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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Helpful Suggestions

Many helpful suggestions were advanced
at the annual meeting last week of the
Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation.

It should, Mr. Myrick believes, be possible
by making use of existing bait freezing
facilities, coupled with small bait holding
freezers strategically located, to materially
increase fishermen's catches.

The need of educating our fishermen in
using new methods and in making better
use of present equipment was emphasized.

Fishermen are advised by Mr. Myrick to
spend time doing "some clear and serious
thinking" over the problems of their particular
business, to make use of the information
and advice obtainable from the Department
of Fisheries, and, if their particular
problem has to do with finances, to have
a talk with their bank manager.

This formula for improvement is admirable
in its simplicity and unpretentiousness.
It does not guarantee success overnight,
or offer any substitute for hard work
and initiative, which are the pillars of success
in every sound enterprise.

Absentee M. P.s

C. C. F. Leader Coldwell is using the
absenteeism of Liberal and P.C. members of
Parliament as a prime weapon in the
Toronto-Greenwood by-election. At one Toronto
meeting this week, he noted indignantly that
the average Toronto P.C. (there are five)
had skipped two of the three votes staged
to date in the Commons. Of what use, he
demanded, was an M. P. "who works one
day in three?" He added ominously, but
scarcely accurately: "The Toronto Liberals
have also been absent 40 per cent of the
time." "But while House absenteeism
is worse this year than last, the C.C.F.
chieftain is well aware that his figures do
not prove that the average Toronto P. C.
"works one day in three" or that his Liberal
confere neglects his Parliamentary duties
"40 per cent of the time." His computations
prove only that quite a few Toronto
Liberals and Progressive Conservatives
haven't been much interested in casting
their votes. The average recorded vote occupies
roughly half an hour of the time of the
Commons. There have been three, requiring
roughly 90 minutes. The C. C. F. figures
show, only that average Toronto M. P.'s
belonging to the two major political parties
have been absent for 40 per cent and 66
and two-thirds per cent of 90 minutes,
or 36 and 60 minutes respectively. Parliamentary
absenteeism is worse than that, but
there's no way of measuring it, and making
the measurements stick.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Evidently, after all, our railways are the
safest mode of travel—airplanes, auto-buses,
and autos too frequently prove disastrous.

Daniel Webster, American lawyer, statesman
and orator, died this date, 1852. He
delivered the famous oration at Plymouth
in 1820 on the two hundredth anniversary
of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. He
negotiated the Ashburton Treaty in 1842,

which settled the boundary between Canada
and Maine to Canada's disadvantage.

Finding themselves in the midst of it,
Western papers have burst out in praise of
the Prairie winter. Maritimers who have
so far escaped are not made jealous.

Our fisheries are getting somewhere as
the result of their organization. To make
headway the officials must be aggressive
and this the Federation officials have proved
themselves to be.

With no discussion of rates but merely
the principles on which rates should be
based, the Public Utilities Commission inquiry
today is in the nature of legislation.
When the principles have been laid down,
it will later proceed with the executive and
judicial functions of actual rate making.

The eight federal by-elections today
scarcely deserve the name of "Little
General Election" which they have been given
in the Quebec press. With the Government
already holding 187 out of 262 Commons
seats, the by-election results can have little
effect on Parliament.

Among the deaths of prominent people
announced by C.P. last week was that of
the Very Rev. James Black, minister of Free
St. George's, Edinburgh, Chaplain to the
King in Scotland, and Moderator of the
Church of Scotland in 1938-39. He was a
younger brother of the distinguished Dr.
Hugh Black of New York, and was a veteran
of World War I. He confessed when
he returned from service overseas that he
had abandoned reading his sermons, as his
experience addressing soldiers had convinced
him that for preaching, or addresses generally,
to be effective the speaker must look
his hearers in the eye and allow them
likewise to catch the eye of the speaker.
Then both knew when enough was said.

There was a report current in New
Brunswick that there might be a serious
shortage of power there due to the dry
summer. Interviewed, Premier McNair said
that there had been an adequate supply of
rain this fall, much more than a year ago,
and that there is a good flow of watersheds
where there are hydro developments. In
addition, the new coal steam power plant at
Chatham was now functioning, producing
17,000 horsepower for the system of the
New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.
Besides this, small diesel generating units
had been established in several sections of
the province, which served to ease demands
somewhat on the output of the main plants
at Chatham, Grand Lake, Saint John, Musquash
and other points. Mr. McNair expressed
confidence that the power situation is
now better in New Brunswick than it was
this time last year.

Mr. A. J. Brooks, K.C., M.P., for Royal,
N. B., has taken the lead as opposition critic
for the Maritimes. In the debate on the
proposed constitutional amendment he expressed
belief that the real feelings of
Maritimers were voiced by Premier Macdonald
of Nova Scotia. Mr. Macdonald had
said that the abolition of appeals to the
Privy Council was an amendment to the
constitution and should thus be a subject
left for consideration at the proposed Dominion-Provincial
Conference. Mr. Brooks
quoted Sir Wilfrid Laurier as advocating
the theory that Confederation was a compact.
Another former prime minister, Sir
Robert Borden, had taken a like view.
Whatever was done, he hoped there would
be provision for protection of the smaller
provinces. They had looked to the Privy Council
to protect them. All the provinces
should be consulted. Whatever was done it
should be done with the anticipation that
Canada is destined to become the greatest
nation of the Commonwealth.

This from "Life" Magazine speaks for itself:
"Sirs: Wasn't there an announcement
recently that some of the people
whose cases had been diagnosed as polio
this year and last may not have had it at
all but were suffering from disease something
like it?" Mary Mead, New York, N. Y.
"Yes. Three scientists at Yale University's
School of Medicine announced that
they had isolated a virus which at times
causes a disease very much like mild polio.
The new virus disease has been found to
produce all the recognizable symptoms of
polio except paralysis, but runs its course in
ten days and leaves no after effects. Because
it resembles polio so closely and occurs
at the same times and places, it is
often falsely diagnosed as polio. It is possible
that a good proportion of this year's
record breaking total of "polio" cases is not
polio at all, but it is too early to determine
what that proportion may be. The National
Foundation for Infantile Paralysis warns,
however, that all patients with any
symptoms of polio should be treated for
polio from the start or severe harm may
be caused.—ED."



The Poet's Corner

RECESSIONAL
Now along the solemn heights
Fade the Autumn's altar-lights:
Down the great earth's glimmering
chancel
Glide the days and nights.

Little kindred of the grass,
Like a shadow in a glass
Falls the dark and falls the stillness,
We must rise and pass.

Little brothers of the clod,
Soul of fire and seed of sod,
We must fare into the silence
At the knees of God.

Little comrades of the sky,
Wing to wing we wander by,
Going, going, going, going,
Softly as a sigh.

Hark, the moving shapers confer,
Globe of dew and gossamer,
Fading and ephemeral spirits
In the dusk astir.

Moth and blossom, blade and bee,
Worlds must go as well as we,
In the long procession joining
Mount and star and sea.

Toward the shadowy brink we
climb
Where the round year rolls sublime,
Rolls, and drops, and falls forever
In the vast of Time.

—Sir Chas. G. D. Roberts.

Old Charlottetown
(A and P. E. I.)
A DORMANT LEGISLATURE.

"We cannot avoid expressing our
feelings in common with a number
of our friends in this Island,
at the repeated instances of cordiality
and good understanding between
the different branches of the
Legislature of Nova Scotia,
which are exhibited at their annual
proceedings; feelings of deep
regret, bordering on envy, and
inducing us and many others to
inquire, why it is, that we who
are as loyal and good subjects as
any in His Majesty's Dominions
should be deprived of this most
indispensable and invaluable
privilege of the annual meetings
of our Legislature for so long a
time."

"No impartial or reasonable
person can read the Journals of
our House of Assembly, particularly
in the session which commenced
in 1824, and see the number
of subjects then brought forward
for the good of this Colony
and how few were brought to
maturity, without being perfectly
sensible of the urgent necessity
for our Legislature to meet
annually as in the other Colonies.
Out of eleven years which the
present Lieutenant Governor (Smith)
has been with us, the House has
not met for nearly eight years,
viz. from 1813 to 1817, and from
1820 to the present time. We are
not aware of anything like this
having taken place in any other
British Colony. A proclamation
was issued this week, further
prolonging the House of Assembly
to the 4th of May—but not for
the dispatch of business."
—Prince Edward Island Register,
April 10, 1824.

The Age-Old Story

And in that day thou shalt say:
O Lord, I will praise Thee; though
Thou wast angry with me, Thine
anger is turned away; and Thou
comfortedst me.

LABOR-SAVER
MALDON, Essex, England —
(CP) — A chiming apparatus has
been installed in All Saints Church
so that one bellringer can do the
work of the team, which are not
always available.

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Notes From
Another Island

By "ANBOR"

LONDON, England.—The owner
of a small firm remarked to me
the other day that trade was bad.
His particular business is strictly
for the home market; if he did
any export trade he might have
had a different story to tell, although
he seemed to think that business
generally was slack, not just his
own. What's more, he had the
opinion that it was because of the
uncertainty of things generally,
and the approach of a general
election over here, in particular.

Well, maybe he is right, but I
doubt it. If there is any degree
of "holding fire", so to speak,
because of possible events in the
future, it is more likely to carry
over from the part of men like
himself—the business men—who hesitate
to take any but the most necessary
risks in case something happens
to make the rest of the world
anticipate.

Certainly the ordinary folk of
this island don't usually let things
that might happen influence them.
It is more likely to carry right
on, come what may, until something
does happen; and even then to
keep on carrying on if it is
possible to do so.

Well, we were probably a good
deal nearer the truth than we
are out of trouble as well as almost
anything else anybody could
think of. There were changes
made, of course. Some small, some
not so small. Some changes were
necessary, and were welcome when
they came; but taking things all
round, England at the end of one
year was pretty much the same
place as it had been the year
before.

And it is pretty much the same
now, too. Great things are happening
all over the world; history
is being made, but the ordinary
Englishman seems to take
only a passing interest in it. Beneath
his outward appearance of
nonchalance, however, he is less
indifferent than a stranger might
think. He has a pretty good idea
of what is going on in the world,
and realizes that if the status quo
can't be maintained, there isn't
much he can do about it unless
and until it affects him personally.

Even the news that came out so
sensationally a few weeks ago that
Russia had set off an atomic explosion
only made the headlines for
one day. Now I see that somebody
has held out the grisly prospect
that perhaps one time an atom
bomb might go off and set
up a world-wide nuclear chain
reaction, then we'll all have had it.
There's a gruesome thought. If you
like, but I'm sure it won't prevent
many English folk from planning
next year's holiday, or trying
to forecast next Saturday's soccer
results.

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Army Activities

(Headquarters News Release)

Canadian ex-servicemen and
women who think they waited a
long time for the medals they
earned in the Second World War
might be comforted by a look at
the record, although their medals
now are going out to them. Veterans
of other campaigns waited
much longer for their decorations.

Li-Col. H. M. Jackson, MBE,
ED, Director of War Service Records
at Ottawa, said this week
that veterans of the Fenian Raids
of 1866 and 1870 and the Red River
Expedition in 1870 did not receive
their medals until July 1,
1898—some 28 years later.

A number of Second World War
veterans, he said, may think that
the Government has been slow in
rewarding them for their services.

But four years, he pointed
out, is little enough time in
address given by servicemen and
women at the time of their discharge.

Unserviceable Army vehicles
which normally would be headed
for the scrap heap have been given
on a new lease on life. They now
are being re-issued to Reserve
Army units for the training of
vehicle mechanics. A new Separate
School has been set up at
Valcartier Camp, Que., for children
of reservists stationed there.
Army Headquarters said recently,
Although schools have been opened
in almost all camps housing
Army families, the new school
will be the first "separate" school
sponsored by the Department of
National Defence. A new
million dollar Memorial Arena,
dedicated to men and women who
gave their lives in the Second
World War, has been opened at
Victoria, B.C.

Formation of a Canadian Officers'
Training Corps at Memorial
University, St. John's, Newfoundland,
has been authorized. The Memorial
University contingent is the first to be
formed in the new province and the
twenty-sixth at Canadian colleges
and universities from coast to coast.

Army and Memorial University
authorities have been working on
plans for the contingent for some
time with the support of the student
body, many of them veterans of
the Second World War.
In the C.O.T.C., undergraduates
in the universities have a number
of military subjects during their
college terms and in addition
spend 12 weeks full-time with the
branch of the service with which
they are working at one of the

Notes By The Way

It now costs the Department
of National Revenue 52 million
dollars a year to collect the taxes,
though in 1943 it cost only 15 million.
Couldn't the Department
save money by not trying so hard?
—Peterborough Examiner.

Washington's abominable crime
rate affords plenty of reasons for
the investigation of law enforcement
proposed by Representative
Davis of the House District Committee.
Why, for example, does
Washington, with a far higher
than average level of income and
education, lead the country in
aggravated assaults? What, beyond
the technicalities of law enforcement,
are the causes of the high
incidence of crime here?
Any findings along these lines
would be of great benefit.—Washington
Post.

A little nipped by the swift-
ness of aviation's advance,
Canadians might be inclined to pass
off the giant new Avro Jetliner
as nothing to get excited about.
Perhaps there is no call for excitement,
but the sight of that
50-passenger giant climbing sharply
into skies over Malton must
have given watchers a surge of
pride we all can share. For it
Corps Schools across Canada. During
the summer months they have
the acting rank and pay —
\$133.00 a month all found — of a
2nd Lieutenant.

Almost all women are afraid of
bats, with perhaps less reason
than in years gone by (writes our
Nature Correspondent). For then,
if we may believe our grandmothers,
it was no uncommon thing
for a bat to become so hopelessly
entangled in a girl's long hair
that it had to be cut out with
scissors. But can we believe our
grandmothers? A scientist, experimenting
with (I think) a long-eared
bat, arranged threads of
black cotton, criss crossing in all
directions, about the room in
which the bat, a captive specimen,
was accustomed to fly at
night. In due course the bat emerged,
and flitted to and fro in the
darkened room, but in the
morning not a thread was broken
or displaced. It may be that this
kind of bat, with its long ears,
is specially fitted to detect the
sound of its own wings echoing
from unseen obstacles, but the
powers of evasion even of the
common little pipistrelle, flickering
about our heads at dusk, are
such that it is scarcely conceivable
that it should, by accident,
become enmeshed in a lady's hair.
—London Times.

CHALLOTTETOWN'S
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Heading the big parade of hits is the dramatic and
humorous thriller, "RACHEL AND THE STRANGER,"
starring Loretta Young, William Holden and Robert Mitchum.

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showings of the funny, melodic Technicolor musical, "LOOK
FOR THE SILVER LINING." Direct from its Radio City Music
Hall engagement and starring June Haver, Ray Bolger and
Gordon MacRae.

Table listing movie showings:
Oct. 31-Nov. 1-2-3 "SNAKE PIT"
Nov. 4-5 "HOUSE OF STRANGERS"
Nov. 10-11-12 "BARKLEY OF BROADWAY"
Nov. 17-18-19 "THE GREAT DAN PATON"

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