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

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Defense Plans All-Important

A welcome visitor to his native Province at
all times is Major General Weeks, Adjutant
General of Canada's Army, who on this occasion
has drawn attention to one of our most
pressing requirements. This is the need of
building up Canada's reserve forces as a first
line of defense. It is part of a continent-wide
programme about which, doubtless, much more
will be heard in the next few weeks and
months. Quite recently the defense plans of
Canada and the United States have been
reviewed and brought more clearly into a
common agreed pattern. Mr. Forrestal, U. S.
defense secretary, has visited Ottawa and in
return Mr. Claxton, Canada's Defense Minister,
has spoken at Ogdensburg, home of the historic
agreement which set up a joint defense
board for this continent.

These common defense plans were begun
before the last war, and were given international
prominence by President Roosevelt in his
emphatic pledge that the U. S. would not stand
idly by if Canada were attacked. This was
followed by Prime Minister King's pledge for
Canada that "enemy forces should not be able
to pursue their way either by land, sea or air
to the U. S. across Canadian territory." These
general principles were translated into actual
policies in the Ogdensburg agreement, which
is still in force, being rounded out by new military
understandings.

Two new features of the plans are reportedly
being developed. One provision is for quick
mobilization of industrial strength and agreement
on common standards for military weapons.
This project will be aided by the Canadian
Ordnance Association and the new Industrial
Defense Board, which serve to keep leaders of
Canadian industry in touch with the military
needs and plans of the Government in clearly
defined ways.

There is also the need of fitting our
defense plans into the broader concept of Western
Union, to which the Dominion Government
is pledged. Neither Canada nor the United
States has yet given a definite military guarantee
to the nations of western Europe to join
them in opposing a war of aggression, but talks
leading to the conclusion of such a treaty have
already taken place in Washington, London and
Paris. Although no official statement has been
made, it is being reported from Ottawa that
Mr. Claxton and Mr. Forrestal found time
to consider this question, at least in broad outline,
and to make the combined strength of Canada
and the U. S. a still greater asset in the struggle
for collective security.

C. C. F. Not National

"To continue to describe the C. C. F. group
as a national political party is nothing but nonsense,
(says the Sydney Post-Record). It has
often been said that neither of the major
political parties can win power in Canada without
a substantial representation from Quebec. What
then may be said of a group aspiring to be
a party which cannot elect a single candidate in
Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island
or Alberta, or get enough votes to save a
deposit in half the contests in the other 5
Provinces?"

"But there is one thing these C.C.F.-Socialists
can do till the last gasp. They can continue
their nuisance activities on the political
stage as long as there is a kick left in them,
enticing enough ill-balanced and uninformed
electors to waste their votes on them, so as to
prevent the possibility of a clear-cut verdict by
a majority of the people on real national issues.
Fortunately, however, the nuisance potential of
this curious cult is manifestly diminishing, and
it is doubtful whether it will serve as an exhaust
for enough wasted ballots in the next Federal
election to nullify the popular will. Following
the Maritimes and Quebec, Alberta has helped
to make this abundantly clear.

Mr. King On Communism

Those who profess to see in Communism
something more desirable than the conditions
prevailing in even the most backward Christian
lands—and Protestant clergymen are sometimes
tempted to give utterance to such opinions—
would do well to ponder the warning
soundly by that most cautious of men, Prime
Minister King. Here, for the record, are his
views as voiced at the recent convention of the
Liberal Party in Ottawa:

"Communism is the greatest menace of our
times, because Communism, more than all else,
is destructive of Freedom—the freedom of individuals
and the freedom of nations. It is the
most subtle of all evils, because its appeal is
made in the name of Freedom, and it marches
under the banners of Freedom. Its appeal is to
the masses whom it promises to deliver from

their chains. It speaks in the name of enlarged
opportunity and increased security. It asserts
that its aim is world unity. It is, in reality, none
of these. The immediate purpose of Communism
is the complete control of the individual in the
name of the State. Its ultimate aim is world
domination. Beneath its mask are concealed
the secret police, slave labour, and the concentration
camp.

"It may be that, at any hour, the free
nations may be called upon again, as twice already
they have in the course of a single generation,
to defend Freedom, not with their policies
only, but with their lives. Nations have yet
to decide which is to prevail—the law of blood
and of death, ever imagining new means of
destruction, and forcing nations to be constantly
ready for the battlefield; or the law of peace,
work and health, ever evolving new means of
delivering man from the scourges which beset
him. Mankind has still to discover whether
violent conquest or the relief of Humanity is to
triumph in the end."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tourists and other visitors are thoroughly
enjoying our early Fall brand of weather.

This is the time of year roads should be
looked after preparatory to the heavy Fall traffic.

Major J. A. Macdonald chosen to represent
last evening the Conservative Party in a free
broadcast, further enhanced his reputation as
an up-and-coming politician.

The instability of French governments is
nothing new but each defeat is a fresh warning
to other democracies of the danger of the
breakdown of the party system.

Now that Sydney is the only Cape Breton
industrial area opposing sale of beer and wine by
the glass nearby towns will certainly be preparing
to relieve the drought of their big neighbour.

The Canadian Pacific Express Company has
been checking up on the most common faults
of its truck drivers. The survey shows that the
most common is to drive with the hands in an
unstable position on the steering wheel. The
fault is certainly not confined to drivers of
Express trucks.

Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, died
this date 1852. As a soldier, Wellington's talents
are best seen in his conduct of the Peninsular
War. As a statesman he holds a high
place for his moderation, his strong sense of
duty, and his perfect integrity: "The battle of
Waterloo was won on the playing field of Eton"—
i.e. through physical training and discipline.

Visitors to the Canadian National Exhibition
may not think so but the Great Seal of the
United Kingdom on display there is broken.
When a new reign commences the old Great Seal
is struck lightly with a hammer by the Sovereign
and is thenceforth broken and has no virtue.
The intact fragments, obverse and reverse, are
the perquisites of the Lord Chancellor, and
the Lord Keeper.

The suggestion from Ottawa that the title
of Commonwealth representatives to other British
countries may be changed from High Commissioner
to Ambassador seems unnecessary to
say the least. The avowed aim of the move,
to give such representatives equivalent rank to
ambassadors, can be accomplished without use
of that title which has always been associated
with dealings with a foreign power.

One of our most distinguished Islanders
abroad, His Eminence, James Charles Cardinal
McGuigan, archbishop of Toronto, will arrive
in Saint John Friday, for the diocesan rally of
Catholic men to be held on Sunday, Sept. 19,
at the Saint John Forum. Cardinal McGuigan,
who will be accompanied by Rt. Rev. Francis
V. Allen, D.P., chancellor of Toronto archdiocese,
will be met at the Union Station by His
Excellency, Most Rev. P. A. Bray, C.J.M., bishop
of Saint John, His Worship, Major James D.
McKenna, members of the clergy, rally officials
and other laymen. It is not known whether
the Cardinal will visit his native Province at this
time.

It is well to keep in mind these Income
Tax high pressure days the respective provincial
cash income from the sale of farm products
for the first six months of this year with totals
for the same period in brackets: Prince Edward
Island, \$11,784,000 (\$7,445,000); New
Brunswick, \$23,800,000 (\$16,185,000); Quebec,
\$169,682,000 (\$127,842,000); Ontario, \$299,801,000
(\$243,168,000); Manitoba, \$72,638,000
(\$54,669,000); Saskatchewan, \$167,289,000
(\$115,368,000); Alberta, \$163,147,000 (\$120,784,000); British Columbia, \$42,167,000 (\$32,779,000).

In concluding his excellent address on
Lucy Maud Montgomery at the unveiling of
the memorial in her honour at Cavendish on
Sunday, Chief Justice Campbell noted that the
author was awarded several signal honours in
her lifetime. She was, he believed, the first
Canadian author to be made a member of the
Royal Society of Arts and Letters, of London,
England. Her books were awarded the silver
medal for literary style by the Literary and
Artistic Institute of France. His Majesty conferred
on her the distinction of an Officer of
the Order of the British Empire, and now the
Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada
has honoured her memory by the dedication of
a fitting monument and inscription. "Her greatest
achievement, however," added the Chief Justice,
"will be the lasting quality and appeal of
her own writing."



HENS, LIKE ALL THINGS ELSE ON THE ISLAND THESE DAYS, ARE PROGRESS-MINDED!

The Churches And Capitalism

(Winnipeg Free Press)
The draft report of the World Council of Churches placed the
Protestant churches of the Christian
faith in open and unequivocal
opposition to "atheistic Marx-
ist Communism" and what it re-
presents in the world. The coun-
cil's report, made at a meeting
in Amsterdam, made no distinction
between the political and economic forms
of Communism and the political and economic forms
of nineteenth century capitalism also—
but on the attitude which are re-
presented in one and the other.

The text of the report shows
how far the Protestant churches
assembled in joint convention went
beyond the question of the formal
organization of society and at-
tacked the materialistic premises
of Russian Communism, with its
emphasis not on the individual
man but on the mass state; it
is on the right of the human being
to a say in his own destiny and
on the belief that "practical disci-
pline of a new order is free from
the sins and ambiguities that Chris-
tians believe to be characteristic
of all human existence."

The council's report, one of the
most forthright statements of the
Christian position for many years,
demanded that man "must never
be made a mere means for political
and economic ends."

Points of Conflict
The report laid down the main
points of conflict between the
Christian faith and Communism.

(1) The Communist promise of
what amounts to a complete redemp-
tion of man in history.

(2) The belief that a particular
class by virtue of its role as the
bearer of a new order is free from
the sins and ambiguities that
Christians believe to be characteris-
tic of all human existence.

(3) The materialistic and deter-
ministic teachings, however, but
not by virtue of their being in-
compatible with the Christian belief
in man as a person, made in God's
image and responsible to Him.

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.

LOBSTER FISHING SUGGESTION

Sir,—Recently there was an article
in your paper giving an account
of the damage done within the
past few weeks by Dominion
Fishery officials to lobster gear
legally set out along the western
end of the North Shore.

I take no objection to your
article since it was a factual report
giving its authority for its de-
tails. However, since your paper
has such a big circulation in this
Province and since it has as yet
published only one side of the
story, I am sure you will have
no objection to publishing this letter.

I understand the lobster busi-
ness. Sir, as it is followed on the
North Shore, I did not get my
knowledge by being an industrial-
ist in British Columbia nor by
conducting a law office in Sum-
merside. I got it by making live
fishing of lobsters my main source
of livelihood for the past fifty
years.

As long as I can remember
there has been "poaching" of lob-
sters in this vicinity and I most
believe that until we have
practical fishermen in the Depart-
ment of Fisheries who will see to
it that more sensible fishery regu-
lations be put on the statute books
we shall continue to have "poach-
ing" along this coast.

The fishermen of Alberton and
vicinity are not "poachers" by
necessity. I got it by making live
fishing of lobsters my main source
of livelihood for the past fifty
years. But they are good fishermen
as clearly shown by the boats and
equipment they use which cannot
be equalled in any other fishing
port in this Province. They
cannot make enough money from
May 1st to July 1st fishing lobsters
to keep them and their fami-
lies for the other ten months of
the year.

The Poet's Corner

DOWN BY THE SALLEY
GARDENS
Down by the salley gardens my love
and I did meet;
She passed the salley gardens with
little snow-white feet.
She bid me take love easy, as the
leaves grow on the tree;
But I, being young and foolish, with
her would not agree.

In a field by the river my love
and I did stand;
And on my leaning shoulder she
laid her snow-white hand.
She bid me take life easy, as the
grass grows on the weirs;
But I was young and foolish, and
now am full of tears.

—W. B. Yeats.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FIRST ENACTMENTS
The first business of the Leg-
islature, when it met here for the
first time in 1773, was, as might
be expected, a confirmation of the
proceedings of the Governor and
Council, antecedent to calling a
House of Assembly.

A lot of minor troubles appear
to have afflicted the collection wis-
dom of the Island at this time, and
we can fancy boats aground in rivers
and creeks, in consequence of the
discharge of ballast, and consider-
able irritation caused thereby; but
not only from this cause, but from
brush and rubbish upon the lands,
small bushes, rotten windfalls, and
decayed leaves, all of which were
at this time subjects of legislation.

These conditions each fisherman
would consider himself a self-
appointed fish-warden so that no
man would dare to put a trap
into the water during the closed
season.

THE AGO-OLD STORY
Seek ye first the Kingdom of
God and His righteousness; and
all these things shall be added
unto you.

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appointed fish-warden so that no
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into the water during the closed
season.

Notes By The Way

They're saying now that infla-
tion can't be licked but it can be
"stabilized." The difference, if any,
being that instead of putting a
sixer on it we leave it loose in a
box stall. — Ottawa Citizen.

As the years have passed we
have become accustomed to seeing
our lady visitors of the summer
garbed in shorts, but we still see
somehow staid and slightly
shocked when a male tourist par-
ades down the main drag in not-
ing more than a pair of shorts
an sneakers. Among the fairer sex
at least one in four may grace 'as
scanty attire, but we have seen
few males, ourselves included, who
can qualify for an Adonis competi-
tion from the waist up. —Midland
Free Press-Herald.

These intellectual iconoclasts,
whom we now term debunkers,
have got to their famous poem
"Barbara Frietche." Seems Bar-
bara never saw Stonewall Jack-
son at the head of any troops.
A colonel of General Jackson's
staff said so. He allows she may
have waved a flag, but not of
Stonewall's men. It was to a
regiment under General Ambrose
Burnside. That spoils a story
much as proving there never was
a wreck of an Hesperus, at all. —
Brandon Sun.

In its feature article, "City by
the Rapids," the Ontario
bulletin issued by the Ontario
Department of Highways has been
very kind to Sault Ste. Marie in
the chronicle of its legend, its
history, its attainments and its
future. It has not, however, han-
dled Longfellow quite so considera-
bly in its reference to the Hiawatha
legend when it sets forth that
"here as told by Longfellow, Hiawatha
standing in the canoe, his paddle
outstretched before him, bade his
people farewell and, propelled by a
supernatural force, sailed out over
the rapids and into the sunset." In-
evitably this version has occasioned
the comment that it would be
quite a feat sailing into the
sunset out over the rapids, whose
current descent, though now said
to be almost in the direction
of the rising sun. —Sault Ste.
Marie Star.

Recently the first futures mar-
ket for apples was started in Chi-
cago. Before long we expect to
hear the charge that speculators
are causing whatever is wrong
with the price of apples. Then
some politician in Washington
will suggest tighter controls of the
market or even its abolition, as
the cure. Futures trading is specu-
lation, of course, but so is life
insurance. The insurance company
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