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The Legion's Campaign

Lt.-Col. L. D. M. Baxter, O.B.E., Dominion
President of the Canadian Legion, has announced
the opening of a nation-wide campaign to
urge the public to do its part in preserving
democracy by voting on June 27th.

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Responsibility For Government

Says Montreal Gazette: "A new type of
Liberal strategy has been proposed at the rally
held for Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent at
Charlottetown. The proposal did not come from
Mr. St. Laurent himself.

"It does not appear, however, that Mr. St.
Laurent has decided to act upon this
proposition. His appeal is not to those who
linger on the right: it is directed to those who
have speeded to the left. It is the 'Liberals in a
hurry' who should be used kindly and persuaded
that there is no need to run out of the fold."

"There is an interesting contrast here with
the appeal being made by Mr. George Drew. His
appeal is for the support of the Liberals who
wish to remain Liberal."

"In his speech of acceptance at the
convention that elected him leader of the
Progressive Conservative Party he said: 'I have
no thought in any of the political discussions
which I will be called upon to undertake in the
weeks and months ahead to attempt to fix upon
Liberals as the responsibility for the
irresponsible government that this country has
had for so many years.'"

"And in the radio broadcast in which he
opened his campaign on May 11, he said: 'I
appeal particularly to Liberals who believe in
the true principles of Liberalism.'"

"The appeals of Mr. Drew and Mr. St.
Laurent confirm each other. For while Mr.
Drew appeals to Liberals who don't like their
party becoming socialist, Mr. St. Laurent
appeals to socialists to stay within the Liberal
Party."

Newfoundland Contest

Closely-watched preliminaries to the main
Dominion election bout on June 27 will be the
provincial contests in Newfoundland on Friday,
May 27, and in Nova Scotia on June 9. The
pattern set in these provincial general elections
will be regarded as indicative of the political
trends across the country, notwithstanding that
there are local issues in the Provinces which
may materially affect the results.

In Newfoundland official nomination
proceedings have been completed except for a
remote Labrador riding where polling has been
deferred because of adverse weather. In all,
fifty-six candidates have been nominated to
contest 27 of the total 28 seats in the 25 polling
districts, of which three are dual ridings.

The Liberal Party has nominated candidates
in all 28 constituencies, while Progressive
Conservatives have entered standard-bearers in
27 and will select their choice for the Labrador
riding later. One independent contestant also is
in the field, Major Peter Cashin, leader of the
Responsible Government forces which lost out
in the plebiscite that favored federation of the
former Ancient Colony with Canada. The C. C.
F. Party is not contesting any of the seats in
the new Legislature, thus leaving the field to
Canada's two major parties.

Hon. Joseph Smallwood, spearhead of the
Union-with-Canada drive during the plebiscite
campaign and provisional Premier since April 1,
is the Liberal leader, while Hon. H. G. R. Mews
is the chosen Progressive Conservative
champion. The Premier has already given ample
demonstration of an energetic and fearless
campaigner, while Mr. Mews, active in municipal
affairs during the years of Commission of
Government administration under the British
Colonial Office, is facing his first test in a bid for public office

in the over-all Newfoundland political picture.
In the years when Newfoundland had its
own elective Government, prior to losing
Dominion status in 1933, it was a great political
battleground in elections. Few places in the
British Commonwealth could match it in
hard-hitting campaigning or in bitterness of
party strife. And last year's referendum
campaign revealed that this spirit had not
changed to any marked extent despite the
fact that no governmental election had
taken place for seventeen years.

The present provincial contest is reported
to be waged with vigor and determination by
the two major parties, with the Confederation
issue still a contentious problem. But it is
narrowed down considerably between the main
contending elements to the methods adopted
in promulgating the union and to the adequacy
of the financial terms provided by the
Dominion to the new province. Of
Newfoundland's 322,000 population the
eligible number of voters totals 176,297,
of which 35,899 are contained within the
urbanized area of the capital city of St.
John's.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Vacation time is with us in its early stages.
Captain Kidd, English pirate, hanged this
date 1701.

The Rocky Point ferry "Fairview" is due to
leave for Pictou today, her removal from
service at this season is a perennial reminder
of our own lack of docking facilities.

The reported plan to overcome the differing
values of German East marks and West
marks by establishing a credit system for the
separate currencies really means that they are
not interchangeable at any price.

The financially hard-hit British Labour
government knows the foundation for prosperity
is the farm. Britain will invest \$352,000,000
in agriculture this year, one-third in farm
buildings and the rest in new machinery.

The New York Times reports somewhat
superficially that a Scotland Yard police
mission to Bogota, Columbia, to train the
national police, was surprised to learn that
many prisoners had been serving their
sentences in their homes because of lack
of space in the jails.

A Dominion Government bulletin which is
receiving wide publication in the press seems
likely to be approved by the hammock using
gardener. The official advice is that mowing
the grass too close all summer offsets all the
good of spring-fertilizing, top-dressing and
rolling the lawn.

Rooming house keepers in Montreal have
banded together in an organization for the
"study, defence and promotion of the economic,
social and moral interests of rooming house
keepers and all others interested in the
renting of rooms in the district of Montreal."
Letters patent have been issued at Quebec to
the new organization, to be called the Montreal
Rooming House Keepers Association.

Announcement of a gift from the Hosmer
family of Montreal to the faculty of medicine
at McGill University was announced Saturday
by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor.
Dr. James called it "the largest gift that
McGill has received from a benefactor in many
years." It will establish the Hosmer
Foundation for use in the medical faculty. The
amount was not disclosed.

John D. Rockefeller, American millionaire,
head of the Standard Oil Companies, died
this date 1937. Founded the Rockefeller
Institute for Medical Research, and the
Rockefeller Foundation "for the promotion of
the well-being of mankind throughout the
world" in 1913, to which he gifted a further
\$25,000,000 in 1919. Generous in millions,
penurious in cents, his usual donation to
unfortunate beggars, waiters, etc. being a
dime.

At the Canadian Press central circuit
annual meeting last week the editors agreed
that the women's sections of their papers are
becoming increasingly important. The greatest
demand is for lively reporting of events
dealing with the home, family, education and
similar matters. The next step will be that all
news stories will tend to be about women
because there will be few fields in which they
are not active.

The 50-odd life insurance companies
operating in Canada will increase their
financial support of public health and medical
research projects in Canada in 1949-50 to an
amount almost double the sum voted in any
previous year. The Canadian Life Insurance
Officers Association, at its annual meeting
amended the report of its Standing Committee
on Public Health to provide funds for
additional medical research projects at
needy medical schools of Canadian
Universities.

Eight years ago, on May 24, 1941, the
British battle cruiser Hood was sunk by the
German battleship Bismarck in an engagement off
Greenland. A long range shot found a vital
spot and touched off the Hood's magazines.
When she blew up with the loss of practically
all hands the British Navy suffered its heaviest
single blow since the start of the war and one
that could not go unavenged. Every available
ship, including the King George V, the Rodney,
the Ramilies, the Renown and the Ark Royal
were sent to join the hunt for the raider. At
10:30 a. m. on May 26, torpedo carrying
planes sighted the Bismarck and damaged her
steering gear in a series of attacks. At 8:30
on the morning of the 27th, the Rodney and
King George V closed in and opened fire. The
Bismarck returned their fire as best she could
but by 9:30 her turrets had been knocked out
and the end was not far off. The last blow
came when the cruiser Derwentshire went in
with torpedoes. Shortly before noon, the
Bismarck heeled over and went to the
bottom. Britain still ruled the waves...

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.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Sir.—While driving through a
tidy, clean, Island village on
Sunday, one could not help
noticing at the church, where
service was going on there were
four cars parked for service;
and driving on one half mile
farther there were 75 to 100
cars parked in connection with
a ball game.

In comparison one wonders what
is going to happen to our young
people.

I am, Sir, etc.,
OBSERVER

FISH DISHES FEATURED

Sir.—I notice in your issue of
May 9th an editorial in connection
with the Canadian National
Railways featuring "National
Raisin Week" and mentioning the
matter of the serving of fish by
Canadian National chefs.

I might say that fish dishes are
a feature of all our hotels and
also on our dining cars.

I am, Sir, etc.,
P. R. SAYER,
Regional Public
Relations Representative
Canadian National Railways

SHUT-IN'S DAY

Sir.—The Shut-in's Day
Association requested me to help
publicize Shut-in's Day. I decided
to beg space in your paper to first
acquaint your shut-in and
handicapped readers with this
Association which is operating in
their interests.

It is a non-profit organization
sponsoring Shut-in's Day, held
annually the first Sunday of June.
This is a day set aside to encourage
the public to take thought of
the less fortunate among us, by
remembering them either by calling
on them, or by sending a letter,
a card or other token of one's
thoughtfulness.

It is hoped if the people enjoying
good-health will remember the
sick and shut-in and bring them
some extra cheer on a particular
day of the year that they will
also be more mindful of them
throughout the year.

I am, Sir, etc.,
DANIEL GASS,
Cornwall, P. E. I.

YEARLY VISIT CANCELLED

Sir.—The citizens of West
Prince as usual came in for
another jolt, especially those of
the following of Mr. St. Laurent,
after making much ado of the
fact that George Drew failed to
pay a visit to the West and as
one of our local representatives
had declared it a public holiday
for a number of schools and
arranged transportation to O'Leary
that they might see the Right
Hon. St. Laurent who was to
have put in an appearance in
our Western centres, upon arrival
they were advised that the
engagement was cancelled for
reasons best known to some
one higher up than our local
representative. And it was
quite evident from the number
of well dressed gentlemen
parading in the square that the
disappointment was not all for
the children.

Whether Mr. McNaught's
reception had anything to do
with his retreat or not is
something for speculation.
However, we certainly
sympathize with the children
and as Mr. Fleming will be in
the west next week we trust
that our schools will be closed
again and that the children
may be allowed to get a
look at least one of the
"big shots." Let us not feel
badly for such disappointments
in early life prepares us for
what comes later, especially
in this section where our
hopes are built up and let
down from especially by our
Liberal administration and
friends.

I am, Sir, etc.,
A SYMPATHIZER

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

POSTAGE RATES

"Your Committee, appointed to
report generally on the Post
Office Department in this
Colony, believing that the
reduction on the Provincial
postage to a uniform rate
of three-pence, in view of
the emergency, upon each
half-ounce letter, would be
received as a boon by the
beneficiaries of this Colony,
suggested to the Executive
Council of this Island be
recommended to adopt the
same uniform rates of postage
beyond the Colony, which may
be agreed upon between the
other British Provinces in
America and under similar
regulations, provided the
mails from Britain are brought
into this Colony at the charge
of the General Post Office
Department; the Colonial
postage, together with the
present domestic postage
of two-pence P. E. Island
currency, remaining at the
disposal of the local
Legislature for the purpose
of defraying the expense of
the Colonial mails, and also
the expense of conveying
mails to the different post
offices throughout the
Colony."

—From the report of a special
committee presented to the
House of Assembly, April 18, 1848.

The Age-Old Story

That we should be saved from
our enemies, and from the
hand of all that hate us, and
that we would grant unto us,
that we delivered out of the
hands of our enemies, might
serve Him without fear, in
holiness and righteousness
before Him, all the days of
our life.

Born (?) Years Too Soon!



Notes By The Way

France is hanging on to office
and power in Spain by his
toothails. It would help him a
lot if he got in under the
Atlantic Pact, but it would
hurt the pact more. —
St. Catharines Standard.

Two more portraits sure to be
ignored by the sponsors of the
big whisky ads: The two
Pennsylvania men held on
charges of beating and
kicking two policemen who
were taking into custody some
minor girls found in a parked
car and suspected of being
drunk. One of the men
protested to the court that
he had been drinking and
could remember nothing. —
Christian Science Monitor.

Apparently many Austrian
misses would like to be Mrs.
even if only in name, for the
cabinet in Austria is giving
serious consideration to a
bill which would give every
woman over the age of 21 the
right to take the title of "frau."
It is held by sponsors of the
bill that there

is "unjust distinction" because
of the difference between "fräulein"
(Miss) and "frau" (Mrs.). We
doubt that the suggestion will
meet with the approval of the
married women in Austria.
Wonder what kind of reaction
would be found for such a
bill in Canada? — Niagara
Falls Review.

Every worker needs a complete
holiday rest at least once a
year. Everyone needs a break
from routine, a change in the
pace of living. Executives who
fall to take vacations because
of pressure of work, or
craftsmen who prefer the
bigger pay cheque to an
annual holiday, are doing
themselves a disservice. The
body needs time to recuperate
now and then. Give yourself
a chance to be healthy. —
Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

This story is going around
Europe. A hunter named Sam
went out with a long-range
rifle, and came upon a
huge bear. The bear was
not as well armed, but he
had a gun. So he asked the
hunter, "What are you looking
for?" Said the hunter, "I
want to get myself a fur coat."
"Well," said the bear, "I'm
looking for my breakfast. Why
not come around to my den,
and we'll talk it over."
The hunter and the bear
went to work out an
agreement. After a while
the bear got up all alone.
The hunter had his
breakfast. The bear had
his breakfast. The hunter
had his breakfast. The bear
had his breakfast. —
Worldover Press.

Has any Canadian city or town
a statue or bust of Abraham
Lincoln? The question is
raised by Dr. Donald C.
Durman, of Saginaw, Michigan,
who for almost 35 years has
been collecting photographs and
materials concerning Lincoln
memorials. He is trying to
secure a complete collection,
but has been unable to find
any trace of a Lincoln
memorial anywhere in Canada.
Indeed, outside of London and
certain Scottish centres, he
has been unable to find trace
of any Lincoln statue
anywhere in the British
Commonwealth. Canadians
have no great collection of
statues even of their own
leaders. Outside the
national and provincial
capitals statues are rare
indeed. — London
Free Press.

In house organs we come
across the darndest things.
For instance, the Gas Line,
an employers magazine
published by the Union Gas
Co. of Chatham, London and
Windsor. It tells us that at
one time, in Washington, D. C.,
gas meters, which contained
liquid as a seal, were apt
to freeze up in wintry
weather. So, on December 1,
1888, the Washington Gas
Light Co. issued a circular to
its customers. It said: "The
cheapest way to prevent a
wet meter from freezing is
to fill it with whiskey—and
it is earnestly recommended
that this should be done at
once by every customer. —
In any case where it may
be desired, the company
will fill the meter free of
expense, the consumer
furnishing the whiskey."
Then followed a table showing
the quantity of whiskey
necessary for the first filling,
to be replenished from time
to time as

Where hints of racy sap and
gum
Out of the old dark forest come;
Where birds their beaks like
hammers
wield,
And pitch is pierced, and bark is
peeled;

Where the green walnut's outer
rind
Gives precious bitterness to the
wind;—
There lurks the sweet creative
power,
As lurks the honey in the flower.

In winter's bud that bursts in
spring,
In nut of autumn's ripening,
In arid bulb beneath the mould,
Sleeps the elixir, strong and old.

That Rosicrucians sought in vain,—
Life that renews itself again!
What bottled perfume is so good
As fragrance of split tulip-wood?

What fabled drink of god or muse
Was such as purple mulberry-juice?
And what school-polished gem of
thought
Is like the rune from Nature
caught?

He is a poet strong and true
Who loves wild thyme and
honey-dew;
And like a brown bee works and
sings
And scumming freshness on his
wings.

And a gold burden on his thighs—
The pollen-dust of centuries!
—Maurice Thompson.

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