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

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Important Historical Work

There is no more interesting chapter in our Island history than that dealing with the pioneers of the Bedeque District and the establishment of Methodism among the early Empire Loyalists who made their homes in that area. Though few in numbers, their contribution to the subsequent farm wealth and development of the whole of Prince County was important indeed.

South African War Graves

The fact that there is no official record, either at Ottawa or at the War Office, London, of the graves of our South African War heroes was indicated in an article quoted in these columns recently from The Military Gazette.

"From our early records we find that a committee was set up in Canada which was desirous of locating and caring for the graves of those who died in South Africa in the war of 1900.

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The national secretary enclosed with her letter copies of correspondence exchanged between the Victoria League in London and the South African Soldiers' Graves Association. From this correspondence it appears that the bulk of the Canadians who fell during the war, 1899-1902, were buried either at Bloemfontein, Kroonstad, or at Paardeberg. All these cemeteries are regularly maintained and quarterly certificates as to their condition are made before payment of the caretakers' fees is made by the Maintenance of Graves Trust Fund.

This reassuring information will be appreciated by all concerned, and it is hoped will be placed on record by the Department of Defense at Ottawa, so that it will no longer be necessary to answer inquiries with a confession of official ignorance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tripoli invaded by the Allied forces this date 1943, driving the enemy out.

Saskatchewan Legislature meets on Feb. 5. Evidently ours will be among the last to assemble.

Today an invalid wife may be an asset. When possession of housing accommodation may depend upon who has the pitiful "hard luck story" a wife with "nervous trouble" may be the means of putting a roof over the family.

The Kensington civic "election" shows a deplorable lack of public spirit in that community. The mayor and two councillors were returned by acclamation and for the third vacancy there were no nominations.

These are the days when good citizens who had previously cleaned their sidewalks are looked at indignantly by pedestrians who have to wade through pools of water from the paths of those who left the chore to nature.

American Defence Secretary James Forrestal has been studying the question of security measures. He is not interested in an imposed military censorship. "If any form of security is adopted the press should do it."

Quebec's new flag is a white cross on a blue field with a silver fleur-de-lis in each quarter. It is based on the ancient (1179) arms of France, which consisted of a blue field sprinkled with fleurs-de-lis. Until 1801 the lilies of France formed part of the Royal Arms.

The Winnipeg Free Press reports that the government has decided not to go ahead with the 25 per cent excise tax on sporting goods and equipment. This tax has been collected since November in anticipation of its being imposed by parliament.

It is bad enough to be duped once, but doubly so to be duped twice in the same transaction. Mrs. G. Dunlop of Ann's Harbour, Mich., was mad enough when she found that a silver dollar, given as change after she bought a bushel of apples from a farmer, was counterfeit. She was madder still, though, when she discovered that the apples were rotten as well.

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Technical difficulties are reported to trouble the peacetime bombardiers who have been dropping bags of feed and grit for the benefit of pheasants. It seems that when the "bombs" strike deep snow rather than trees or a hard surface the whole parcel is buried. Perhaps an adaptation of a block-buster firing pin would solve the problem.

The Fox Show in Summerside has been another distinct success, notwithstanding that the industry recently had an unfortunate setback due to international upheavals. Once before there was a similar crisis, and those who stuck gallantly to their ranches had the extreme satisfaction later of having developed a gold mine from silver foxes. The same will happen again to those having faith and good foxes.

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Mr. J. G. Jamieson will be greatly missed from Main (Queen) St. where his White Drug Store has been a feature for nearly half-a-century. Of a quiet unostentatious disposition he rarely took active part in public life, but was keenly interested in the proceedings of the Board of Trade. It is a coincidence that his passing and the passing of his store lease in Queen Street are practically coterminal—his son, Mr. Harry Jamieson, successfully opened a branch in Montague where the city business will be transferred due to the Queen St. property having been acquired for a different class of business.

Is it, or is it not to be a Canada-U. S. A. Customs Union? Mr. Beverley Baxter, Canadian-born Conservative member of the British House of Commons, noted as a journalist on both sides of the Atlantic, predicted United States would soon be willing to discuss with Canada "the doing away with tariffs and the formation of a North American customs union." Such a prospect would be attractive, especially to an industrial city such as Windsor, Mr. Baxter said. "But it would be an end to Canadian sovereignty," he said.

Notes By The Way

Barmaids in England are being sent to school to be taught how to draw a proper draught of beer without spilling it. They will still continue to spill their "alches" all over the place. — Windsor Star.

One result of the war, which has passed largely unnoticed, is the abolition of poverty in Britain. Still more remarkable, poverty has been kept at bay for so long that there is interest in the welfare of each and every household, and where sympathy goes far beyond mere lip-service. It might not be a bad idea if urban residents could capture some of the neighborhood spirit that is so frequently displayed along the concession lines, making farm life much more pleasant and much more agreeable than it is sometimes pictured. — Guelph Mercury.

There is only one way to bring about real low-cost housing, and that is for the construction industry to awaken from its long slumber and catch up with the times. The same enterprise that produced low-cost automobiles and low-cost radios should be able to produce low-cost houses. — Calgary Herald.

Farm life has its drawbacks and also its compensations. Not the least of the latter is the fine spirit of friendship that is apparent in most rural communities, where there is interest in the welfare of each and every household, and where sympathy goes far beyond mere lip-service. It might not be a bad idea if urban residents could capture some of the neighborhood spirit that is so frequently displayed along the concession lines, making farm life much more pleasant and much more agreeable than it is sometimes pictured. — Guelph Mercury.

The Ministry of Labor is distributing a small book among its staff delicately pointing out the virtues of good manners and clear English in the writing of letters to the public and of departmental minutes. "A patronising or condescending manner" is condemned, and a horrid example is quoted—"If you care to call at this address an officer will be pleased to grant you an interview." "How much more welcome," suggests the booklet, "would be a letter in something like these terms: 'I have received your registration form and would like you, if possible, to come for an interview in the near future, say day between 11 and 12.'" — Manchester Guardian.

Organization and incorporation of what is to be known as the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society will be welcomed by a tremendous number of Canadians. Just how many of us suffer from these two painful and restrictive ailments no one knows, but to the layman rheumatism and arthritis are no more than names, but what names! Between them they represent more pain, suffering, crippling, confinement and hopelessness than almost any two forms of sickness. Discovery of the causes—there may be many—and the treatment we leave in the hands of the doctors and the research scientists. We trust the necessary discoveries will not be too long delayed. — London Free Press.

There is a lesson in forgiveness that everybody might take to heart in the word that Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Griesler, parents of four of the ten children killed so tragically when a train hit their sleigh, but they were saved. The loss of four children is a tragedy of the first magnitude. It is a horror which most parents are spared, and one from which the Grieslers will never recover. But they are big enough, Christian enough, charitable enough, to realize that "holding it against" the driver would do no body good, would add to his grief and to their own. "For he, too, will never recover from the horror that is and would add the poison of hate to their own heavy load of sorrow. The world would be a better place to live in if everybody could find it in his heart to be so forgiving." — Windsor Star.

A newly blocked hat looks nice on the head of the wearer. It gives him an air of distinction. A newly blocked hat is also a vulnerable thing. The sun may be shining brightly when the wearer leaves home in the morning. It might be assumed that the hat can be worn with impunity throughout the day. Then, as such as fate, rain, sleet or snow will descend upon the hat on the way home. During the lunch hour the coats of strangers will rest heavily on the hat. And they will do its shape no good. A newly blocked hat cannot escape the rack under the rain or the sleet. It will be flattened each time the owner rises to get someone pass by. An old, dilapidated hat will rest comfortably and unmolested on the shelf of the hall closet. The newly blocked hat will be the one to have school books, lap robes and dog brushes tossed upon it. The newly blocked hat will be the one accidentally knocked off the floor and allowed to lie there along with the rubbers and galoshes and umbrellas until it is discovered and rescued with its brim permanently bent out of alignment. The newly blocked hat will take the buffets of the automobile. It will be stepped upon at public meetings, and blown off by the wind. It may save the wearer from concussion of the brain when his head strikes a beam of the low-hanging limbo of a tree. But such a vulnerable hat will be costly to the hat. Yes, a newly blocked hat looks nice on the head of the wearer. But when he puts it on and walks boldly forth into the world, whether for business or pleasure, he knows all too well that the hat will not look

PUBLIC FORUM

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

GRAIN FOR "HUNS" DISTRIBUTED

Sir,—This letter is written with the intention of informing sportsmen and the public in general with some of the details in connection with the distribution of grain that has been distributed to the "Huns" in various parts of the Island during the past week.

On Saturday, January 17, Mr. Paul Sharpe of Paul's Flyin' Service, with help from various members of Pheasants Unlimited, loaded one of his planes with 100 pound paper bags of grain mixed with grit and dropped these bags from a height of approximately 200 feet over various sections of the Island.

Three trips were made on Saturday, one on Sunday and three on Wednesday, Jan. 21. It was the undersigned's pleasure to accompany Mr. Sharpe on these three last mentioned trips. The first trip was to the cove of Hungarlanis, feed was dropped to these birds; and our aim was nothing to be laughed at. In all 96 bags were dropped on the three trips as close to the edge of woods and cover as possible. On this trip we covered an area from York to Mt. Stewart. The second trip took us from Georgetown to Elmira and covering this distance we spotted 4 additional coveys. The third trip took us to the North Shore in the Oyster Bed Bridge district.

All bags of feed were seen to burst and scatter the contents on the crust of hard snow. We made a reconnaissance trip over some of the spots where feed had been dropped earlier in the afternoon, and observed three coveys feeding on the welcome addition to their meagre diet. In all two tons of feed has been dropped during the past week.

Members of Pheasants Unlimited appreciate and welcome the help that can be given to bring the same birds through the balance of the winter months. Again we make the plea to all rural residents to scatter feed and grit whenever and wherever possible to save these sporty game birds.

I am, Sir, etc. A. G. HOGAN, Charlottetown.

Toronto "Tly" Has Fun With Prohibition Organ

(From the Toronto Telegram)

"Familiarizing young people with liquor trade names is a first step in conditioning them to start drinking," says the Toronto Advocate on page three of its latest issue. In view of which must be supposed that the publishers of that worthy journal fervently hope that no Young Person will turn to page 8 of the same issue where he or she will find quoted in extenso an advertisement of the House of Seagram including the seductive suggestion, "For as the House of Seagram has so frequently pointed out, along the path of moderation lies peace of mind, the respect of our neighbors, the confidence of our business associates, security and happiness."

Turning back to page three of the Advocate we find that the primary purpose of the advertiser in promulgating these enticing cogitations is not to urge readers to get a moderate drink, "There," says the Advocate, "you have the purpose flat." We should regret to think that the republication of the House of Seagram's advertisement in the Advocate would cause even the most innocent of the readers of this establisment to get a bottle, lips and dash to get a bottle, and in a consolation to the entirely clerical editorial committee of the Advocate, we are glad to assure it that we do not think that this or any of the series of advertisements run by brewers and distillers do anything to add to the sum total of drinking. What they may do is to effect those who particularly enjoy the choice of their particular poison. This, as far as we can see, is the only benefit derived by the advertisers from these efforts to keep their names before the public.

The Advocate makes it very difficult for us to assuage the pangs of conscience which must assail it whenever it turns to page six of its pre-Christmas issue and reads the House of Seagram advertisement republished in full. "Even if a sound editorial on the dangers of drinking driving does appear," it declares, "its value is discounted by a liquor firm advertisement overlaid." But possibly many of the readers of the Advocate will have sufficient intelligence to realize that the free publicity which the paper gives to the House of Seagram is not in fact an incitement to drink, and does not discount the earnestness of its editorials.

There is, however, neither charity nor intelligence in the Advocate's attack on eighteen Ontario newspapers it lists as receiving "liquor firm advertisements." On the list are the most influential newspapers of the province. And of those the Advocate says, "Accepting liquor firm advertising revenue compromises editorial policy." The editorial department is less likely to oppose the liquor industry that is beneficiary to the business office. A statement of that kind is unworthy of the gentleman in whom it comes. If they have followed recent events, they must

25% OFF MEN'S SUITS Here's a grand opportunity to save many dollars—take your pick from our entire stock of 1947 suits nothing reserved—8 racks filled with the smartest suits in town—Blues - Greys - Browns ALL good quality Englishworsteds— SALE FOR CASH Sale ends Saturday night. HENDERSON & CUDMORE WHERE QUALITY IS SURE

know that one of the newspapers which they utilize as not accepting these advertisements was the chief newspaper supporter of cocktail bars and increased liquor outlets. And one of the newspapers they condemn as being compromised by the acceptance of liquor firm advertising was, though generally a supporter of the government, a leading opponent of cocktail bars and the Licensing Act 1946.

Imports For The U. S.

(Monthly Review, Bank of Nova Scotia.)

The forces behind our recent heavy imports from the United States have been powerful and pervasive, says the current "Review" of the Bank of Nova Scotia. The great program of capital expansion the high level of purchasing power, the heavy deferred demands of both producers and consumers for equipment and other goods, and the building up of inventories have combined to produce an unparalleled demand for goods available from the United States. From industrial machinery down to lawnmowers, from structural steel to hatts, and from passenger automobiles to cotton fabrics, the 'import figures testify to the strength of these influences."

The current number of "Review" is the second devoted to the subject of imports from the United States. It fits in with that of the first, by illustrating the nature of Canada's import bill, from that country in terms of specific goods and the forces behind the big demand for them. It also presents a table which is designed to show in convenient and usable form the more significant figures for commodities imported from the United States. The "Review" emphasizes the major part played by the post-war capital expansion program of Canadian industry in raising our imports from the United States to such high levels. In each of the machinery and other equipment groups the value of imports in the twelve months ended last September was more than four times that of 1939, and comparison with 1929 also shows a marked expansion in most of the groups. In fact, under recent conditions, imports of industrial machinery are larger than any other item in our whole import bill from the United States, amounting to over \$197 millions in the twelve months ended September. As might be expected, there are very large increases in imports of construction machinery, reflecting the construction boom; of metal-working machinery, re-

fecting the expansion and modernization of the "heavy" industries; and of machinery for pulp and paper and textile manufacturing—two branches of industry which are prominent among those with extensive programs of expansion.

The Poet's Corner

CINEMA

Across the silver screen the puppet pass Moving and mousing each its little part— Strange mountains rise, far gardens, foreign grass, And heaven and hell appear through mortal art. Sometimes the lover dies for the adored, Sometimes love conquers as we knew it would; The reels run on, and fancy churns through film streams invoking mood on mood— Over the blended faces of the crowd, A smile sweeps on, a chord of laughter's heard Now horror grips them in its icy shroud. Now tears fall softly as a lightning bird. Are they not angels too who bring release From time's dull thrall, though it be brief success? —Clara Maude Garrett, in Montreal Daily Star.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

FISHERMEN'S BOATS

"Something ought here to be said of boats, the observations having reference to all varieties of fish sought for in these waters. Our fishermen's boats are usually built by themselves, in the intervals of other labour. Many of these boats are neither commodious nor safe, for the reason that the shores are shelving and shoal; the seas are heavy and break a long way off. Were the coast bolder, I would take it on me respectfully to suggest, for here or elsewhere, that it would pay the Government to introduce from the east coast of Scotland (perhaps from Fife) a model of one of the seaworthy fishing boats, which, held in joint stock and manned by the shareholders, kept the sea, in pursuit of business, when larger craft could not live. With such boats our fishermen could compete with foreigners, who, owning better appliances for keeping the sea, have almost a monopoly of the waters outside of the three miles' line. As it is, I take the liberty of suggesting the advisability of the Department taking some measures to introduce to public notice a model of an improved fishing boat, of such seaworthy and adapted for beaching on coasts shallow as ours." From the report of J. Hunter Duvar, Esq., Inspector of Fisheries for P. E. Island, for the year 1879.

When You Feel "TIRED" All the Time miserable, dragg— low in vitality—low in spirits, perhaps you don't think of your kidneys as being so important. Yet faulty kidneys may often cause backache, headache, rheumatic pain, disturbed rest or that "tired-out" feeling. That's the time to get and use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's helps your kidneys to clear the trouble-making poisons and excess acids from the system, and gives you a chance to feel better, work better. Get Dodd's Kidney Pills today. 141