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

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Opportunity Knocking

Prince Edward Island's superiority as an agricultural Province was demonstrated in the fine showing made by Island exhibitors last week at the Maritime Winter Fair.

The emphasis placed in recent years by our agricultural officials and leading farmers on quality production in all branches of the industry is beginning to "pay off" in a very substantial way.

72 percent of the tonnage loaded on cars in Prince Edward Island is agricultural exports. The equalization of rates on these products, by truck and rail, is a Dominion responsibility.

Au Revoir

This Province has played host to many distinguished visitors, but few have attracted so much personal interest, and have responded so warmly to our Island hospitality, as have Colonel Drew and his charming helpmate who leave us this afternoon for Nova Scotia.

Yesterday afternoon's reception to Mrs. Drew, and the enthusiastic ovation tendered Colonel Drew at the Empire Theatre last night, were highlights in a visit which, it is hoped, will be but the beginning of a mutually pleasurable contact with our Island and its people.

Partnership

The Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) notes that while Prime Minister King proclaims himself the "watchdog of the Empire," and while Canada believes herself to be hardening and expanding her foreign policy under her new Minister of External Affairs, the embarrassing situation remains that, on the practical side of maintaining the airlift into Berlin British RAF outfits are seriously under-manned.

lowed to go to Germany? Were the opportunity offered, there would be no lack of officers and men ready to maintain the dignity of this Dominion and to give assistance that is so sorely required in this emergency.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is Poppy Week.

Public holiday, Thursday 11th

They come, they saw, and no doubt are duly impressed by the Island and the Party's prospects.

Prince Edward Island has been contracted to P. E. I. for short. Why should not Newfoundland be similarly cut to N.F.L.? St. John's N. F. L. Canada, would then be a sufficient address.

Vancouver's Park Board Superintendent, P. B. Stoyan, is a man of heart and imagination. He rescued three ancient fire engines from the junk man and installed them in the parks for children to play with.

One of the most encouraging bits of news for the householder recently concerns the winter fuel supply. The Ottawa reports that both oil and the various types of coal are plentiful and well distributed makes pleasant reading.

Edward VII the Peacemaker, born this date 1841. One of the most diplomatic, sporting and popular Kings in Britain's long history. He was so human in his likes and dislikes, his good qualities and his failings, in his sportsmanship and his sense of the fitness of things, that he endeared himself to "the man in the street" who recognized in him a man after their own image.

Britain's Minister of Education, Mr. Tomlinson, recently opened the first boarding school to be set up by a local education authority. Hitherto all State schools in Britain have catered for day pupils only.

Perhaps Displaced Persons should be thankful for small mercies, but somehow the announcement that they will be permitted to bring their wives and children and other members of their families here when they can guarantee to provide a home and maintenance does not seem like a very great concession.

Cape Bretoners, almost as pessimistic about getting their Canso bridge as Islanders about their tunnel, have received a new ray of hope. It wasn't much, but Transport Minister Chevrier told them: "I wouldn't be too discouraged, but we will have to wait for the report from the Board of Engineers which will be handed down soon."

When the cabinet shifted the freight rates problem back to the Board of Transport Commissioners there were gloomy predictions that the Board would not have sufficiently wide powers to deal with it as a whole.

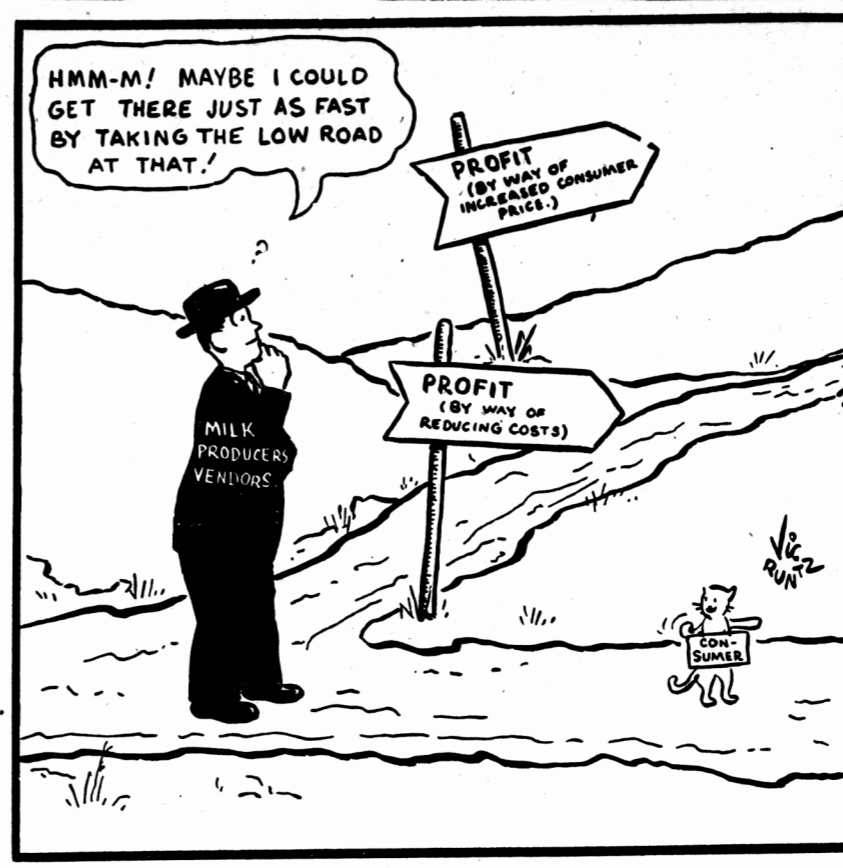
The tragic bus-street car crash in Toronto, involving a reunion party of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders will be learned with deep regret by many here especially Lt. Col. J. D. Stewart, D.S.O. who commanded the famous regiment in Northwest Europe. Pipe Major Frank A. Noble who was among the victims was the youngest pipe major in the Canadian Army.

Boston college students have rated the Ten Commandments in order of their importance. The fifth, "Honour thy father and thy mother," gets first place and the fourth, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is placed last.

Sir Osbert Sitwell, British poet, critic and novelist now visiting his old friend, Viscount Alexander, is reported by the Montreal Gazette to approve the "virtues" of self-indulgence, extravagance and sloth. His reasons, in part, are that they respectively produce tolerance, progress and invention.

Nothing like being pessimistic on scientific inventions. A recent news story from the National Pest Control convention in Toronto is rather misleading. It said that DDT may be helping to breed stronger flies, that flies might be able to develop a resistance to it, and as a result, only the weaker ones would be killed, leaving the strong to breed and develop a stronger and more resistant strain.

The case of four alleged French collaborators is the coming Parliamentary cause celebre, says The Letter Review. Merits of the case are difficult to assess, because no one is really interested in exploring them. Government is trying to justify its action in giving them citizenship certificates by unpublished Order-in-Council, while Leftists, together with many serious citizens, are genuinely worried over the fact that four men, condemned by the Government of an allied nation for collaborating with the Germans, could come to Canada on false passports and be made Canadian citizens, by a secret process.



Gardens of the Dead

(Major Colin McDougall in the Legionary)

It was my good fortune this past summer to be able to make a tour over the trails where the Canadian Army fought so nobly from the Normandy beaches to the Rhine the summer, fall and winter of 1944-46. My object was to obtain photographs of some of the graves and cemeteries for the Director of War Service Records and therefore various Canadian cemeteries in North-West Europe which dot the path our Army took and which portray the cost of our victory much more eloquently and vividly than any cold statistics or warm oratory ever could.

Obviously it would have been an impossible task to care for those from one time of graves and following the practice and methods used in the war of 1914-18, the bodies were collected and re-interred in cemeteries carefully supervised by a capable landscape gardener, mostly veterans, who come under the direction of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

HOLTEN CEMETERY

My work kept me longest at the Canadian Cemetery at Holten in eastern Holland, which was one of the last to be formed during the war. Most of those buried there fell in Holland and Germany during the last stages of the war.

The surrounding district is a favourite holiday resort and people from far and near arrive in a constant stream by bus, car and, last but certainly not least, on bicycle at the nearby hotels and camps. During the holiday season the Holten cemetery is visited daily by hundreds of these holiday-makers who reverently pay homage to those who rest beneath the 1300 crosses which here bear mute testimony to their gallant sacrifices.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

FRANQUET'S FORTIFICATIONS

Colonel Franquet, reference to whose visit in 1751 was made in this column some time ago, was a military engineer in the employ of the French Government, and his primary purpose in coming here was to design fortifications. He prepared plans, along modern lines, of defense works to be erected at Port la Joie. They were to be built for a garrison of four hundred men with stores for two years.

When he visited Three Rivers (Georgetown) in August, 1751, Franquet viewed the splendid harbour with a soldier's eye. A fleet with headquarters here, could guard the Strait of Canso, the Gulf, the Northeast River and the Bay of St. Peter's. Franquet advised a change and that a road be carried as straight as possible between Brudenell Point and the Three Rivers to St. Peter's. Franquet had ordered a road five feet wide to be opened between St. Margaret's and Three Rivers. It was intended to build another from Three Rivers to St. Peter's.

The Poet's Corner

When He appoints to meet thee, go It matters not If south or north. Bleak waste or sunny pl... Nor think, if haply He thou seek'st He does thee wrong.

To still or gale Lean thou thy head, and long! It may be that to spy thee He is mounting Upon a tower, Or in thy counting Thou hast mistaken the hour.

But if He comes not, neither do thou go Till vesper chime, Seeking thou then shall know He hath been with thee all the time.

—T. E. Brown.

The Age-Old Story

He will be our guide even unto death.

Newfoundland To the Rescue

(Brockville Recorder and Times)

At this time, when the inclusion of Newfoundland in the Dominion of Canada is being negotiated, much is being made, and properly so, of the services which Newfoundland units rendered in both the First and Second World Wars during which their members covered themselves with glory.

On his return to Port la Joie Franquet found a French frigate, "Gracienne," anchored in league out from the harbour's mouth. The commander, Lieutenant de Touris, thought it risky to come closer, but he granted it a young Lieutenant from the ship to make sounding from which he prepared a chart in the Three Rivers. This was probably the first chart of Charlottetown Harbour.

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Notes By The Way

When his young daughter broke an egg, a Briton smashed a plate over her head. The incident will have to be written off as another futile attempt to put Dumpty-Dumpty together again. - Windsor Star.

On the grounds that a wife may not be required to testify against her husband, a woman has been refused permission to marry a man now in Cankalla prison farm awaiting trial on a charge of murder. The Crown wants her as an important witness. Had the ceremony been performed she would not have been a compellable witness. The case presents many opportunities for appeals to sentimentality. These must, however, winter before the forthright statement advanced by the Attorney General: "They had ample opportunity to marry before if they'd wanted." - Victoria Times.

Little acts of kindness travel far. From points as distant as Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Windsor, Ont., come words of praise for the special yellow "ticket" which city police reserve for tourists. These "park as long as you like" tickets have been used here for a number of years by ex-Mayor Aaron Horowitz. The face of the ticket tells the visitor he has committed a parking violation, but since he is a visitor, it doesn't count. The back contains a good deal of pertinent information about Cornwall. - From Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

We had a despatch in our paper the other day from Port Alberni. It told how Mrs. Charles Cook of that city used her umbrella to beat up a man who attacked her on Third Avenue north and across the street to the police to gather in the remains. Her attacker will serve three months. We like the spirit of Mrs. Cook and the way she handles her umbrella. We hope that more women like Mrs. Cook. We hope her example inspires her whole sex. In Vancouver these sort of men

that country which they are now joining. When Lt.-Col. McDonnell, of the Gengary Light Infantry, made his surprise attack upon Ogdensburg over the ice in 1813, captured the town and put its garrison to rout, a detachment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment formed part of the assaulting force. It left one of its members on the field and four others were wounded. The detachment was in command of Captain LeLievre.

If Newfoundland is under some debt to Canadians for the part they played in defending the island during the late war, it would appear, therefore, that Canada was under an earlier debt to Newfoundland for the assistance she lent to Canada during the War of 1812. The five casualties suffered by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during the fighting at Ogdensburg prove that they were in the thick of the engagement. Elsewhere they have also shown that as fighting men they can stand up alongside the best that Empire forces are able to provide.

This was particularly true of the services rendered by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during the Great War when 11,922 joined the various Newfoundland services and another 3,000 joined the Canadian and other forces. This regiment received its baptism of fire at Gallipoli in 1915. Evacuation there proceeded to Egypt and accompanied the 20th Division to France, where it participated in the battle of the Somme, Passchendaele, Ypres, Cambrai and Neuve Eglise. After transfer to the 9th division, it fought again around Ypres, Polygon Wood and elsewhere and during the final advance it captured more than 500 prisoners and machine guns. King George V thought so highly of the battalion made up of volunteers, many of them without previous military experience, that he granted it the title of "Royal," the first such grant made to a regiment during the war.

A correspondent, who employs his leisure moments in leafing through the records of the discovery of a word, new to him, although it may be familiar to classical scholars. The word is "boustrophedon" and its meaning, according to the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, is "alternately from right to left and from left to right, like the course of the plough." It is pronounced with a long "e" and the accent on the third syllable, as in "The ploughman ploughs his boustrophedon way."

Some policies of the Ottawa Government with deontological control going on at the same time, may fairly be described as boustrophedon. Traces of boustrophedonism may be found in the policies of most provincial governments, even in that of Saskatchewan, where the leftward course of the socialistic plough has lately wobbled a little. The word has its disadvantages. It is too long and too uncommon for use in a political meeting. But it has the advantage of being parliamentary. The House of Hansard may yet be enlivened by an orator who, without rebuke from the Speaker, will accurately and alliteratively refer to a member on the other side of the House as a bumbling, banded boustrophedonist. - Sarnia Canadian Observer.

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