato Beetle is likely to be a
serious pest this year. Farmers find their pota-
to plants just above the ground literally covered
with the bugs. Nearly sixty years ago, in 1824,
the insect was first observed by Thomas Say,
the first great American entomologist, who nam-
ed it Doryphora Decemlineata—the 'tenlined
spear bearer.' It was never heard of further for
35 years, until 100 miles west of Omaha, Ne-
braska, in 1859, it first tasted the luxurious foli-
age of the cultivated potato. The abundance of
this delicious food, prepared by the hand of man,
enabled it to 'increase and multiply.' Each beetle
in one month became five hundred. In 1861 it
invaded Iowa; in 1862, Wisconsin. In 1864 it
crossed the Mississippi in Illinois. In 1867 it
reached Michigan and Indiana, and in 1870 the
advance guard crossed the Canadian frontier. In
1874 the beetle reached the Atlantic States, and
in 1875 occupied them from Maine to Vir-
ginia. In 1877 they were reported in New
Brunswick. Three years ago (1880) they were
found in one farm in Nova Scotia, but were com-
pletely eradicated there. Last year the Colorado
Beetle was reported nearly simultaneously in
Prince Edward Island, Cumberland County and
Pictou County, and now they threaten to be a
serious pest."

-EDITORIAL NOTES-

St. Swithin's Day.
Many tourists are here but not so many "for-
eign" cars as usual.

The resignation of two members from a com-
mittee of the City Council because their recom-
mendations had not been adopted by the Council
as a whole, is hardly in accordance with democ-
ratic principles.

Alfred William Harnsworth, 1st Viscount
Northcliffe, one of the foremost British news-
paper men of the Nineteenth Century, born this
date, 1865; founded "Answers", and afterwards "The
Daily Mail", an up-to-date morning newspaper
with regional issues in the north of England and
Scotland as well; took over the control of "The
Times" from the Walters family and consider-
ably brightened that venerable journal, giving it
new life and influence; did much for the improve-
ment of aviation by the offer of special prizes;
was chairman of the British War Mission to the
U.S. in 1917, which led to that country joining
the Allies.

According to Mr. Ross Munro, war correspon-
dent, Lord Tweedsmuir, son of the late govern-
or-general of Canada, joined his regiment shortly
before the Canadians were due to sail from Britain.
Before the expedition sailed precautions were taken
to protect the health of the troops against tropi-
cal diseases, particularly malaria. They were
armed against mosquitoes with every fifth man
carrying a fly-swatter and every eighth man a
spray gun for use against insects. Other officers
include Capt. Bud Hamerman, of Sydney, N.S.,
and Capt. Tommy Cantley, New Glasgow, N.S.
The medical officer of one outfit is Capt. Ken-
neth MacDonald, son of Mr. P. J. MacDonald,
of Charlottetown.

"Jitterbugs may become a sideshow for modern
Catholic youth, if we are able to present to all
fun-loving boys and girls a better and more com-
prehensive menu of recreational activity, than
in the past," Father Nell, a director of the Sum-
mer School of Catholic Action, Montreal, declar-
ed, after having demonstrated to hundreds of
students that real fun can become a most es-
sential part of spiritual and social activity. Play-
ing like a boy with his students in the large sta-
dium of the Loyola College, Father Nell and his
secretary Miss Edith Feldhake, the latter direct-
ing the games over a microphone, filled the
recreational hours of the Summer School with
games and music conducive to the spiritual and
physical make-up of modern youth. They show-
ed a cheering crowd how a good time can be
had "even under the eyes of priests and nuns"
when they walked arm in arm with the students
in a form of folkdancing, to the rhythm of
snappy music.

There is division in Liberal ranks in Cartier,
Montreal over the selection of a party candidate
for the forthcoming by-election, and Prime Min-
ister King has allowed himself to become involv-
ed in the dispute. The officers of one of the
Cartier associations met to consider a letter re-
ceived from the secretary of Prime Minister
Mackenzie King in which it was stated on his
behalf that, as leader of the Liberal party, it was
not Mr. King's policy to intervene in the
political affairs of local organizations. A tele-
gram had also been received from Hon. Louis St.
Laurent, Minister of Justice, acknowledging the
receipt of the request for a Liberal convention
in Cartier to select a candidate. This request
was sent to the Minister of Justice after a meet-
ing called by the Peter Bercovitch Association
and the Active Liberal Hebrew Association of
Montreal, which unanimously passed a resolu-
tion in favor of a convention. In his telegram,
Mr. St. Laurent promised immediate considera-
tion, with his colleagues in the cabinet of the
matter of a convention. On the previous Sat-
urday Hon. Ernest Bertrand, Minister of Fish-
eries, sent a telegram endorsing, on behalf of
the Liberal party and in the name of the Prime
Minister, the candidacy of Mr. Lazarus Phillips,
K.C. In view of this confusion, Mr. Lyon W.
Jacobs, K.C., declared that Peter Bercovitch As-
sociation would still insist on the holding of a
convention, in order to select a popular candi-
date to contest the election instead of one thrust
on them by Ottawa.

Notes By The Way

Devonshire woman has found a
can of coffee mysteriously sealed
which was hidden in the cellar of
her home in June, 1794. Dated, eh?
—Windsor Star.

If some of these fellows who
strike over trifles had to spend a day
or two on a raft in the North At-
lantic they would not consider their
present lot, even under such con-
ditions, such an unhappy one.—(Van-
couver Province).

London hears via the under-
ground from Italy, that Mussolini's
health has deteriorated visibly in
the last few months, forcing him in-
to almost complete seclusion. His
march to destiny was too much for
the old boy who once led the march
on Rome.

"This side up—with care". So read
the instructions on the cover of a
soggy and broken parcel handed over
to the Royal Canadian Mounted
Police for reconditioning. The
told its own story. Someone had
examined the pulpy package
sealed in a tin of jam, sealed
only with a thin disc of wax, but
thoughtfully labelled to show
which end was to be held up.—
Post Office Bulletin.

By a happy inversion of the ac-
cepted wartime practice, wives and
children of British soldiers serving
in North Africa are now receiving
experience of receiving food parcels
as gifts from their menfolk over-
seas. The first 1,000 of these parcels
have reached this country in the
last few days. Each contains 2
lbs. of sugar, together with coffee,
dried fruits, cheese, or 2 lbs. of choi-
ced, all Empire produce.—London
Times.

Most breeds of dogs are born with
rings in their tails. The dog lover
who insists on having his canine
friend along with him in his
city must curtail these activities.
No plea of exemption can justify
property damage, and no free-
roaming dog has a sense of property
or propriety. The purchase of a dog
license only permits possession of a
dog—the purchaser must keep his
possession under control at all
times.—(Kingston Whig Standard).

Mussolini did not make Italy
great. He made it a gangster, side
by side with a bigger gangster which
has placed it in a slave's shambles.
But there is a hope. The Italian
of the Cavour and Garibaldi,
Leonardo and Michelangelo, Dante
and St. Francis—the Italy that has
been despoiled. Italy will not lose
greatness, but regain her soul, and
opportunity to advance in freedom
from the infection of Fascism is sealed.
—Chicago Sun.

A musical instrument believed to
be unique has been presented to
Glasgow Corporation by Mrs.
Art Galleries and Museums by Mrs.
Jane Allison, of 34 Greenless road,
Edinburgh. It is a walking stick!
But when the stick is unfolded, it
is a full size chanter and drone is
revealed. These can be assembled and
converted into a miniature but per-
fect set of bagpipes. Dr. Henry
Farmer Kelvingrove's musical in-
strument expert, about 125 years old.
This stick was originally the property
of Mrs. Allison's father, the late Dr.
James Douglas of Carlisle.—Glas-
gow Sunday Post.

The largest and perhaps the oldest
of our megalithic monuments is
now the property of the National
Trust. In the words of John Aubrey
of the late 17th century, the monument
character and showed it to the ad-
mirer King Charles II, the great
stone circle of Avebury as much ex-
ceeds any other in the island. The
cathedral does a parish church.
Nearly three quarters of a mile in
circumference, it encloses two sep-
arate double avenues. The outer
circled by an embankment rising
nearly 50 feet above the original
floor of a ditch dug some four thou-
sand years ago. The inner circle,
circled by a ditch, is a smaller
area. The passage from one to the
other was not too brusque. That
is not the case today. It is a long
jump from the old parish into which
modern progress has penetrated.
The colonization township where
there must be clearing done and
the land made productive. It needs
nearly seven years to clear the
force. Under such conditions you
can preach in vain that salvation
lies in colonization. Try a little
of that holy job yourself, and you
will be quickly disillusioned.—(Three
Rivers Le Nouv.iste)

Each Island of the Aleutians is a
peak or plateau of a submerged
mountain range that is still build-
ing on the floor of the sea. Ben
East writes in Nature's History Mag-
azine. Some are sheer, snow-capped
cones rising white and beautiful out
of the foggy ocean. Others are made
up of rugged, black streaks and
patches of snow lie throughout
the brief Alaskan Summer. Still
others are live volcanoes, rumbling
and smoking and among with the
heat of their subterranean fires. It
would be hard to find anywhere a
lovelier chain of land dots than the
Aleutians. In all there are 1,100 miles
there is no timber, few trees, and
clumps of stunted spruce were
transplanted more than a century
ago as far west as Unalaska, but
only a few Westward to Kodiak,
to Attu Island at the end of the
land bridge, trees are unknown, and
even the birch and alder shrubs are
dwarfed clumps reaching no higher
than a man's knees. Treeless and
lonely and melancholy, but hardly
barren or bleak are those bright
green islands. For wild grasses grow
above a man's shoulders along their
beaches. Varicolored moss covers
their rocky meadows with a soft,
deep carpet. Wild flowers of count-
less kinds and shades brighten the
windwept moors. And their sheer
sea cliffs harbor the greatest bird
cliff on the North American con-
tinent.

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Sicily In History

(Manchester Guardian)
It strategy brings British soldiers
to Sicily it will not be for the first
time. Behind the shield of the navy
they, as Mr. Churchill might say,
will be Sicily free of the infection of
revolutionary principles and Na-
poleonic tyranny in Egypt, in Cy-
renaica, in Libya, and in Tunisia;
men have been in intimate contact
with antiquity but none of these
lands is richer than Sicily in her-
oic memories. Geography for her
has been destiny. An island and not
an island in the centre of the Mediter-
ranean Sea, a bridge between Europe
and Africa, the races, the faiths, and the civil-
izations of three continents have
fought to possess her. The Phoeni-
cian merchant adventurers so
like our own of a later age, feeling
their way towards the Atlantic,
planted their factories on the
Sicilian coast. Their daughter
city Carthage turned factories into
colonies and took over the burden
of empire. It was with Greek
rivals rather than with the natives
that the conflict came, for the
Sicilians were merchants, were
even more of colonists. But until
the torch passed to Athens, Greek
Sicily was in the forefront of
Greek achievement in art, in phil-
osophy, in science. Sicily is stud-
ied with monuments of architec-
tural beauty, and the long roll of
Greek names—Pythagoras, the founder
of a school of mathematicians and
physicists; Archimedes, the type of

Is The Limit Reached?

(Sydney Post-Record)
A despatch from Ottawa carries
the hint that the designers of the
six pages of assiduity called "T-1-1"
General income tax form have
pushed the human worm too far,
and as soon as it recovers from its
mauling it will turn with tentacles
out and act. What other reason for
the suggestion that the form will
be modified for 1944? asks the Tor-
onto Globe and Mail. No one in a
tax-designer's office has ever ex-
hibited sympathy for the taxed, but
fear of having the hide torn off in
revenge is a potent influence to-
ward safety first. After the en-
durance test required by this tax-
form puzzle, to say nothing of the
mental anguish suffered and the
certainty the most desperate of ef-
forts will not get the right answers,
the worm must be about ready to
risk gibbet and stake to get even
with some one.
Every change in these forms
since they were invented has been
to increase the torture of the vic-
tims. It has been cold-blooded and
deliberate. The extremity was cer-
tain to be reached eventually, and
perhaps the time has come. Never-
theless, it is possible this is not the
limit of bureaucratic cruelty, con-
sidering how the skill of wartime
steps up the means of destruction,
and it might be well to learn, for
curiosity's sake, if something worse
can be devised; also to get a
further lesson in the screwiness of
a Government's ways. No business
firm which values time and con-
structive use of energy would hire

ANOTHER CALL TO NATIONAL SERVICE
To Business Men, Professional Men, Storekeepers,
Store Clerks, Citizens of Towns and Cities
Prince Edward Island
This province will face an emergency during the harvesting season. There is a grave shortage
of agricultural labour, and many farmers will require help during haying and harvesting. In
the truest sense of the word, the gathering of the harvest this year will be work of NAT-
IONAL IMPORTANCE.
Will you, as a patriotic citizen, volunteer to help some farmer for one, two or three days at
harvest time? The urgency of the situation can not be exaggerated, and your help will be a di-
rect contribution to final victory.
If you wish to help, please file your name at the Selective Service Offices at Charlottetown
and Summerside. When your services are required, you will be put in touch with some hard-
pressed farmer.
As these offices cannot provide transportation, this must be arranged by yourself or the farm-
er concerned.
FOOD IS VITAL—Therefore YOUR ASSISTANCE IS VITAL.
The Island has answered every call, military and monetary: DO NOT FAIL IN THIS NEW
CALL TO PATRIOTIC DUTY.
The periods when help will be most needed extend from July 20 to Aug. 6 and throughout Sep-
tember and October.
File your intentions of rendering this voluntary service without delay.
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The Bomber
White moon setting and red sun
rising.
White as searchlight, red as a
flame.
Through the dawn wind her hard
way making.
Rhythmic, roared, the bomber
came.
Men who had thought their last
flight over.
All hoping gone, came limping
Marvell, looked on bomb-scarred
Dover.
Buttercup fields and white Down
track.
Cottage and ploughland, green
lanes weaving.
Working-folk stopping to stare
overhead —
Lovely, most lovely, past all be-
lieving.
To eyes of men new-raised from
the dead.
—B. R. Gibbs, in the London
Sunday Times.
experts, or novices, to devise means
of wasting tens of millions of man-
hours and drive the population to
the beg-house. Only a Govern-
ment whose chief stock in trade is
red tape and which knows nothing
about practical short cuts to re-
sults, except in election campaigns,
runs business this way.
If the worm is a unit on the
policy of turning then it may be
discretion to modify the form.
Otherwise let them go on from
worst to more of it—if possible —
selecting whichever evil is the
greater, subtracting it from C999,
and, referring to section XV4114,
add the hypotenuse to the cotan-
gent and place the result under
the metathesis, allowing for the refund
one-half of which ever is the less-
er. In time the worm may get the
point and do something about this
crackpot business.