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

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## Party Principles

A timely suggestion comes from the *Ottawa Journal* to the effect that the Progressive Conservative Party, if it is to live, to function effectively in our democratic life, must be what its name implies. There is no room in Canada for one party openly espousing socialism and two other parties aping and surrendering to it. One party there must be at least to champion freedom and free enterprise, to fight for the things which have made us strong, to resist encroachments upon liberty.

Conservatives, the *Journal* argues, must stop apologizing for their creed or compromising with their principles. They have a cause, if they are willing to fight for it, of which they need not be ashamed. Let them remind themselves that this country fought two world wars, and that 100,000 of its sons sleep under foreign skies, because there were things we wanted to conserve; that our youth went out from us into the storm because they wanted to conserve our freedom, our laws and institutions, our way of life.

It was Cardinal Newman who once said that Conservatism was "loyalty to persons." What he meant was that it was loyalty to human brotherhood, loyalty to the proposition that the dignity of man and his happiness are more precious things than the power or the dignity of a State. That, at this hour, is something for Progressive Conservatives to remember. As spectators of a world revolutionary scene they must know that (in the words of Lincoln) not all the dogmas of the quiet past are adequate to the present, but they should know as well that while it is the part of wisdom to take from the present what is fittest, there is no call to tear down all that men have built up through the patient toil of centuries.

## Ambassador Gay's Visit

The arrival here tomorrow evening of the French Ambassador, M. Francisque Gay, is a matter of much interest. It will be the first occasion on which the Island has been thus honored, though it will be recalled that in 1934, on celebration of the Cartier anniversary, several distinguished members of the French Government visited us by steamer.

M. Gay's appointment to the post of Ambassador at Ottawa was a tribute to his outstanding qualifications. By profession he is both publisher and author. His newspaper, L'Aube, founded in 1932, enjoyed a fine reputation. M. Gay, however, was decidedly anti-Vichy, and during the German occupation of France, L'Aube suspended publication rather than permit itself to be used for Vichy propaganda purposes.

During the occupation M. Gay himself was close to the resistance movement. Since the war he has been Minister of State and a deputy in the National Assembly. He is an Officer of the Legion of Honor, and holds the Resistance Medal. He has family associations of long standing with Canada, and comes most appropriately as the representative of France to this country.

At this particular time, when France, in common with all the Western European powers, faces so many difficulties, the presence in Canada of a French Ambassador so excellently qualified as M. Gay to present his country's point of view is a matter of satisfaction. He will be assured of a warm welcome in Charlottetown, where among other activities he will hold a reception for a number of invited guests at Government House.

## Sale Of Horse Meat

It may be possible soon to go to Quebec City to enjoy a repast of horse meat. The possibility that sale of horse meat for human consumption might be legalized in that city was indicated when the administrative committee requested city attorney Godbout to look into legal aspects of the matter. Some consumers in Quebec are said to prefer it to beef. Letters to City Council kept the topic alive after several butchers were prosecuted in Recorder's Court for selling horse meat in contravention of municipal law. Seizures were made in three butcher shops, one of them in St. Sauver's working-class district. The city asked Dr. Berchmans Paquet, medical health director, to report and his notes were read at an administrative committee meeting. He said federal law now permitted sale of horse meat only for export on condition that it has been approved and stamped as such. To sell it locally, the municipality would have to authorize it by a special by-law. Such legislation would have to conform to federal law and sellers would have to hang out a shingle "boucherie chevaline—horse butcher." If such a by-law were passed, it is believed Quebec would be the first city in Canada to legalize sale of horse meat for numan consumption.

## Army Experiments

In view of probable eventualities in the Canadian northern military outposts, experiments have been made of the effect of climate on 152 American officers and enlisted men stationed at Fort Churchill. Officers of the Army Surgeon General's office described the results to a *Newsweek* reporter. In addition to their regular Army work, the soldiers took intelligence and personality tests, submitted to psychiatric interviews, and rated themselves and each other on their adjustment to life in the monotonous, frozen wastes of the North. When all data was collected, the Army psychologists found that the typical "good soldier" the big, tough blustering, gregarious, and aggressive extrovert — was least prepared to withstand the Arctic. Although he started with the most drive, he seemed to expend it in acute frustration. Surprisingly, the quiet, slightly "unmilitary" soldier had come out on top. He was the highly intelligent, mildly introverted man without too much drive, but with a lower, more consistent effort. He enjoyed his own company more than that of others. He was content to read, play solitaire, or just sit and reflect.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

"See the Conquering *Tories* Come!"

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With the veto at its control, why should Russia worry over United Nation edicts?

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Charlottetown salutes Miss Canada and her four Princesses who arrive today to honour our leading industry.

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"The Common Man" is the other name for "The Man in the Street", "The Man on the Farm," or "The Average Man."

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His Worship the Mayor of Charlottetown Mr. B. Earle MacDonald goes on leave to the States this week, and will be substituted by Councillor N. W. Lowther.

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It is one thing bringing men from other provinces as potato pickers, but quite another making them fit in to their new environment. You may lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink.

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It is too bad the new Diesels should have to be sent back for overhauling so soon after being put in use. But the new service is still in the experimental stage, and in the long run we will benefit from the experience gained.

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Mr. Joseph R. MacMillan, LL.B., Secretary of the Provincial Progressive Conservative Association substituted for Mr. Walter Mackenzie on the radio broadcast last evening, the latter being on the delegation to the Convention, and unable to reach home in time.

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Reports by the Ottawa *Citizen* that detailed plans for Canada's total mobilization in the event of war are to be drawn up this autumn and winter are not likely to be confirmed or denied. The Government would be failing in its obvious duty, however, if such plans, and plans for every other foreseeable emergency, were not made.

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Sir Eric Bowater, chairman of the Bowater Paper Corporation, Ltd., claims two "largest in the world" records for Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, at Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. In an interview in Montreal he said that the "largest newsprint manufacturing machine in the world" would go into operation at the Cornerbrook mill on Oct. 15 and that the mill would become "the largest integrated pulp and paper mill in the world."

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To a lot of people, the national political convention was a great chance for renewing acquaintances. It wasn't uncommon to hear people saying, "Why, I haven't seen you in years." For one, J. E. Merryfield of Vancouver came across a man named MacLeod from Prince Edward Island whom he used to know 50 years ago in Mount Lehman, B. C. Others bumped into people they knew overseas or in other times gone by.

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John Addington Symonds, English poet and critic, born this date 1840, was fellow of Magdalen, Oxford. His critical works are of high value, and include *Studies of the Greek Poets, Life of Shelley, Essays, Speculative and Suggestive,* and *Walt Whitman.* His *Magnum Opus* was an exhaustive study of *The Renaissance in Italy:*

"Gods fade; but God abides and in man's heart
Speaks with the clear unconquerable cry
Of energies and hopes that can not die."

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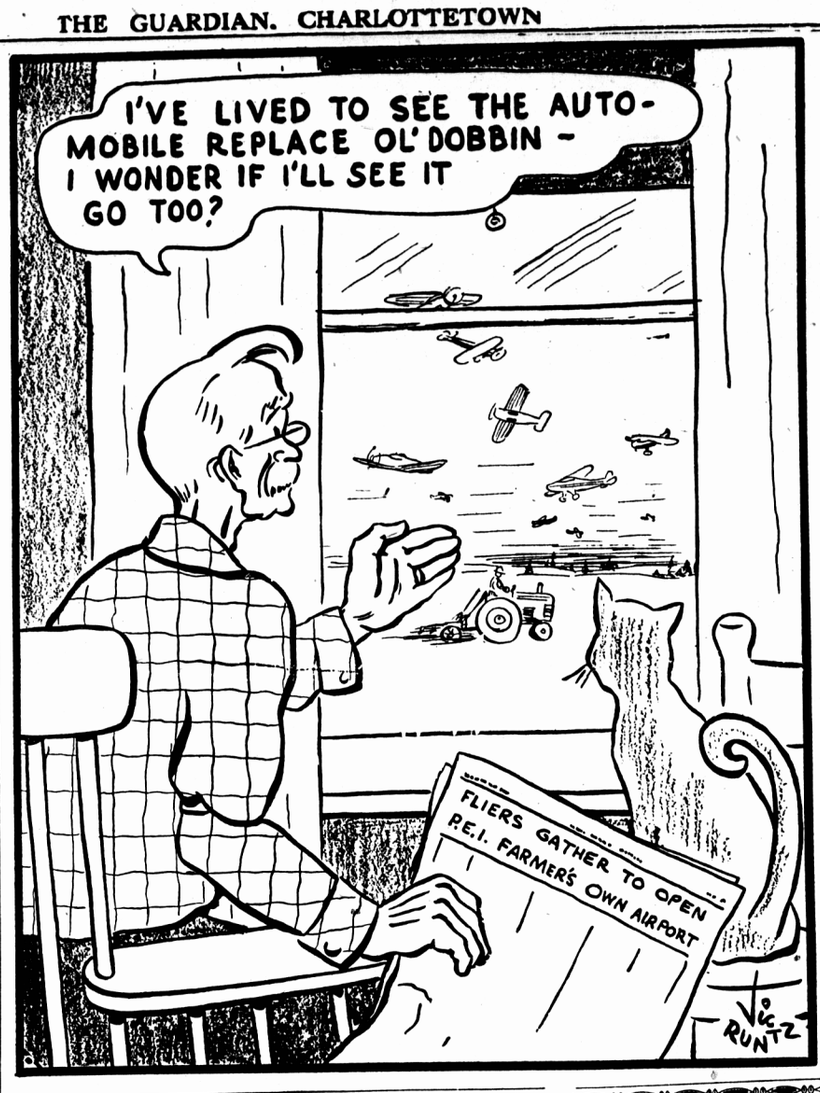
Four years ago, in October 1944, the First Canadian Army fought one of its toughest and most important battles of the campaign in Northwest Europe. This was the battle of the Scheldt Estuary. The enterprise was arduous and complex and invoived a series of local operations by comparatively small forces operating under almost impossible conditions against heavily fortified positions. At the time, the Allies as a result of a speedy dash by a British armoured column had secured Antwerp. This meant if the approaches to the port could be cleared, that the unbelievably long supply lines which had been hampering the Allies in their drive through France, Belgium and Holland would be tremendously shortened. Much valuable time could be saved in the headlong pursuit of the main German forces. Enemy forces were strongly entrenched on both banks of the Lower Scheldt which connected Antwerp with the sea. Before the port could be of any use to the Allies, the enemy had to be dislodged from these positions. To the Canadians fell the task of clearing the Breskens pocket. Here, German gun positions commanding the estuary had to be destroyed before the Navy could attempt to clear the heavily mined approaches to the port. South Beveland had to be cleared and Walcheren had to be taken although an attack was not launched against the latter until November 1. South Beveland fell at the end of October, and Walcheren November 7 with the capture of the town of Middleton. The First Canadian Army including British and Polish formations was occupied almost a month clearing the Scheldt. Much of its fighting was done in the open, over terrain waist-deep in mud and water. Its men were cold, wet and very, very weary. Of the operation, both General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery have said that they consider the battle to be the most important operation carried out by the First Canadian Army in the Northwest Europe campaign.




## PUBLIC FORUM

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

### LIQUOR STORE HOURS

Sir,—There are a great many people who feel there is absolutely no necessity for the liquor retail vendor store to be open until 9 p. m. on Saturday.

Is it the farmer, not dependent on a regular pay-day, who finds six days a week too few to purchase his quota? If it is the salaried man, living in or near the city, surely he could make his short way to Great George Street before 6 p. m. on Saturday. This purchasing of liquor after dark is bound to encourage inveterate alcoholics to haunt the liquor store premises and to lower the dignity of a just law that gives a citizen the privilege of buying alcoholic beverages the same as any other drinks served in the home.

Also, why can't the P. E. I. Government afford to pay a living wage to the men who are working long hours daily to fill the Provincial coffers with such an exceptionally large revenue? It is time the gentlemen in the liquor store were given a substantial increase in pay instead of existing as practically the lowest paid men in Charlottetown.

The writer is not related to, or intimate with, any employees in the store mentioned.

I am, Sir, etc.
CITIZEN.

## Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England.

I have just come back from enjoying a week's vacation in my home town—Hull, about 200 miles North-East of London, in the good old country of Yorkshire famous for puddings and cricketers.

In Hull, as in most of our provincial cities, life is a lot more calm and unhurried than it is in the capital. The people don't seem to be in such a heck of a hurry all the time though they get there just the same. This is especially true in the North, where folks are more than a little proud of their reputation for being solid and hard-headed, thrifty and calculating, and if a little slow nevertheless very, very sure.

Living is cheaper, and although many Londoners may say that you don't get as much out of life in the provinces, I suppose it all depends on what you're looking for At any rate, there is a very large proportion on the provincial population, especially in the North, who are evidently content to look for what they want out of life right where they are and they wouldn't live in London at any price. They'll all agree that London is a fine place to see, and a great place to visit, but live there for keeps? — oh, dear, no!

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I am reminded of the great Canadian rivalry between East and West. I remember how somebody would shout, usually in an otherwise peaceful barrack room: "Anybody here from the West (or the East)?" and then a friendly riot started. Well, we are not so worried about East versus West rivalry, but we are apt to get a bit excited about our North country and the South.

There is a very keen difference of opinion about which part of the country has most to be proud of, and it sometimes becomes a question of intense feeling, with the North-countryman refusing even to admit that the Southener is English at all! Fortunately these differences are shelved in times of acute national crisis. Never forgotten, mind you, merely put into the background temporarily; for even when working or playing in apparently complete harmony together, both sides will have their own private views. The Northerner probably is looking upon the Southerner as something rather peculiar but harmless, and the Southerner is regarding the Northerner as a somewhat uncultured but necessary being.

It is strange that we should have such divisions of loyalty in such a small country, A couple of hundred miles wouldn't show much on a map of Canada. Yet in less than that distance North of London it is a fact that one finds such a difference of outlook, of custom, and even of speech that one might think it was a different country. As, indeed, the folk up there would probably claim it is. They will more than likely tell you that up there, you're in England, and that London is a foreign part!

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Well, for all that, London is still the seat of the Government, and we had the spectacle of pomp and ceremony the other day when the King and Queen drove to Westminister to open a special session of Parliament.

The Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry were in full dress uniform, polished breastplates and plumed helmets and all. Their Majesties rode in the Irish State Coach, drawn by four horses, whilst a large crowd lined the route. In the crowd was a young Cockney woman with her husband. She held a baby in her arms, and a toddler hung on to her coat. When the procession had passed by she turned to her husband.

"You know," she said, "it gets me all worked up, and when I see them I feel I want to bawl."

And many a Northerner would agree with her.

Canada comprises more than 28 per cent of the total area of the British Empire.

## Dreary Mars

(Science Service)

Imagine a mountain peak twice as high as Mount Everest, sticking up ten miles in the stratosphere. That would be the earth's closest approach to a Martian landscape, as judged by observations upon the planet Mars made at McDonald Observatory, at Fort Davis, Texas.

No trees, No flowers. Not even ferns. The only possible life would be mosses and lichens clinging to frigid peaks as they do on earth. There is no chance of existence of higher life forms such as the most primitive animals, much less anything like a man or a Wellesian monster. Conditions there are comparable to those on earth at 50,000 feet.

With Mars 63,000,000 miles away and closer than it will be until 1950, Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, director of the observatory, used new heat-light measuring instruments connected with McDonald' 82-inch telescope to scan the magnified disc.

The polar cap is not "dry ice" or carbon dioxide snow as some astronomers suggested, but is probably ordinary ice or snow. Carbon dioxide does exist in the Martian atmosphere, but Mount Wilson Observatory observations have shown that no appreciable amount of oxygen exists. It never rains. There are no lakes or oceans, not even any liquid water.

## Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

### WHITE POTATOES DISCUSSED

At a meeting of potato growers and shippers held in the city yesterday under the auspices of the Board of Trade, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: "That this meeting deems it expedient to urge our farmers to grow a greater portion of white potatoes, such as the Empire State, and Silver Dollars, exhibited here, and similar early varieties, also to take greater care in culling, handling and marketing them in better condition, it being evident that by adopting such a course they willl realize better prices, and grow a potato more suitable to the American market."

Mr. Merrill, of Boston, attended the meeting and spoke briefly upon the subject of discussion. He said that it was comparatively difficult to sell Chanangoes in the markets of Boston and New York, but that the varieties known as Empire State, Silver Dollar, Burbank and White Star sold readily. The day of the Goderich and Early Surprise potatoes had passed. The Adelaide potato is good to keep but not to cook. Magnum Bonums are well thought of, and farmers here should try them. Prolifics are dying out. White potatoes, smooth and clean, will sell at from 10 to 15 cents higher than the blue, dark and rough varieties.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. James Laird (who presided); T. F. Newbery, D. Farquharson, H. Bovyer, Donald McKay, Alex Hamm, Joseph Gallant, Joseph Wise, Mr. Hooper, Solomon Clarke, C. Younker, Geo. McKay, Geo. Forbes, Mr. Crosby, Daniel McLean, Chas. C. Chandler, Donald McKenzie, George Mason, Arthur Simpson, Mr. McLeod, R. P. Norton, Wm. Mutch, Mr. Murchison, Wm. J. Simpson, Mr. McMillan, Nat. Gay, Mr. Poole, Mr. Moffatt, Montague Stephens.

Mr. Newbery said that inasmuch as it was impossible to get a sufficiently large meeting of farmers and shippers in town, he hoped that those who were present, when they returned home, would call meetings in their different districts to discuss the potato question, and also that farmers' clubs would make it a subject of discussion. He read a telegram from Messrs. Macdonald and Westaway, of Georgetown, expressing their great interest in the object of the meeting and their readiness to concur in the decisions arrived at; also a letter from Mr. James H. Cummiskey, Fort Augustus, to the same effect.

—Island Guardian, March 3, 1888.

## The Poet's Corner

### ENVOY

Go, songs, for ended is our brief sweet play;
Go, children of swift joy and tardy sorrow:
And some are sung, and that was yesterday,
And some unsung, and that may be tomorrow.

Go forth; and if it be o'er stony way,
Old joy can lend what newer grief must borrow:
And it was sweet, and that was yesterday,
And sweet is sweet, though purchased with sorrow.

Go songs, and come not back from your far way:
And if men ask you why ye smile and sorrow,
Tell them ye grieve, for your hearts know Today,
Tell them ye smile, for your eyes know Tomorrow.

—Francis Thompson.

## - Notes By The Way -

**A model husband** will oil the lawn mower for his wife before going to the ball game.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

**There will be few changes in the** automobiles for the next few years, except that perhaps people in the back seats may be able to wear hats. — Brandon Sun.

**One way to keep track of the** active five-year-old is to count the number of times the back door slams. If it's an even number, he's back in the house.—Edmonton Journal.

**With prices of shirts twice the** prewar level and additional rocketing to come, the number of good fellows who would "give you the shirt off their back" is sharply dwindling.—Amherst News.

**Hindenburg's advice to Hitler was** "not to trust the Italians to keep peace with Britain." And Adolf saw a time when he wished mightily he had followed that advice.—Ottawa Journal.

**To mothers throughout the city,** nothing is more apparent than the fact that the football season is with us once again. More than one youngster has arrived home displaying torn trousers and scuffed shoes and an occasional bump or bruise—and a big smile. —Boston Post.

**Benjamin Franklin became famous** as an exponent of thrift. His likeness now appears on every United States half-dollar. When the inflated condition of that currency is taken into consideration, the reproduction seems slightly incongruous.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

**Some time ago in Chicago, an** elderly man ordered soup, a sandwich and coffee—then had no money to pay for it. So the waitress paid. The gentleman said he would repay her later, and then disappeared. Now the waitress has been notified that the man is dead. He had left an estate of $50,000, of which he has willed $35,000 to the waitress. — Fort William Times-Journal.

**Everybody nowadays who is on** a fixed income finds himself crushed between it and higher costs of existence. The rural minister is one of the acute sufferers from that economic circumstance. Undoubtedly he requires relief if he is to survive and just as undoubtedly that relief must be forthcoming if people are to enter the ministry in required numbers. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

**Municipal leaders are a lot closer** to the people than the leaders at Victoria or Ottawa. Most of us can't lodge our complaints and arguments in the great capitals but we don't mind laying down the law at the City Hall. The municipal shin is the closest to the people, it gets most of the kicks and, consequently, it is the most sensitive.—Vancouver Province.

**No longer, it is announced, will** the fair sex expose their big toes to public view. Just as the lengthening skirts of the not-now-so-new look shroud knees and calves once displayed recklessly and with devastating effect, so, it is said, will the latest fashion in shoes cover toes that assuredly never contributed to the advancement of a romance. In this mid-twentieth century age there cannot conceivably exist a wooer so unsophisticated as to adopt "This little pig went to market" as his line—although there is no knowing to what inanity the lovestruck will descend. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

**If you are careful there is very** little likelihood of getting hurt. A machine won't reach out and grab you. The floor won't come up and smack you. Material doesn't take of all by itself and hit you. In other words, accidents don't happen unless they are caused. In almost every case the cause of an accident may be traced back to human carelessness. In all except a very few cases, the person who gets hurt is at least partly to blame. Either he does something he shouldn't do or else the unexpected happens and he isn't sufficiently alert to take evasive action. Either way, a man gets hurt when he could have avoided it through his own action.—Kingston Press.

**The County Tree Conservation** Act passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1946 was sponsored by the Ontario Horticultural Association's committee on conservation and reforestation. More than one-half of the counties of Ontario have now passed bylaws under the Act governing the size of trees which may be cut, thus saving the younger trees. This is another example of how a purely voluntary organization can get an effective job done. The OHA's committee is active in many fields, and it is significant that valuable work can be done as long as public-spirited citizens get behind conservation and reforestation and give it a push.—Woodland World.

**Better hurry if you want to** catch a boat to Europe next Summer—they're filling up fast. That's the warning sounded by the steamship lines and their satellites, the travel agents. They'll tell you there just aren't enough ocean liners these days to take aboard everyone who wants to go. Meantime, next Summer's airline seats go begging. Travel agents agree that the first round in the ships-vs.-airplanes battle for the brisk European trade have gone to the steamships. Most want tourist class accommodations—the minimum-price way to cross the ocean $160-$180 one way). But tourist berths to England and France next year are booked full through May, June and July on most lines. Even cabin class bunks, providing more fresh air and a gentler ride, already are pretty well filled up. Cabin fares run from $180 to $225. There's still plenty of time to buy first-class de luxe space, however.—Wall Street Journal.

## The Age-Old Story

**And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? . . . Thou shalt be secure, because there is hope.**

### FUR SEAL QUOTA

OTTAWA, Oct. 4 — (CP) — Canada will get 14,028 Alaska fur seal skins this year under the provisional fur seal agreement with the United States, the Fisheries Department said today.


TERRIFIC LOSS OF LIFE FROM FIRE

Last year over 390 Men, Women and Children lost their lives in Canada as a result of Fire, besides property loss to the value of over Fifty Million Dollars.

Official reports credit careless smokers' and defective heating equipment as the prime causes of this unfortunate situation. Fire Prevention Week is to urge us all to eliminate, or at least, greatly reduce this terrific waste.

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