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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
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Ontario Farmers Optimistic

According to the Canadian Press Mr. W. P. Watson, of Toronto, Ontario Agriculture Department livestock commissioner, predicts there will be no depression in Canada in 1950.

Speaking to some 400 farmers attending the Ontario Crop Improvement Association annual convention he said "if there is a depression this year it will be the most prosperous depression you will ever experience."

He predicted that 1950 will not be as prosperous as last year and that the general price level for animal products will be 10 per cent less.

There were no sure signs of depression. Unemployment was not great for this time of year, and wage declines — a sure sign of forthcoming depression — were not in evidence.

Especially was there no prospect of grain selling cheap in 1950. Previous depressions always were preceded by low grain prices. Livestock prices never collapsed before grain prices.

He told hog producers foreign markets didn't matter because all the hogs produced in Canada in 1950 will be consumed by domestic users. They could be certain of prices for the next six months.

"You're not producing hogs at a loss if you are doing the job efficiently," he said.

After the end of June when the present bacon contract ended, hog production seemed to be on a decline.

There was nothing wrong with the poultry picture that couldn't be helped with a 10 per cent reduction in the number of hens in Canada. This would bring egg production close to domestic demand.

He advised cattle producers to improve the quality of beef cattle. Less than 25 per cent of cattle slaughtered in 1949 was eligible for red or blue beef brands.

Should Raise Her Hat

Legislature authorities in British Columbia have discovered that some of the old rules and established courtesies of parliamentary procedure will have to be bent slightly to accommodate a lady in the Speaker's chair.

When Mrs. Nancy Hodges, M. L. A., is elected Speaker of the B. C. Legislature, as its new session opens on February 14, she will have to be ready to raise her hat to the male members of the house on occasions when courtesy requires it, unless an age-old tradition is allowed to fall by the wayside.

Should a member employ the address of "Sir" or "Mr. Speaker", when addressing the B. C. house? asks the Ottawa Citizen.

Not when Mrs. Hodges is installed. Mr. E. K. DeBeck, the clerk of the Legislature, has obtained advice from Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, the former clerk of the Canadian House of Commons, and from Sir Gilbert Campion, former clerk of the British House. "In my humble opinion," Dr. Beauchesne replied, "she ought to raise her hat on occasions when the Speaker does. It is not a personal gesture, it is part of an official ceremony."

Dr. Beauchesne favored the title "Madam the Speaker", but Sir Gilbert suggested "Madam Speaker." Dr. Beauchesne wrote: "I believe it would be better not to use the word 'Sir' when a woman occupies the chair and to substitute it for the words 'Madam the Speaker.'" It seems to be agreed that "Mrs. Speaker" is out of the question.

To be on the safe side, B. C. authorities are thinking of amending the legislature's standing orders, to make sure that if anyone mentions "Mr. Speaker" it may be taken that this refers to Mrs. Hodges.

African Mystery City

An important clue to the mystery of the Zimbabwe ruins, Southern Rhodesia, one of Africa's great historical riddles, may be found in the archives of Portugal, Italy and Spain. A group of archaeologists, headed by Dr. Eric Axelson of South Africa, are carrying on a search in Europe for written evidence of explorers, priests and pioneers who witnessed the first penetration of South-East Africa and thrust into the unknown basin of the Limpopo and Sabi rivers.

This study may help to solve the mystery of what strange tribe built the granite city of Zimbabwe, or what disaster caused it to desert its strongholds and temples without a trace. These and other questions have tantalized scientists since, in 1868, the hunter Adam Renders found the ruined city.

Among the records being studied is a despatch by the explorer Homer, describing the Barret-Homer expedition into Rhodesia

in the 16th century. Documents have been seen telling of a journey by the explorer Antonio Fernandes and letters of the Emperor Monomotapa to the King of Portugal.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Gold first discovered in Australia this date 1848, leading to a rush of emigrants from Europe, U. S. A. and here.

The Massey Commission will be here on Thursday, the last sitting in the Maritimes before proceeding to Newfoundland.

Candidates for City Council honors seem to be shy in making their appearance. Perhaps they are waiting for the public meeting to air their views.

Charlottetown's new High School will be a reality only when we get a group of citizens behind it like those who built the Y. M. C. A.

It speaks well for the innate caution of our Island motorists that few accidents have occurred recently though driving conditions have seldom been more treacherous.

The annual reports of the City Council will be presented on Friday. From then it will be only five days to civic nomination day.

Statutory limitation of potato acreage is not worth contemplating seriously. Farmers have it in their means if they so desire to increase the yield per acre from 150 to 600 bushels.

Two financial campaigns promised for next month, one for the "Y" and the other for the Scouts. Both organizations are pretty much of the same character, and deserve the success they seek to attain.

A start is to be made April 1st in demolishing the buildings on the new Federal Building site. Work on several new Kent Street properties will be starting about this time, which means that we shall not have to worry about Spring employment.

The anniversary of Robert Burns once the highlight in entertainment has been making a comeback and regaining its rightful place due to the vigorous backing of the Men of Zion. This year's programme, scheduled for two nights, presents a selection of the best possible talent in our Province.

Ten years ago, on January 24, 1940, Canadian troops serving overseas paraded for their first Royal inspection in the Second World War when His Majesty the King inspected men of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division at Aldershot, Hants. A few months later, in June 1940, while under orders for France, they were again inspected by Their Majesties, as they were on many future occasions.

In the British elections according to the opening speeches the situation appears to be pretty much as depicted here by Prime Minister St. Laurent. With regard to socialism "the Labour Party are Conservatives in a hurry," for both advocate socialist policies and make promises to catch the Labour vote. Only, the Conservatives promise to make haste slowly without disturbing the socialist measures already in operation.

Whether or not the United Church of Canada will have a United Church flag or ensign like the Salvation Army will be discussed by a Committee appointed by the Sub-Executive of General Council. The Committee is composed of Rev. Gordon A. Sisco, Rev. V. T. Mooney, Rev. John Leng, Rev. G. Campbell Wadsworth, Rev. C. H. Dickinson and an expert on flags to be named by Rev. C. H. Dickinson.

The Agriculture Department of the United States is offering 100 lbs. of potatoes for one cent. This is not only an admission of frightful bungling in handling the support programme, but also a terrific blow at U. S. farmers, and private dealers who have been marketing through regular business channels. When the farm bloc lobby urged government intervention to aid U. S. agriculture it really believed in the infallible nature of the most powerful government in the world.

The Guardian is in receipt of the special fiftieth anniversary number of "The New Freeman", official paper of the Roman Catholic diocese of Saint John, N. B., and well and favorably known to many readers in this Province. The issue contains much interesting historic matter, as well as "tributes from many sources, and is profusely illustrated. It is noteworthy that in its early days the newspaper published a column in the Micmac language for the benefit of the Indians in New Brunswick and the Maritimes generally. A brief extract from one of these columns appears in the anniversary number.

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.

SUGGESTION WELCOMED

Sir—In your Editorial Notes of January 23 you suggest: "If, as the directors of the Northumberland Ferries believe, the worst comes to the worst and the C.N.R. take over the Wood Islands and Carleton Place route, perhaps the company would consider developing the West Prince ferry service in an equally capable manner."

I may say, as President of the West Point Ferries Ltd., and I feel I am voicing the attitude of our company—that should they consider such a move they would receive the wholehearted support of not only the directors and shareholders of our Company, but of at least ninety per cent of the citizens of Prince County. I know of no other group in a better position to do so, as they have had the experience of such a task and no doubt they could avoid many handicaps connected with such a service.

Should the circumstances warrant such a move, I should like to see the directors of Northumberland Ferries Ltd., the West Point Ferries Ltd., would be anxious and willing to cooperate both financially and otherwise, and would welcome an interview at any time to discuss the merits of such a proposal.

While the C.N.R. or some other body may be in a better position to get assistance from the Government to carry on and keep pace with the ever-increasing traffic, I am convinced that it is the duty of some private enterprise to provide such a service; and when it is proven beyond a doubt that such a service is necessary, nearly everyone is willing to take it over. However, I will conclude by wishing all success to Northumberland Ferries and trust that they may be able to assist in developing the West Point service irrespective of whether the C.N.R. takes over or not.

I am, Sir, etc., SANFORD PHILLIPS, President, West Point Ferries Ltd., P. E. I. Hospital, Charlottetown.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

"One of the most destructive conflagrations that occurred in Charlottetown for many years was witnessed on Tuesday morning last, the 22nd instant. About 5 o'clock the alarm was given, but the fire had made considerable headway before being discovered. It originated in a building owned and occupied by Mr. James Peckles, at a blockmaker's shop on Water Street. In the lower part of this building a blacksmith's forge had been fitted up about two months ago, in opposition to the protestations of the neighbours, who dreaded some such casualty at that which has just happened.

A new dwelling house, occupied by Mr. Samuel Batt, who met with a similar misfortune a few months since, was the next in flames; and the fire soon communicated to the building occupied as a flour and tobacco factory by Mr. George F. C. Lowden. Owing to the great want of water, and the delay in getting the fire engines in readiness, the fire had by this time assumed uncontrollable sway. Fanned by a strong southerly wind, it swept across the street, and the house formerly occupied by the late Dr. Conroy was enveloped in a sheet of flame. The fire now extended itself in an easterly direction, and a large building owned by Mr. Thomas Williams and occupied as a sail-loft and partly as a store and warehouse by Benjamin Davies, Esq., was the next to fall a prey. This building had not been long on fire when the dwelling-house of Robert Longworth, Esq., was doomed to destruction, and it was only by extraordinary exertions, and the constant application of wet sheets and blankets, that the roof of the adjoining brick house, owned by Messrs. Connell and Ings, was prevented from catching fire. Many houses in the neighborhood had their furniture removed without loss, and some of the more contiguous houses that were fortunate enough to escape the flames, especially Mr. Little's, were considerably scorched."

—The Examiner, Dec. 28, 1857.

The Age-Old Story

He giveth power to the faint and to the thirsty that he may not thirst. He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

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Elements Of A Sharp Deal



Historic Cup Of Tea

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Ignorant (non-Scottish) readers may have found themselves puzzled by an historical reference made during the Federal-Provincial conference at Ottawa by Premier Campbell of Manitoba.

Premier Macdonald of Nova Scotia, during a lull in the proceedings had brought the Manitoba premier a cup of tea. In commenting on this action, Mr. Campbell said: "When a Macdonald does anything for a Campbell that is an achievement."

He was referring, of course, to the massacre of Glencoe in February, 1692, which has caused the Macdonalds to look darkly upon the Campbells ever since. Here is the Encyclopaedia Britannica's version of the massacre:

The Highland chiefs were called upon by the Government to take the oath of allegiance to William and Mary, with the deadline set Dec. 31, 1691. Alexander Macdonald of Glencoe delayed until the last minute and then presented himself to an official who was not qualified to receive the oath. Owing to "this accident," says the Britannica, the Macdonald did not take the oath until January 6, 1692. Whereupon Sir John Dalrymple, the Master of Stair, decided to make an example of the Macdonalds.

The scheme, in the words of the Britannica, was one of "murder committed in circumstances of revolting treachery." A small detachment of troops under Campbell of Glenlyon was sent into the Glen. For nearly two weeks they were guests of the Macdonalds. Campbell, meanwhile, was quietly blocking all the escape passages and in the early hours of February 13, his men struck. Owing to what the Britannica calls a miscarriage of the military plans, a large number of the victims escaped but between 20 and 40 were murdered.

In view of the Highland capacity to nurse an old wrong and keep it warm over the centuries, Premier Macdonald's seemingly simple act takes on new and monumental significance. It means that after more than 250 years in the outer darkness, the Campbells are at last forgiven and permitted to come back into the company of upright folk.

The giving and acceptance of a cup of tea thus becomes a peace ritual, in much the same manner as the slipping of a wedding ring, by a Hatfield, on the finger of a blushing McCoy.

MIGRATION VITAL

CANBERRA, Jan. 23 — (Reuters) — Large-scale migration is vital to Australia's existence, Prime Minister Robert Menzies said today. He told a citizenship convention that in a disturbed world there was great danger for a country with big resources and a small population. Australian resources were more than adequate for her population and every Australian must learn to regard every migrant as a friend.

MOST EVERY DAY

the newspapers report that Fire has destroyed a Home or Business premises, a car victim sues for \$10,000, or more, burglars make \$5,000 haul, a travel or other accident has happened causing serious injury or loss. Adequate Insurance is the only protection against serious losses from such hazards. We have excellent facilities for effecting all classes of insurance. Consult our Agents, or write—

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Notes By The Way

You will know the moron and the "punk" by the spring knife he carries. Too many of these weapons are in use and it is time for a crackdown. — Hamilton Spectator.

Man buys a parcel of land from the city one inch wide and 120 feet in depth. Some folks just can't keep away from those great open spaces. — Hamilton Spectator.

There are some terribly hard-bitten fellows in the newspaper business. The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph morosely says: "Experience is what you have left when you have completely forgotten her name." — Peterborough Examiner.

The provincial government has readily at hand a great deal of information about vacated farms that can be taken over and developed, but so far it has not been able to interest many of our own youth in tackling the hard job. If a plan can be worked out to let immigrants revive the old places, with guarantees that they will not spend a brief time on the farms and then head for the cities and towns, then New Brunswick's agricultural economy will benefit greatly. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

A new expression of disdain has been coined for a person who is a cross between a jerk and a poet; it is "jerk." This describes to coin "mump" to describe that large class which combine the attributes of muck and chump, "boosness" for those who subtly intermingle the characteristics of boob and nuisance, and "boodid" to describe the boring idiot. But none compare with Rabelais' splendid word "slubberdegulion," which embraces them all. — Peterborough Examiner.

If a third attempt to locate water in the townships of McKim and Neelon-Garson is unsuccessful it might be well for the municipal administrators to engage the services of a water diviner. The two townships last Fall voted \$1,000 each toward sinking test holes for a well to provide water for the proposed Minnow Lake and Neelon township waterworks system. Two holes have been sunk without locating water and \$1,500 of the appropriation has been spent. The people of the townships may decide that the mysterious man with the willow switch might be more successful in locating water if the third test hole fails to produce results. — Sudbury Star.

Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat are only two of the many towns overseas that to us seem quaintly named. "Protem" can be added to the collection, but here South Africa can claim the honor. Pro-

tem was in origin just the terming "pro tem" of an aspiring branch railway which set out east of Cape Town, to link up with the main line that runs east to George. But there were delays, and now for 20 years Protem has been the terminus. A little town has grown up, and though the local population agitates every few years for the line to be pushed through the remaining twenty-five miles to Swellendam, Protem remains officially recognized on the map and in Union directories. — From Manchester Guardian.

Now that mankind, after maybe 200,000 years, seems to have suddenly discovered that life and welfare are a little insecure, perhaps Iowa university's new handbook on the proper deportment while being robbed is not as superfluous as it might be imagined. Point one is, co-operate. You needn't invite him to the family Sunday dinner, but try to make his work as pleasant as possible. Disparaging remarks might wreck a promising career. Point two, if he passes you a bag to fill with cash, pile the paper money in loosely to make it look like more than it is. If you have nothing but 10s maybe hell give you change so he can get a real load of looted lettuce to his underprivileged grandmother and kids. Also, put in the silver first; it's cheaper and weighs more. Point three, watch his mood, operandi closely, noting physical characteristics and expert movements. Finally, the all-important point four — telephone police. — St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

When the bright, dancing flame of dry bark has softened to the glow of red embers, the open fire is at its best for the ritual of coffee apples. On the hearth a child may crouch, holding a long stick on which the firm fruit is impaled. Gradually turning logs, the dainty task of peeling. Small fingers, plucking the hot covering, reveal the creamy, steaming meat of the fruit, and the apple is ready to be rolled in the shallow pan of sugar warming beside the fire. Encrusted with the crystals, it is again thrust over the coals and turned until the sugar flows in a brown coating about it. As it cools, strong young teeth nibble at the delicacy, gauging the temperature at which it may be eaten to catch the full flavor of the stiffening jacket and the warm fruit itself. It is an uncomplicated preparation, this creation of a coffee apple. It may be varied by a smearing of melted butter for greater richness, or the sugared surface may be dipped in snow for quicker crisping. But, however it is treated, if it is eaten as soon as it is made, it is a fit-bid to delight the gourmet's palate. — Victoria Times.

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