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

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Col. Drew's Position

Speaking at Fredericton recently Colonel
Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, recalled
the statement made in a speech by Premier Mc-
Nair of New Brunswick that the Provinces had
not been called upon, in the Dominion-Provincial
taxation agreements, to "surrender a single
right."

The justification for Col. Drew's statement
is contained in the texts of the agreements, in-
cluding that signed by Mr. McNair himself, which
stipulate that during their currency the Pro-
vinces must abstain from collecting any income
taxes, corporation taxes, or succession duties
within their respective jurisdictions. Seeing that
the collection of all these fruitful categories of
taxation is the right of the Provinces under the
British North America Act, Mr. McNair is ob-
viously incorrect in claiming they are not being
called upon to "surrender a single right" under
the Dominion-Provincial pacts.

This latter issue was raised in our own
Provincial Legislature in 1947, when the Opposi-
tion proposed an amendment to the tax agree-
ment, specifying that Prince Edward Island
"shall not be deemed by reason of having entered
into this agreement to have surrendered or aban-
doned any claims which it now has against
Canada by reason of Canada's failure to carry
out and discharge its obligations to Prince
Edward Island under the Confederation agree-
ment or to have surrendered or abandoned any
rights or claims which it has against Canada
by virtue of the findings and recommendations
in the report of the Duncan Commission and in
the report of the White Commission." This resolu-
tion was opposed by Government members and
supporters, evidently because it would not be
acceptable to the Dominion Government which
held the whip hand in dictating the agreement
terms.

The Maritime Premiers were in a dilemma.
They were in a financial predicament which
made the immediate need of new money obscure
all other considerations. They mortgaged vital
constitutional provincial rights for a Federal an-
nuity designed to tide their Provinces, for a
few years, over the rocks and shoals of heavy
fiscal needs. And the tragedy of it is that these
Provinces are entitled as of right to the increased
subsidies they are now getting from Ottawa, and
perhaps even larger subsidies, without the sur-
render, or waiver, or abandonment of their right
to collect revenues in any direct taxation field
whatsoever. That is Colonel Drew's stand, and it
is one which Premier Angus Macdonald has
very strongly emphasized in the case of Nova
Scotia.

December Farm Survey

Canadian farmers during the last week of
November will receive from Ottawa copies of the
annual December questionnaire. This will con-
tain questions about livestock, poultry, farm
labor and farm acreages for purely statistical
purposes and will have no relation whatever to
income tax or other governmental inquiries.
Each year, the Agricultural Division, Dominion
Bureau of Statistics, cooperates with provincial
departments of agriculture to obtain official
statistics relating to Canadian agriculture, and
will base final figures on answers given by
farmers to these questionnaires. Island farmers
receiving such a questionnaire will be doing
a favor to agriculture by filling it out promptly
and returning it to Ottawa as requested. All
individual forms are kept strictly confidential.

The Vital Defect

Seeking for the basic weakness in our Ca-
nadian system of education, which on the whole
has established an imposing statistical record of
literacy, the Winnipeg Free Press finds that it
lies in its over-emphasis on material success.
This criticism applies to other phases of our
modern social system as well, a fact due pri-
marily to the rapid changes taking place in
our whole ways and means of existence. In
transport, motive power and communications,
man has jumped in little more than 100 years
farther than he had moved in his previous his-
tory. The train, the automobile and the plane
have conquered distance; the radio and the
telegraph have reduced space and time to frac-
tions; steam and hydro electric power have en-
ded man's reliance on sweat and muscle. The
progress seems endless; the future limitless. To-
day we stand on the threshold of a new era
which itself may turn the giant strides of the
past century into stumbling first steps.

"In the process," notes the Free Press,
"man has concentrated his attention more and
more on these glittering prizes. Our system of
education has in turn adapted itself to the
new world, taking upon itself the task of equip-
ping man to cope with his new powers. The
spiritual values, which alone offer lasting hope
of peace, of satisfaction and pleasure, have
been pushed into the background. What is
needed today is not to lessen the concentration
on the material — that will be needed more
and more — but to increase the emphasis on
the spiritual, to weigh the balance, to remove

the distortion which has blinded a majority
of mankind to the one fact of importance — that
the measure of material success is the ability
to adapt it to truths which are eternal. To for-
get this is to raise generations whose superb
technical achievements must inevitably col-
lapse in the dust of disillusionment."

EDITORIAL NOTES

We are all doing it! Doing what? Helping
the other fellow less fortunate than ourselves.

A pleasant illusion was shattered when the
R. C. M. P. carried on their "musical ride" at
the Royal Winter Fair without benefit of music.

We have now another record to our credit
—a Microwave telephone service. There are cer-
tain specific advantages in being a "guinea-pig"
for experimental purposes.

Charlottetown and other Island ports are
bustling with activity just now. A faster turn
around of vessels carrying our products would
benefit all but can only be accomplished by
improved facilities.

Newfoundland will enter Confederation with
Federally guaranteed communication even as did
Prince Edward Island. Perhaps if the two Islands
pull together Ottawa will make more deter-
mined efforts to carry out its engagements.

As the third trading nation in the world
Canada has a vital interest in protecting ship-
ping from marauding submarines. The proposed
expansion of the fleet is at least a step in the
right direction.

Nuts and bolts or rather their screw threads
are now subject to British-Canadian-American
agreement. The day is coming when we will be
able to use parts from the washing machine to
get the car running for a Sunday drive.

The Premier has made a good choice in Mr.
J. O. C. Campbell, K. C., as his deputy in the
new Department of Industry and Natural Re-
sources. Besides his many other qualifications
Mr. Campbell has the advantage of being a
first-class organizer, as the provincial elections
of 1935, 1939, 1943 and 1948 conclusively prove.

The Bank of Montreal is having soothing
music played in a number of branches for the
benefit of staffs and customers. At the same
time a California dentist announced the suc-
cessful use of music to divert the patient's at-
tention from pain. Yet another military device
is thus adapted to civilian use.

In Canada, according to the Dominion De-
partment of Agriculture, pests consume yearly
about 17 per cent of the national farm income,
or about \$350,000,000 out of \$2,000,000,000.
It is estimated that 80 per cent of this loss
could be prevented with modern pest con-
trol. At present Canadian farmers spend about
ten million dollars on pest control.

Robert Baron Clive of Plaisey, British states-
man and general, died this date 1774 at the
early age of forty-nine. He went to Madras as
an apprentice in the East India Company in
1744, entered the army, three years later rose
to supreme control, accomplishing much in the
civil administration of India; he raised the salar-
ies of officials, and prohibited the accepting of
gifts from natives. His administration reforms
and cutting down of illicit gains resulted in
violent attacks upon his public administration
and private character. He ranks as one of Brit-
ain's greatest empire-builders basing the British
Empire in India on a territorial rather than a
commercial system, realizing that a purified ad-
ministration was essential to its stability.

Recognizing the need for competent baby-
sitters as a real and serious problem, the city of
Oslo has worked out a plan which might sug-
gest a solution to a common household quandry.
In the Norwegian capital, it is no longer neces-
sary to trust the youngsters to the neighbor girl
or the lady down the street. For the past 12
months, parents who wish to slip out for the
evening simply ring the city's special office and
order an accredited and trained baby sitter. No
need to worry about qualifications, for no baby-
sitter is authorized by the city until carefully
investigated. Each sitter undergoes a periodic
medical check-up and is trained in infant care.
Neither is the question of cost any worry, as rep-
resentatives of house-wives and baby-sitters get
together last year to set up a standard hourly
wage (slightly higher after midnight.) During its
year of operation, not a single unsatisfactory
report has been received by the office. Its 50 sitters
have answered 4,073 day-time and evening calls
during the past 12 months.

Saint John's Exhibition which has had a
somewhat checkered existence is to be revived
again. A large number of veteran officials who
handled the exhibition in 1938 attended a recent
gathering which was presided over by the pres-
ident, H. G. Harrison. It was the initial meeting
since the suspension of the show, and it was de-
cided to hold the annual meeting of the Associa-
tion Dec. 2. New officers will be named, and a
nominating committee will bring in a slate of
31 directors. The building and grounds commit-
tee was authorized to take steps to secure a
suitable site and prepare an outline of a plan
for the re-establishment of the event. The Saint
John Exhibition was incorporated in 1899 and
operated annually until 1914 when the First
World War forced its suspension. It was revived
in 1920 and again carried on annually, with the
exception of 1933, until the second World War
in 1939 when it was again closed down. Usually
held during Labor Day week, the show had de-
veloped into the largest Class A exhibition in
the Province and attracted thousands of visi-
tors to the city during its six days of operation
each year but it was never made to pay its way
and the Provincial Government tired of footing
the bill.



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Notes By The Way

A German arrested recently in
Munich told a magistrate how he
keeps his family: "From five hens
we get 15 eggs a week. Five we
eat, 10 we trade for two packs of
American cigarettes. One pack we
smoke and the other we sell on
the black market for \$8. That's
enough. — Amherst News.

The truth is that every price is
a bad price when it is founded on
anything other than value, as es-
tablished by overall economic con-
ditions. The truth, of course, will
remain veiled—won't be allowed to
work itself out—so long as the
housing shortage remains close to
the emergency level. In the long
run, though, no formula can offer
a satisfactory substitute for honest
prices arrived at on the basis
of what an article or service is
worth to the person paying for it,
in terms of his own situation. —
Prince Albert Herald.

In London's clubland, where it
has appeared in a window of a
shop hitherto catering almost ex-
clusively for men, they are talking
about this show-card, the latest by-
product of the cigarette shortage:
"Ladies—Smoke a pipe. There is
tobacco for all." The shop be-
longs to a world-famous firm of
pipe-makers and tobacco-blenders,
and they are now manufacturing
two new "lines" specially for wo-
men. One is "the lady's pipe", a
lightweight miniature "briar", car-
ved from selected root. The other

Merger Strikes a Snag

(Moncton Transcript)
The negotiations at Ottawa
about the terms of the entry of
Newfoundland are reported to
have made satisfactory progress
to a point where only the finan-
cial arrangements remain to be
settled but even if a bargain on
this question is reached, there are signs
that all will not be plain sailing
for the final accomplishment of
the merger. An energetic minority
of Newfoundlanders, headed by
some very influential leaders, seem
determined to resist any union of
the union—at any rate under the plan
now adopted.

Relics from the British House

Commons have now been presented
to the 48 states as a symbol of the
English-speaking people and their
common heritage in two world
pieces of stone and lead which con-
stituted part of the fabric of the
House of Commons, have been
mounted, inscribed and framed in
American mahogany cases which
hang in conspicuous positions in
each of the states. In the State
House at Denver, Colorado, alone
it is estimated that over one mil-
lion visitors annually will see the
exhibit. It is planned soon to pre-
sent stones from St. Paul's Cathed-
ral, from Eton to American col-
leges, and from the Temple to the
American Bar Association. — Lon-
don Times.

Many New Yorkers

with satisfaction a growing num-
ber of Negroes in jobs they
would not have had a chance to
hold. They now find their observa-
tions corroborated by a Census Bu-
reau survey made for the Urban
League of Greater New York. Be-
tween 1940 and 1947, for exam-
ple, there was a 400 per cent in-
crease in the number of Negro women
in sales and clerical jobs here. Where
formerly only 3 per cent held such
jobs, the figure now rises to 13 per
cent. Whereas in 1940, only 2 per
cent of employed Negro men were
in semi-skilled occupations, by 1947
there were 30 per cent. In 1940
sixty-four of every 100 employed
Negro women were in domestic
service; by 1947 this figure was
thirty-six of every 100. Negroes
showed slight gains in the crafts,
and 2 per cent more had become
business managers or proprietors.
— New York Herald Tribune.

is "the cocktail pipe", with a tiny
rounded bowl, set on a long, thin
piece of blue, red, green or white
vulcanite. And, for smoking in
all climates, they have blended a
mild tobacco which, it is claimed,
"gives the lady a satisfying alterna-
tive to the cigarette." On sale are
small, purse-tobacco pouches. —
Edinburgh Scotsman.

A well-built man with noble
shoulders, a flat back, a trim dia-
phram and a well-turned leg could
wear no more dashing uniform than
this scarlet and white dress of the
R. C. M. P. No one has estimated
its advertising value to this Domi-
on or the number of youngsters
who have been drawn to our shores
because of its appeal on some over-
seas poster, but without doubt it
has been enormous, and some be-
lated recognition is surely due to
the original designer. — London Free
Press.

British democracy is actually an
outcome of the British religious
sense. Democracy in the form in
which we enjoy it never has existed
outside a Christian country. To
remove a reasonable basis from
from our lives is the equivalent of
removing the foundations from be-
neath a structure and expecting the
structure to remain standing. It is
a sound sense of value, a sound
sense of value, a sound sense of
value, he must expect to be treated as
an animal by even larger animals.
That why lies despotism and the loss
of the religious sense. Communism
exists know the close integration of
religion and personal freedom. That
is why they bend their most strenuous
efforts to the eradication of religious
teaching and practice wherever they
can. — Halifax Chronicle.

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