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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Arts Commission Sitings

A matter of much interest and importance
to our citizens is the decision of the
Royal Commission on National Development
in the Arts, Letters and Sciences to hold
public hearings in Charlottetown on January
26 and 27 next.

The Commission comprises the Rt. Hon.
Vincent Massey, Chancellor of the University
of Toronto, chairman; Dr. Arthur Survevor,
civil engineer, Montreal; Dr. Norman A. M.
MacKenzie, president of the University of
British Columbia; Most Rev. G. H. Levesque,
dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Laval
University; and Miss Hilda Neatby, Ph.D.,
acting head of the department of history,
University of Saskatchewan.

The Commission is authorized to examine
and make recommendations upon the
principles on which Dominion policy should
be based in the fields of radio and television
broadcasting, and upon such Government
agencies as the National Film Board, National
Gallery, National Museum, National War
Museum, Public Archives and the care and
custody of public records, also upon
methods of research aid, including grants
for scholarships, etc., upon methods by
which the relations of Canada with the
United Nations organizations operating in
educational, scientific and cultural fields
should be conducted, and the relations between
the Government and any of its
agencies with various national voluntary
bodies in connection with these matters.

The scope of the terms of reference is
very broad, and deals with intangible but
nonetheless important aspects of our
cultural and educational development. The
P. E. I. Arts and Crafts Guild is taking the
lead in preparing a brief for presentation
before the Commission here in January, and
is inviting the cooperation of all organiza-
tions and persons interested. It is hoped
that this will be forthcoming to the fullest
extent.

The Life Of Trade

Ottawa does not appear to be unduly
concerned about Food Minister Strachey's
statement, reported in our yesterday's issue,
that when the present long-term Canadian
wheat contract expires the British Govern-
ment may further reduce these and other
food purchases from dollar areas. In the
meantime, however, Rt. Hon. Mr. Gardiner
has intimated that Britain would resent any
extensive advertising of Canadian goods
in the United Kingdom. The British
Government, Mr. Gardiner explained, is
buying food from all over the world and it
might be embarrassed if consumers, as a
result of advertising, started to demand
produce from any particular country. On this
account, the Dominion Government had
decided it would be inadvisable to put on
any definite program of advertising in Britain
just now.

"In this particular case, and at this
time," says the Financial Post, "perhaps Mr.
Gardiner and his colleagues have come to
a wise decision. But it is not going to help
us sell more wheat, bacon, cheese or any
other surplus food in Britain. And certainly
if a similar policy is adopted by the British
here, it won't help move more British goods
in this direction."

"This reluctance on the part of the British
Socialist Government to encourage modern
and aggressive merchandising methods
does not augur well for boosting the trade
of both countries. Just pouring goods into
each other's country and hoping that con-
sumers will buy is not going to be enough.
Through advertising and other means, public
attention must be drawn to the excel-
lence of these goods. That is the only per-
manent way to create new demand."

"If Britain expects to sell more cars, tex-
tiles, cutlery, china and other lines in Can-
ada, the British exporter will have to get
out and advertise and we will have to do
the same about our goods in Britain. If in
doing so we tramp on the toes of less-effi-
cient producers and cause some embarrass-
ment to state buying bureaucrats, what of
it? After all good healthy competition is
the life and the hope of trade."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Trade and Industries Fair was a
success, thanks to the enthusiasm and ef-
forts of "Y's Men".

In the Mother Country they have not
their sorrows to seek with expanded auster-
ity, gales, snow storms, floodings, and the
upset of life and work generally.

An interesting and encouraging revela-
tion in the course of the electric rate base
inquiry is that electrical consumption here
doubles every seven years, a rate of in-
crease greater than that of Ontario.

The Trinity Men's Association are de-
termined they are not going to fail in the
job entrusted to them by United Nations to
raise subscriptions to help to provide for
the four-and-a-half million children now on
the brink of starvation in Europe and else-
where.

A "market" is much more than a need
backed by purchasing power. The machin-
ery by which potential buyers and sellers
can get together and be conveniently fin-
anced is more essential than ever. Bulk buy-
ing and selling by governments is a crude
substitute.

This does not look very satisfactory, does
it? T.B. death rate per 100,000 citizens of all
races: Ontario, 19.2; Saskatchewan, 26.6;
Alberta, 30.7; Manitoba, 37.0; Nova Scotia,
38.9; British Columbia, 40.6; Prince Edward
Island, 40.9; New Brunswick, 45.7, and Que-
bec, 58.3.

Brutus, the great patriot of Shake-
speare's "Julius Caesar" taken from Plut-
arch's "Lives", died at Phillippi, this date 44
B.C. He was dearly loved by Caesar, but
joined in his assassination. After the defeat
by Augustus in 44 B.C. he slew himself. He
was considered in the Middle Ages a traitor,
but later a republican martyr.

Poets and artists are generally not mer-
cenary but it would be a sound investment
for the Province to enable recognized lead-
ers in letters and art to devote their time to
it. A Provincial poet laureate and official
painter might not always display genius, but
the existence of the offices would certainly
stimulate it.

Hard work is being carried on in con-
nection with the Historical Exhibition next
week. Mrs. W. M. Brehaut and her ener-
getic committee have completed organiza-
tional plans, and are now addressing them-
selves to the reception, designation and as-
sembling of the many exhibits being kindly
sent them by historically minded citizens
from all over the Island.

Egg prices on October 21 this year and
previous years. The prices quoted below are
for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Tor-
onto the prices are those at which graded
shipments are selling to wholesalers. At
other points quotations are prices to ship-
pers for ungraded eggs.

Table with 3 columns: Location, 1948, 1947. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown.

Eight years ago, on October 27, 1941,
the British troopship "Awatea", carrying a
Canadian Expeditionary Force of almost 2,
000 men under Brig. J. K. Lawson, sailed
from Vancouver for Hong Kong. The force
was comprised of two battalions of infantry
—the 1st Bn. Winnipeg Grenadiers, and the
Royal Rifles of Canada—and a brigade head-
quarters. Officially known as "C" Force,
the contingent arrived in Hong Kong on
November 16. Three weeks later, on De-
cember 8th, the Canadians found themselves
with the rest of the Hong Kong garrison
engaged in a full-scale war. The Canucks
distinguished themselves during the bitter
two-day battle of Wagniechong Gap but
suffered heavy casualties. Practically the whole
of the Brigade HQ staff, including Brigadier
Lawson, was killed and one company of
the Winnipeg Grenadiers suffered 80 per
cent casualties. By the 22nd the position
was all but hopeless. Members of the gar-
rison, after two weeks continuous battle, were
desperately tired, and the supply situation,
especially water, had become critical as the
chief reservoirs had fallen into Japanese
hands. On the 23rd, one day's supply was
all that remained, but the defenders con-
tinued to cling to their positions through
the 23rd and 24th. On Christmas Day, with
all hope of warding off disaster gone, the
valiant Hong Kong garrison surrendered.
Of the Canadians taken prisoner, 137 died
through malnutrition and other causes in
Jap prisoner of war camps, bringing the
total of Canadian dead in defence of Hong
Kong to 555.

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.

BOY SCOUT APPLE DAY

Sir,—Apple Day this year comes
on Saturday, October 29th, and
this is a red-letter day for all
Scots and Cubes. On that day big,
luscious red apples, the product of
our own Island orchards, will be
on sale, so please buy generously.
Apple Day is sponsored jointly
by the Canadian Boy Scouts As-
sociation and the Canadian Horti-
cultural Council.

Those privileged to see the
Reeves orchard or the Smallwood
orchard, in fact, any of the
commercial orchards this year,
most of which are centered around
Charlottetown, were truly amazed
at the quality and size of the crop.
Visitors from Ontario and other
parts of Canada, here during
the growing season, were
greatly surprised to find apples of
such outstanding perfection being
grown, and went away with a dif-
ferent idea of what could be pro-
duced in our Island Province.
They remarked that Prince Ed-
ward Island grew apples just as
well as the continent, and that's
a compliment indeed.

The growers are justly proud
of their fruit but this was not
priced without much work and
planning. The public in return
should see that Prince Edward Is-
land apples are purchased when
ever possible. This is the only
means of supporting a growing
Island industry. While the apples
sold on October twenty-ninth will
be mostly McIntosh Reds, don't
forget that eye-taking Delicious,
Newtown and other choice varie-
ties are also produced locally
and these will be on sale as they
become ready for market.

Like every other crop, apples
cost money to produce, and when
you buy apples from a Scout or
Cub remember that only part of
the price which you pay goes into
the Scout funds. Therefore, buy
apples that are not only good but
also help the Scouts and growers benefit
by your liberality.

There is an old saying that
"an apple a day keeps the doctor
away." Why not buy a hamper
and keep healthy for the re-
mainder of the year?

I am Sir, etc.
C. WARREN,
Horticulturist,
Experimental Station,
Charlottetown.

SALACIOUS MAGAZINES

Sir,—The cartoon presented on
your editorial page on Tuesday
morning's issue of your paper was
most timely. It hit at the lurid
comic books and salacious maga-
zines which now seem to be pre-
dominant parts of every news-
stand.

As we Islanders accuse our-
selves of being behind our fellow
Canadians in many matters. We
do not lag in the prominence given
to stupid, filthy and meaningless
publications. Nearly every news-
stand seems to have made it a
point to display this junk where
the public may be attracted by it.
It is time we woke up to the
evils, yes, even the dangers, that
can be enticed by this trash. It is
not literature. It takes no brains
to turn out the stuff. It is pub-
lished for only one purpose—to
make money, regardless of the
corrupted minds it may leave in
its wake.

At present in this country con-
centrated efforts are being made
by many organizations to bring
home to those responsible for the
printing of these illicit publica-
tions the moral and social dan-
gers of their publications. There is,
too, a bill introduced into our
Canadian House of Commons
which will prohibit the printing of
books and magazines which may
have a vulgar effect on the
people, particularly the youth of
the country.

If we as Christian Canadians
have any love for the young or
any fear for their lives we should
speak out with all our force
against the flood of filth and non-
sense which is pervading every
town and city in Canada. We
must have a positive attitude to-
wards the danger. A negative atti-
tude is not enough. There is
enough danger being threatened
by outside forces to occupy us.
That makes the printing and sell-
ing of such stupid writing
all the more horrendous, simply
because they are distributed by
follow-up.

I thank you, Sir, for your val-
uable space, and for your forceful
cartoon by Mr. Vic Runtz which
depicted the evils of these false
writings so very clearly. I am
sure your stand is much appre-
ciated by many fellow Islanders.

I am, Sir, etc.
DOMINIC MACDONALD,
St. Dunstan's University
October 25, 1949.

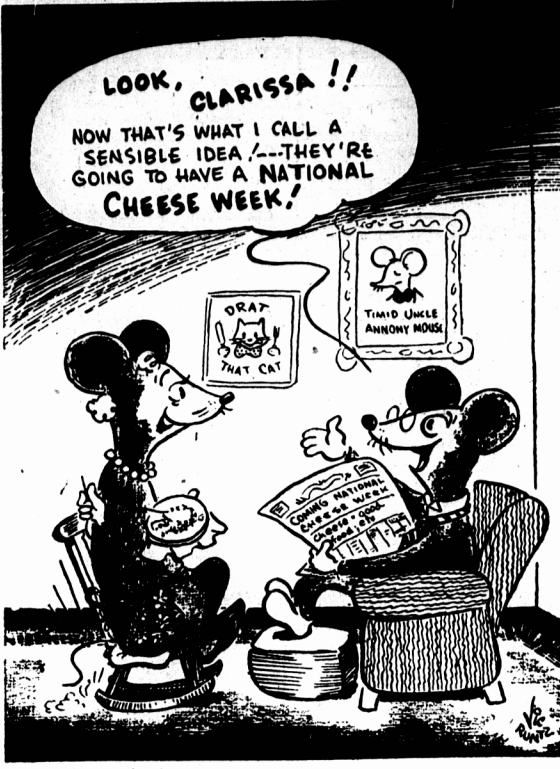
The Age-Old Story

God is not a man, that He
should lie; neither the son of a
man that He should repent; hath
He said, and shall He not do it?
or hath He spoken and shall He
not make good?

BOY IN BROWN SENTENCED

MONTREAL, Oct. 26 — (CP) —
The notorious "boy-in-brown"
who made a habit of escaping
from reform school, was today
sentenced to two years in peni-
tentiary. The boy pleaded guilty
recently to taking \$10 from a store
messenger in an armed robbery.
Some months ago, always affect-
ing brown clothing, the boy ter-
rorized messengers with his fre-
quent hold-ups.

Good News



Old Charlottetown

REMISSION OF RENTS
"Some time ago we heard it re-
ported," that David Stewart, Es-
quire, had given his agents here
the power to forgive such of his
tenants in arrears of rent, as they
might deem deserving of such fa-
vour, all back-rent, up to Novem-
ber 1949. We are now happy in
being able to confirm this report,
and to state further, that Mr. Ste-
ward's agents have already can-
celled the arrears of rent due by
several of that gentleman's ten-
ants, simply on the condition of
their agreeing to make regular
payment of their rents in future.
We rejoice at this, for, in the dis-
charge of our editorial duties,
nothing can give us more pleasure
than we should derive from fre-
quent opportunities being afforded
us to record proofs of the increase
of a right understanding, harmony
and mutual good will, between our
farmers and their landlords."

—The Islander, Nov. 17, 1943.

Raisins For U. S. Hogs

U. S. hogs will dine on some
\$12 million of surplus raisins in
the next nine months. Who'll pick
up most of the tab? Uncle Sam,
of course.

The payment, which will go to
raisin producers for keeping about
120,000 tons of the dried fruit off
the market, is merely the biggest
of several props that the Govern-
ment is driving under California's
shaky grape, raisin and wine in-
dustry.

Of this year's huge raisin crop
—estimated at 300,000 tons—grow-
ers and packers think they'll sell
at least 145,000 tons on the open
market at a price which will re-
turn growers \$130 a ton. Another
90,000 tons, they think, is clearly
surplus. It will go mostly for hog
food at \$30 a ton.

That's where Uncle Sam starts
reaching for his cheque book. He'll
be reaching 180,000 a year.

COMMONWEALTH GROWS

CANBERRA — (CP) — Austral-
ia's migration scheme is growing
so rapidly that the minister of
Immigration, A.A. Calwell, believes
the population will reach 8,000,000
before the end of 1960. The mig-
ration rate was 2,200 a year when
the scheme began but now is rap-
idly reaching 180,000 a year.

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Notes By The Way

It is estimated that strikes in the
United States since the end of the
war have cost over \$6,000,000,000.
That is the dollar cost; the toll
in morale, industrial tensions and
mishaps in the homes is beyond
any human measurement. Accord-
ing to U.S. News and World
Report the wages lost by strikes
in the bituminous coal industry
alone since 1945 total \$71,000,000;
in iron and steel \$458,000,000; in
transportation equipment \$412-
000,000, and in other industries
some \$1,500,000,000. — Hamilton
Spectator.

NOTES BY THE WAY
The full beauty of the Autumn
leaves is best seen from the nar-
row back roads, where the bush
crowds in on both sides, or per-
haps from the river, where both
banks are lined with scarlet and
gold. The road that leaves the
highway west of Blackadder's
Creek and goes back to Cornwall
Township Hall passes by an
especially fine stand of hard-
woods. But the beauty of
Autumn needs no searching out.
For a little while, it is almost
anywhere one cares to look. —
Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

China is undergoing the ad-
vanced stages of a revolution which
has been underway for many years.
In the early days of the revolution
the Chinese sought Russian
aid, then rejected it when it
threatened to interfere with Chin-
ese Nationalist aims. The Com-
munist have had a generation to
learn. Now they are having a
chance to make good on their
promises to advance the position
of the Chinese. There can be lit-
tle doubt that the fate of the
whole East hangs on the success
or failure of this experiment. —
London Free Press.

As though political instability in
some parts of the far-flung Brit-
ish Empire was not enough, geo-
graphical instability has made its
appearance to plague colonial of-
ficials. There is, for instance, the
little matter of the islets of Fou

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for J. E. Burnett, L.L.B., Dr. J. C. Gallant, B. Sc., Matheson & Peake, Neil W. Higgins, J. S. Taylor, Joseph R. MacMillan, L.L.B., MacPhee & Trainor, Dr. W. R. Carson, M. Alban Farmer, J. A. McGuigan, Gaudet & Hazard, H. R. Doane and Company.