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

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Should Get Our Quota

According to reports we saw the trip to Debert Camp last week to inspect the amount of salvage there, a lot of badly needed building material should be available to our ex-service men in this Province as well as Nova Scotia.

The story goes that the inspecting engineer at Debert for the War Assets Corporation estimates that the complete demolition job will take until next April and that about 75 per cent of materials in the buildings would be salvaged.

It is further stated, however, that the greater part of this material is being earmarked for Nova Scotia or at least that Nova Scotians will have the preference in buying it.

Teacher Problem in Old Country

If the teacher shortage problem is a real one in Canada (as undoubtedly it is) how much greater must it be in the Old Country, where manpower resources were taxed more heavily during the war years, and where considerable damage was done in many cases to educational institutions?

There are at present two main types of training institutions, namely, Training Colleges, which normally provide a two-year course for students of 18 or over, and Training Departments, provided by universities, which give a one-year course of professional training for students who have spent the previous three years in obtaining a degree.

Plans have been worked out for the establishment of a number of "emergency colleges" giving intensive courses for men and women from the Forces who wish to enter the profession.

Comprehensive and important recommendations for improving the system of training teachers were made by a committee dealing with the supply, recruitment and training of teachers and youth leaders, under the chairmanship of Sir Arnold McNair.

It is worth noting that teachers in English schools are not civil servants; they are neither employed nor paid by the State. They are servants of the local authorities of the governing bodies of their schools.

Scotland also has an advisory council on education which is at present engaged on a series of inquiries covering a wide part of the edu-

national field. In Northern Ireland a White Paper on educational reconstruction has been published with proposals akin to those now incorporated in the English Act of 1944, though in some particulars they are not quite so far-reaching.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Your rubbers will cost you more, but you will be able to get more tinned salmon from now on.

It is a sad commentary on the approach of the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, there should be so much bloodshed, wars and rumours of war.

The fact that our potato crop is 2,640 bushels above the average will more than compensate for any drop in prices.

Total value of dairy production in Saskatchewan in 1945 was \$34,730,000, as compared with \$38,317,000 for 1944.

Secret diplomacy scored at New York this week, when secret conferences between State Secretary Byrnes and Foreign Minister Molotov, and subsequently with Foreign Secretary Bevin resulted in a series of compromises which brought to an end the deadlock over the future of Trieste so far as Yugoslavia is concerned.

President Truman has sent Myron C. Taylor back to the Vatican for important new peace discussions. Mr. Taylor left by plane last Friday night for Paris on the first leg of his journey.

Dr. Roland Bailly who practises medicine at St. Pie, Liberal heart of the county, was unanimously chosen Liberal candidate of Bagot in the forthcoming by-election for a member of the Quebec Legislature, at an official convention.

The farmers of Cape Breton, whose hay crop was 40 per cent below normal last summer, are afraid that unless the shortage is made good from outside sources they will have to slaughter their dairy cattle because there will be nothing to feed them.

Viscount Bennett is still to the fore in his advocacy of Imperial preference, and tendered sound advice to British producers and manufacturers on how to handle their export trade to the best advantage.

Cardinal Walsey, Churchman and Statesman, died this date 1530; was chaplain to Henry VII, and almoner to Henry VIII; made Archbishop of York in 1514 and Chief Statesman of England; became Cardinal in 1515 when he was appointed Lord Chancellor; worked for a treaty with France, but was unable to prevent the war that followed, though responsible for the advantageous treaty that followed; showed zeal for reform and learning by his foundation of Cardinal (now Christ Church) College, Oxford, and of a college in Ipswich; unable to assist Henry in divorcing Catherine of Aragon, he fell from royal favour, was deprived of his chancellorship, and forced to retire to his diocese of York; later, being summoned to London on a charge of high treason, he died on his way at Leicester Abbey. His last words, paraphrased by Shakespeare, were:

Had I served my God with half the zeal I served my King, He would not, in mine age, Have left me naked to mine enemies.

The main note struck at the gathering Saturday of representative Progressive Conservatives of the Quebec district was that all the signs pointed to a rebirth of the party. Specially enthusiastic was the crowd, estimated at more than 400 gathered in the ballroom of the Chateau Frontenac for three hours to welcome Ivan Sabourin, K.C., chief of the party in the Province, with the work which Mr. Sabourin is doing. There was expression of confidence in the successful fruition of the tasks which he has in hand, notably the coming by-election in Richelieu-Vercheres. Other speakers than Mr. Sabourin were Herve Baribeau, industrialist, Jacques de Billy, lawyer, Arthur Penny, of Quebec, and Mayor Gagnon of Rimouski.

Notes By The Way

It isn't too early for a wintertime tip: If you are worth your salt you'll throw it on those slippery places. —New Glasgow News.

The pipe band of the "Toronto Irish" made a hit with a New York audience by playing "The Wearing of the Green". How is that peace received in Toronto? —Windsor Star.

Cleanliness is next to costliness. As the price of soap threatens to rise as much as 70 per cent, America faces the future with clean hands, raised eyebrows and a stiff upper lip. —Christian Science Monitor.

Compared to an earthquake, an atomic bomb explosion is as weak as a sick kitten," declares a scientist. No doubt this statement will cause the militarists to try to learn how to set off an earthquake. —Minneapolis Star Journal.

A subtly disparaging comment on Boston is the newspaper story that 20 monkeys escaped from the zoo in that city into a street crowd, but that keepers soon rounded up "all fifteen". —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A New Zealand decline workers' union has refused to handle a shipment of wool consigned to the Government. The union says Franco has shown he has an ample supply of wool, by the amount he is able to pull over people's eyes. —Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

A Scot in South Africa who has reached the age of 116 says it's all on account of "eating honey and being provided with clean, keeping clear of trouble and quarrels." The last part makes it clear that this grand old gent hasn't been reading much about the Peace Conference. —Ottawa Citizen.

Manners are of more importance than laws. Upon them, in a great measure, the fate of the nation touches us but here and there, and now and then, Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, enervate or invigorate, inform the soul, and build up the body. —Edmund Burke in "Letters on a Regicide Peace".

What seems to be needed is a more careful study of the (rent control) situation, and some adjustments based on equity. It seems manifestly unjust that owners should be permitted to pay more for almost everything they buy, and with sharp increases in taxation, must still let their property go, often to people whose incomes have gone up considerably, at the same rental that could be charged three or four years ago. Machinery should be provided whereby reasonable increases could be obtained on presentation of convincing evidence that a hardship is being done. This would be more justice. Adjustment of rents is the need today. —Windsor Daily Star.

Somehow or other you are a statistic. In fact, the least you can do as a Canadian is to be born and live an average number of years on a percentage of Canadian soil for an average stipend until you slip into the mortality column at an average age. Your role may be relatively dull. You may do some things better than others—some things worse. But the average man in your bed, 160 times per night compared to a Dominion average of 135; read two novels a year to the average of four or complain audibly about the rate of inflation a day to the average of 27 times. Your gum trouble may be in the high decimals, your foot troubles a little low. But one remarkable way statistics support the individual in his fight against standardization. Because you can find the "average Canadian" in any number of places, check his height, the color of his hair and his income. Yet he is the one animal that doesn't exist! —Hamilton Spectator.

Advice to landlords—If you want to safeguard your property, don't refuse children as tenants; refuse housewives instead. They're the ones who really do the damage. Wilson W. Wyatt, housing chief of the United States Government, stands behind this remarkable finding. His office has just completed a survey of more than 173,000 public, low-rent dwellings in that country; and the survey showed that in 90 per cent of cases, the housewife causes more damage than the children. Here are the most common abuses discovered: Range burners were clogged and cracked; cooking utensils were not cleaned; rust. Floors were improperly washed, and the finish removed by improper cleaning. Window sills were damaged by hot dishes and wet bottles. Window shades were broken, and the fabric torn, by improper operation. Refrigerators were damaged due to neglect and careless defrosting. Trays, dishes and wet temperature controls broken. Plumbing fixtures were damaged by the use of harsh abrasives. Walls were scarred by furniture and grease spots. Oil paint was defaced or removed through improper cleaning. Doors were damaged by baby carriages, bicycles and scooters. Of all these abuses, Mr. Wyatt points out only the last—and perhaps part of the second—could be attributed to children. The others are all the fault of the housewife. Precisely how the American (or Canadian) housewife can be cured of her destructive tendencies, we don't know. That's one for the landlords to figure out. But it's refreshing to note that the children have at least had their reputation cleared. Impartous do. Children have a right to live; it's depressing to see them treated in the classic "Adulthood Only" falls into disuse. But it won't fall into disuse until there's enough rental housing. And there won't be enough rental housing unless the landlords can look forward to a fair return on their investments. —Calgary Herald.

Scottish Associations In P. E. Island

(Old P. E. I. Magazine)

In 1871 the Benevolent Irish Society held a national festival and sports on St. Dunstan's College grounds and the Caledonians were then the guests of their Celtic brethren. It is needless to state that the best of feeling has always existed between these two societies.

In 1875 another public gathering was held on Government House grounds. Hon. Patrick Walker was then Chief; Dr. Sutherland, President; John Andrew Macdonald, 1st Vice; William McGill, 2nd Vice. The Caledonians, headed by their piper and the city band, formed into procession on the public square and accompanied by many hundreds from all sections of the Province, marched out to the front of the grand stand, where Colonel McGill, the Marshal, addressing His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, presented him with a bunch of Highland heather in the name of the Club, and informed him that the Clans had assembled in the name and honour of Her Majesty, whom they recognized as the head of all the clans.

Leut. Governor Sir Robert Hodgson and Miss Macdonell occupied a central position on the grand stand. With them were the Right Hon. Hugh Childers and Mrs. Childers. His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown and a number of clergymen of different denominations, besides members of the Bench and Bar.

Among the Caledonians present who were then holding official and other prominent positions in the province were Hon. Herbert Bell, President, Legislative Council; Hon. Colonel Gray, ex-Premier; Hon. P. Sinclair, M.P.; Hon. P. Walker, M.L.C.; Hon. James Duncan, M.P.; Hon. Emanuel MacCaern, Commissioner of Public Lands; W. D. Stewart, M.P.P.; James R. McLean, M.P.P.; Hon. D. Ramsay, M.L.C.; Colin McEllan, M.P.P.; A. C. McDonald, M.P.; Donald Currie, Collector of Customs; James McKenzie, Superintendent P.E.I. Railway; A. A. McDonald, P.M.; W. W. McLeod, P.O. Inspector; Neil Rankin, ex-Mayor; Jas. Currie, City Councillor; Duncan Campbell, historian; John Owen, editor Herald; Geo. McLeod, cashier U.B.I.; William McLean, cashier M.C.B. A visitor from abroad to whom these gentlemen were presented, remarked that the Caledonians here as elsewhere appeared to get their full share of the plums of the social pudding.

Noticeable among the visitors as the finest-looking man on the grounds and dressed in the full Highland costume, was Douglas McLeod, Esq., Chief of the Scottish Society of Nova Scotia.

St. Andrew's Day was celebrated by a dinner at the St. Lawrence Hotel, then kept by Miss Street. Duncan Campbell, who wrote the history of Prince Edward Island, responded to the toast, "The day and all who honour it. A. B. McKenzie and John Ross sang a Gaelic song which was composed by the grandfather of Major Rankin for a similar festive occasion in London in the 18th century. Addresses were given by Major Rankin, Col. McGill, A. A. McDonald, A. C. McDonald, Robert Shaw, Neil McLeod, Alex. Beaton and others.

A lecture was given in the Public (Market) Hall by Rev. Dr. Macdonald, under the auspices of the Society, in December 1876, on "The early history of Scotland, and its conversion to Christianity". Dr. Sutherland the President, presided and the club attended in full force.

Twice during this year had the club turned out with draped colours and marched in procession to the grave of a deceased member. One was the Hon. Emanuel MacCaern, the other Alex. Robertson.

In 1876 the annual gathering was held on Aug. 3, which proved to be an exceedingly hot day, when the farmers were in the midst of their haymaking; but a couple of thousand people formed into procession on Queen Square headed by Galbraith's band and four pipers. They were led by President Sutherland in full Highland costume, and marshalled by Col. McGill to the field on Government House farm where the games were sharply contested.

International contests in throwing the hammer and putting the stone drew several athletes from abroad to take part. Hugh McKinnon of Hamilton, Ontario was the winner of both events and carried off first money, £20, besides the medal and championship. The second prize for hammer throwing was won by John Morrison of Dundee and Robert Macdonald, of Murray Harbour Road, took second money in putting the stone.

In the evening, the Charlottetown Amateur Dramatic Club, under the patronage of the Society, gave a performance of the historical drama, "Wallace, the Hero of Scotland". St. Andrew's day was spent in social mirth and enjoyment at the St. Lawrence Hotel. Gaelic songs were sung by A. B. McKenzie and James Macdonald, while speeches and songs in English were contributed by other members. (To Be Continued)

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Washington Spotlight

By CLYDE BLACKBURN Canadian Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—Two fateful figures were sharply etched on the American scene this week because they held the power, and used it, to make the people of this proud nation alternately shiver with worry or sigh in relief.

They were John L. Lewis, dusty-browed and burly leader of the United Mine Workers of America, and Vyacheslav M. Molotov, Foreign Minister of Russia and allegedly second only to Premier Stalin in the exercise of power over Soviet Russia and its dependents.

John L. Lewis, his 400,000 followers on a strike he could stop with a word, chose to risk a court action for contempt rather than speak that word, although his country was rushing headlong into what threatened to prove the most demoralizing labor dispute of all time, darkening the cities and chilling the homes of a helpless people.

Every move and word of John L. Lewis was news. In the New York meeting places of the United Nations and the Council of Foreign Ministers, Mr. Molotov was similarly playing upon the emotions not only of Americans, but of all peoples.

Probably there are few in Washington or elsewhere who, if they think about the coal mine strike at all seriously, would begrudge the miners more pay for the dangerous, morbidly unpleasant and hard life of burrowing through the bowels of the earth for coal to keep the nation warm and machinery turning. But their case has always been badly presented to the people in the form of strikes at critical times which embitter the lives of the 25,000,000 or so workers in the United States who are unorganized and

have no means but their own individual efforts to improve their situation.

One virtually unorganized group, traditionally underpaid, is staging a progressive but damaging strike of its own. That is the teaching group which in five years has lost 350,000 of its members—one third the total number of school teachers now employed. In Missouri alone 1,560 schools have closed during the last five years. In the last four years 7 out of every 10 rural teachers have quit for better paying occupations.

LIVERPOOL, Eng.—(OP)—The Cunard White Star liner Mauretania, undergoing refit, will be in service next February.

The Poets Corner

NIGHT-SKY There is a quiet glory of the night, Unspeaking, unbounded, undefined;

Bearing the soul beyond the shores Into a shoreless sea of azure light, Wherein from planet, star and satellite,

Each in the certain course to it assigned, Falls on this spinning midge the light that shined From each before man came with wondering sight.

Perhaps when man is gone, and only dust Remains to mock his prowess and his pride; His towers of triumph sunk to powdered rust, Some outer being, having space defined,

May pause by night upon this barren sphere, To wonder why man went the way of fear! —Leigh Mitchell Hodges.

ANOTHER CHAPLIN?

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 28—(AP)—There may be another Chaplin in the movie screens one of these days. King Brothers announced today they would screen test Syd, 20-year-old son of comedian Charles Chaplin and his former wife, Lita Grey.

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