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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
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Seizing Opportunities

The continued progress made by Island
livestock breeders was indicated by several
news items in our yesterday's issue. Dr.
Childs, veterinary director general of Can-
ada, announces that in view of the excellent
results from bovine tubercular tests, the
Province will be given full accredited health
status for a period of at least six years. We
lead all Canada in this respect—an achieve-
ment largely due to the unremitting efforts
of Dr. E. S. Notting, veterinary inspector
for the Province in the Dominion Production
Service.

For the first time, at the suggestion of
Mr. S. C. Wright, Provincial agricultural
fieldman, the Canadian National Railway is
running a "special" for Island livestock en-
tries at the Maritime Winter Fair, and our
breeders have co-operated to the extent of
preparing from 12 to 14 cars of horses,
cattle, swine and sheep as well as of pota-
toes and other farm produce. Island exhibi-
tors usually win top honours at the Fair,
and this year they are making a special
effort with railway co-operation. Of par-
ticular interest is the record exhibit of Is-
land swine. The pick of the winners at
Amherst will be sent to the Royal Fair at
Toronto.

Another welcome evidence of railway
co-operation is the allocation of 500 addi-
tional railway cars over last year's allot-
ment for Island turmp shipments this sea-
son. It is hoped that the accommodation for
potato shipments will also be adequate.

The manner in which our farmers are
taking advantage of every transportation
improvement should convince the authori-
ties that this agricultural Province is of far
greater importance to the economy of Can-
ada than its size or population would indi-
cate. It substantiates strikingly the claims
which have been made this week before the
Royal Commission on Transportation that
improved facilities here are necessary and
urgent. As noted in the Canadian Press re-
ports from Ottawa, the Island proposal to
integrate all transportation services in the
Province is regarded as the first step in a
move for similar integration in other Prov-
inces.

A Magnificent Exhibition

Even those who were optimistic with re-
gard to the possibilities of an historical ex-
hibition have been agreeably surprised with
the success attending the initial efforts of
the ladies of the I. O. D. E. this week. Two
or three hours can be profitably spent in
viewing the varied and interesting collection
of old maps, books, coins, pictures, clothing,
fancy work and household utensils of all
kinds now on display at the Clover Club.
Rural as well as urban districts have co-
operated in sending in exhibits. These in-
hemselves would form the nucleus of a
good Provincial Museum, which it is hoped
will be the ultimate result of the launching
of this community movement. In the mean-
time, a record is being kept of all the ex-
hibits and exhibitors, and it is planned to
make the showing an annual event.

It is to be hoped that in particular all
our teachers and high school and college
students will make it a point to see the ex-
hibition today or this evening. History is
an unprofitable subject unless it can be im-
bued by the imagination, through material
symbols, with the life of the past. Then it
becomes the most fascinating of studies, and
its mementoes priceless possessions. Judg-
ing from the care with which the relics
shown at the I. O. D. E. exhibition have
been preserved—many of them for over a
century—it is evident that the people of this
Province have a sincere regard for family
heirlooms, and for all that relates to their
pioneer forebears. There is no question but
that they would welcome any move initiated
by the Government to provide permanently
or these objects, where all could see and
enjoy them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Historical Exhibition.

York Community Concert.

In Amherst, the Old Home Week Com-
mittee report a deficit of \$500.

The Province is well to the front at the
hearings of the Royal Commission at Ot-
tawa. Our case is in good hands, those of
Attorney General Darby, Mr. J. O. C.
Campbell, K.C., and Mr. Graham Rogers.

Our exports are booming these days, and
our farmers are well represented at the
Amherst Fair. There is a spirit of optim-

ism prevalent notwithstanding forebodings
from the British market.

The contention that the Dominion is oblig-
ated to provide free transportation across
Northumberland Strait is well worth de-
termining. What is unquestionable is that
we are entitled to regular communication
and that has not yet been achieved.

It is curious that the C. C. F., which cer-
tainly holds no brief for private enterprise
and open competition, should be the prin-
cipal advocates of the Combines Investation
Act being plugged so as to prevent price
fixing.

Felix Mendelssohn-Barthody, German
composer, born this date 1809; grandson of
a famous philosopher; before he was twelve
he had played the piano in public, and at
seventeen composed Midsummer Night's
Dream overture. His works range over al-
most the entire field of musical form, from
song to symphony and oratorio.

The very high proportion of Federal
grants for the Island that go unexpended
and must be revoked represent a real loss to
the Province. Parliament has been convinc-
ed that the work involved is necessary but
the Government has failed to go on with it,
within the fiscal year.

The "Christian Science Monitor" has
valiantly come to the aid of the traditional
barber shop against increasing feminine in-
fluence, but it is with a sense of struggling
against the inevitable. Even the indomitable
"Monitor" can hardly expect to turn the
ladies out.

The behavior of the Senate on the ques-
tion of constitutional amendment has not
been impressive. For a body that has in-
finitely more power than the House of
Lords to confine its concern to its own con-
tinued existence is reason enough to en-
courage an agitation to abolish it.

Britain and Canada have assured the
United States that the supply of uranium
will not be used as a bargaining counter
to press for an open policy on atomic in-
formation. That, and other decisions, are
being taken on their merits as effective
means of promoting the common objects of
the three countries.

Here's a modern version from Phila-
delphia of the John Alden-Miles Standish
story. At a recent meeting of the Direct
Mail Advertising Association, a speaker said
a young friend of his decided to court his
girl by letter. He sent her a proposal every
day for 65 days. On the 66th day, the girl
married the mailman.

This is along the lines recommended by
Mr. H. K. S. Hemming. Four firms on St.
John's, Nfld., well-known Water Street won't
have to worry about chopping ice and
shovelling snow from their sidewalks next
winter, says an Associated Press bulletin.
They are installing radiant heating beneath
the cement sidewalks in front of their
stores.

In connection with the appointment of a
successor to Judge Duffy it is reported that
Hon. A. W. Matheson, K. C., Minister of
Health and Welfare, is in the running. Un-
til recently the contest was reportedly be-
tween Mr. DesRoches, K.C., in Prince and
Mr. Hessian, K.C., in King's. Rumor persists
that Judge Trainor is likely to be transfer-
red from King's to Queen's, and the new
appointee placed in King's.

Saint John Telegraph-Journal reports
that a father and son conducted the services
on Sunday in St. John and St. Stephen Pres-
byterian Church of which the Rev. Dr. C. J.
St. Clair Jeans, formerly of Summerside, is
the minister. His son, the Rev. C. J. St.
Clair Jeans, Jr., minister of Melrose Park Church,
Toronto, was the guest preacher, deliver-
ing sermons at both morning and evening
diets of worship.

Montreal newspapers feature the fact
that St. Martin's Anglican Church there was
celebrating its 75th anniversary, and that
since 1874 has had only five rectors, which
it was considered a record. But we can
beat that in Charlottetown. St. Peter's
Cathedral, which was built in 1869, has had
only three rectors, viz., Rev. George W.
Hodgson, Rev. Canon Simpson, and the
present incumbent Rev. Canon Malone.

Says the Summerside Journal: "Up to
the present time a total of ninety-six park-
ing meters have been installed in Summ-
erside. These, according to a statement made
to The Journal by Mayor Arnett, were in-
stalled, not with the thought of being rev-
enue producers, but to ease the difficult
parking situation and to help regulate traf-
fic. The meters have not only proven satis-
factory for the purpose for which they were
installed here, but, incidently, they are more
than paying their way."

The Poet's Corner

SQUAW SUMMER

November days are mild with hint
of rain.
And winds, that might be winter-
toothed, are mellow,
While leaves, like yellow lanterns,
light the lane
And in the yard chrysanthemums
are yellow.

November skies keep something of
June's blue,
And from the woods a feathered
elf is flinging
Handfuls of crystal song to people,
who,
A month ago, bade farewell to such
singing.

Yet, in the frost-torn grass, the
crickets grieve—
They know this June mirage brings
death the faster.
This false Squaw Summer, pitiful
reprieve
Prosperpine had won from her cruel
master.

—John Hanlon

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

FREE TRADE & FISHERIES

Excerpt from the Address in
reply to the Speech from the
Throne agreed to in the House of
Assembly, January 24, 1852:

"Fully sensible of the immense
advantages which would result to
this Colony from Reciprocal Trade
with the United States, we feel
grateful for the interest which your
Excellency evinces on that
subject, and we are rejoiced to
learn that the correspondence has
been renewed under your Excel-
lency's administration, with Her
Majesty's Government in Britain,
with the view of abrogating the
Treaty of 1819, which prohibits
others than British subjects from
prosecuting the Fisheries in the
Gulf of St. Lawrence at a less dis-
tance from the shore than three
miles, in order that the citizens
of the United States, who are fully
alive to the value and importance
of our Fisheries, may enjoy the
unchequed privilege of prosecuting
in common with our own people,
that great branch of trade and in-
dustry.

But whilst thus desirous of
strengthening the bonds of amity
and friendship between Her
Majesty's subjects in this Island and
the citizens of the United States,
we have a right to expect conces-
sions from our British capital and
country in respect to a removal
of restrictions upon trade between
this Colony and the United States,
which would be to the advantage
of us, and to the benefit of them,
if we are disposed to surrender. But
should the policy of the Ameri-
can Government be opposed to
the granting of any such conces-
sions, we are inclined to question
the expectations left unsatisfied, it
will become our duty—and one
which we shall labour zealously to
discharge—to invite British capital
and enterprise to our shores, and
to afford them every encourage-
ment and protection in our pow-
er, for the purpose of turning to
account the immense source of
wealth and prosperity which lie
hidden in the waters that encircle
our young Colony.

In the Throne Speech delivered
by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Alex-
ander Bannerman at this session,
it was noted that "upwards of 200
sail of the United States fleet of
commerce, at one time or another,
of our harbours in the autumn,
and no fewer than seventy-two of
their vessels were cast ashore, or
were more or less damaged on the
shores, and that the past season
disastrous gale at the beginning of
October last."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the
discussion by correspondents
of questions of interest. The
Guardian does not necessar-
ily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

POPPY SALE APPEAL

Sir—The people of Charlott-
etown are now being urged to
chase the poppies which make it
possible for the Canadian Legion
here to carry on its welfare work.
This work is important, but I
think one thing that has not
been sufficiently stressed is the
fact that the poppy is the sym-
bol of remembrance—remem-
brance of the dead of two world
wars.

Our memories are apt to be a
little short, and were it not for
this annual poppy sale I some-
times wonder of those who did not
lose sons and husbands in the two
wars would be as fully conscious
of the sacrifice as they are. I do
want to stress the importance of
this one day in the year being
set aside in this way.
Those who have not had experi-
ence with the Poppy Fund may
perhaps be inclined to question
whether the Poppy Fund is nec-
essary here in Charlottetown. I
can assure them it is. It is true
that the level of employment in
Canada is high, but it is equally
true that there are veterans, and
veterans' dependents, who cannot
work. It is true that we have in
our Acts of Parliament consider-
able social legislation, but it is
equally true that things such as
the Old Age Pension, and other
similar allowances are inadequate
in the face of present living costs.
However, and this is a fact, the
majority of worthy veterans are
people with a very intense per-
sonal pride. They have given
Canada service during war time, many
of them on two occasions. They
are the type of people who hesi-
tate to approach organized char-
ities. Were it not for the Cana-
dian Legion, and the comradeship
which was born in war, many
of these deserving cases would

Better Fits Should Follow



World Getting Warmer

(Maurice Goldsmith, UNESCO
Science Editor)

The mysterious existence of a
large tract of snow-free land in
the heart of the vast Antarctic is
one of several problems to be
tackled by fourteen scientist-ex-
plorers from Britain, Sweden and
Norway. The expedition will de-
vote itself to a variety of research
projects on weather, glaciers, geol-
ogy and topography.

The group may be able to pro-
duce evidence of climatic changes
in the Antarctic, similar to those
which have been occurring else-
where in the world which have
already led Dr. Hans Ahlmann,
Professor of Geography at Stock-
holm University, to suggest that
the whole climate of the world
may be changing.

Since the beginning of this cen-
tury, winter temperatures have
been improving slowly but surely,
and during the last 20 years,
glaciers have been shrinking rap-
idly in the sub-Arctic region.

In Iceland, this process has ex-
posed land which was cultivated
by early mediaeval farmers, but
which has been covered by ice for
the last 600 years.

Some of the results of this pro-
cess of climate improvement are
to be seen in the fact that the
coal-shipping season at Spitzber-
gen now lasts seven months, in-
stead of only three, as it did at the
beginning of this century. In ad-
dition, the whole North coast of
Europe and Asia is sometimes ice-
free for about two months each
year.

Biological evidence for these
changing conditions is supplied by
the migration northwards of vari-
ous kinds of fish not commonly
known in those waters until re-
cently. The cod, for example, has
migrated degrees of latitude
North in 27 years, so that the cod-
catch in western Greenland reach-
ed 13,000 tons in 1946 as against 5
tons in 1913. The cod is today
practically the staple diet of the
people of Greenland. Further,
southern species of birds are re-
placing northern varieties.

The greatest economic benefit
will come from the increased
growth of vegetation. More bar-
ley is being grown in Iceland,
and in Sweden and Finland the
limit of cultivation in the moun-
tains is rising steadily. In Scan-
dinavia generally, forests are

not be known about.
The Poppy Fund enables the
Canadian Legion to assist veterans,
and veterans' dependents, in times
of emergency. Every penny col-
lected in Charlottetown is used in
Charlottetown.

I would ask the support of all
our people in carrying on this
worthy work.

I am, Sir, etc.
H. R. VESSEY,
Chairman Poppy Sale Committee
Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

REMEMBER
Wear A Poppy
BUY A POPPY TODAY!
Charlottetown Branch
Canadian Legion B.E.S.L.

Notes By The Way

A fashion writer speaks of new
hats for women to wear in bed.
Those aren't new; they are just
old-fashioned nightcaps, and very
saucy some of them were, too.—
Peterborough Examiner.

When the liner Pretoria Castle
left Capetown one of the first-
class passengers was Mr. Vernon
George Powys, 18-year-old son of
a South African electrical engineer.
But when the ship docked at
Southampton he stepped ashore as
Lord Lilford—he succeeded to the
title on the death, at 89, of his
uncle, the sixth baron. Young
Lord Lilford is a descendant of the
second baron, who died in 1823.
His family has been in South
Africa for about 100 years.—Lon-
don Daily Mail.

Winnipeg City Council's finance
committee approved the sale of
\$3,000,000 in 20-year debentures at
an average cost to the city of 2.97
per cent per annum. The placing
of an issue of this size at so mod-
erate an interest cost is a tribute
to Winnipeg's sound capital posi-
tion. The fact that the city was
able to choose among six lenders
for the debentures emphasizes the
ready acceptance of the city's sec-
urities in the money markets.
Winnipeg's per capita debt is one
of the lowest among Canadian
cities.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The squirrel population in Ont-
ario is well protected by Ont-
ario's game laws, with the brief-
est of seasons and lowest of bags.
But many a harried citizen won-
ders if the destructive little ani-
mals should not have their num-
bers reduced. The stately shade
trees of Woodstock and other Ox-
ford county communities are well
stocked with black and grey
squirrels, whose only active ene-
mies are cars, cats and boys with
slingshots. And every Summer
the complaints are numerous
about the damage done by the
squirrels in gardens. While the
squirrels are pretty and engaging
creatures, there is little doubt that
they do considerable damage. The
indictment against them is heavy,
their theft of corn and other gar-
den produce being only one of
many destructive acts.—Wood-
stock Sentinel-Review.

Discomfort has not prevented
women from wearing what they
consider to be the latest in shoe
styles. They are willing to have
their toes pinched, to walk along
on their toes, or on their heels. It
is not possible that parental cen-
sorship could be established in the
home? Is this not a first duty
of the father and mother? Parents
do not hesitate to prevent Juniors
from eating poisonous food. They
prevent them from playing in
dangerous places, and so far as
they can, from doing hazardous
things. Why not extend this over-
sight to the books they read? If
the Criminal Code is amended
it will become the duty of some
official to decide what is, and what
is not obscene or of criminal in-
clination. He will have to be a
man who understands children as
well as the law, who appreciates
the difference between the roman-
ce of the old fighting days and
the insidious schemes and sub-
terfuges of the modern gun-
man and criminal. Children will
have their fighting heroes and it is
our duty to see that they are the
heroes of the right sort of char-
acter.—London Free Press.

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