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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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For A Safer Hallowe'en

This year Hallowe'en will be observed
on Monday. While it is an annual event
eagerly looked forward to by the younger
element in the community, oldsters have on
occasions, and not without reason, observed
its approach with some misgiving. Too
frequently, in the past, irresponsible persons
have regarded it as an excuse for wanton
destruction of public and private property.

Corrupt Election Practices

Among the resolutions adopted by the
executive of the Provincial Command of
the Canadian Legion is one strongly de-
nouncing illegal practices at elections. The
law forbids the buying or selling of votes
and the use of intoxicating liquor for elec-
tion purposes, but these provisions, which
are contained in both the Dominion and
Provincial Election Acts, are honoured more
in the breach than in the observance. The
resolution deprecates the increasing disregard
of the law in this connection, and the pre-
vailing indifference to the moral as well as
legal principles involved. It solicits the co-
operation of our elected representatives and
members of all parties in publicizing and en-
forcing the existing legislation "in a sincere
effort to halt this dangerous trend and to
restrain breaches of the law in future elec-
tions."

Boosting A Home Industry

A variety of circumstances have com-
bined to create a tense and unpredictable
situation in the dairy industry. It is not
known how the United Kingdom contracts
for cheese will turn out and surpluses can
become troublesome in this country. When
it is realized that about one out of every
six persons in Canada depends on the dairy
industry for all or part of their livelihood,
it can readily be seen that it is one industry
that cannot afford any recession.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow 19th Sunday after Trinity.

Mr. McLure, M.P., voiced the opinion of
the Provinces in his speech on the proposed
amendment of the British North America
Act.

Florists have long been gilding the lily
or at any rate dying their wares. Now the
dental profession has come up with an
anaesthetic to deaden the pain of the anaes-
thetic needle.

Dr. William A. Blatz, University of Tor-
onto child-study expert, noting that some
children would be better off studying music
instead of the three R's: "When you're
down in the dumps you don't sit in a corner
and recite the multiplication tables."

Prime Minister St. Laurent's preference
for the term "social insurance" rather than

social security is well founded. Insurance
is a service which must be bought and paid
for, and it is well to remind ourselves that
its nature is not changed by the govern-
ment becoming the insurer.

Boy Scout Apple Day originated here. It
combines an opportunity for the public to
show their interest in the well being of the
rising generation and to learn of the high
quality of Island apples.

The raising of the United States minimum
wage from 40 cents an hour to 75
cents is bound to have repercussions in this
country. In conjunction with the devalua-
tion of other currencies in terms of the U.S.
dollar, it should go far to correct the present
unbalance of trade.

Jet engines are relatively simple in de-
sign but make enormous demands on the
heat resisting qualities of metal. To date
only Britain has been able to produce a
suitable steel and it is a triumph for Cana-
dian scientists of the Bureau of Mines that
they have been able to develop a suitable
alloy in this country.

Canada has a greater interest in the re-
vival of international trade than any coun-
try in the world, with the possible exception
of Britain, says "The Letter Review". Can-
ada would be the prize of battle in a Third
World War, as Canada was, in reality, in
the Second World War. Failure to restore
the common economy of the free nations
means the end of Canada.

The acoustics of the House of Com-
mons has again come in for criticism in
connection with the visit of Prime Minister
Pandit Nehru of India. When some system
of sound amplification is being installed it
would be worth while taking a tip from the
U. N. and enable members and visitors to
listen to the debates in either of the official
languages.

The increased prosperity over all Canada
voiced by Mr. Donald Gordon, deputy Gov-
ernor of the Bank of Canada is heartening
to say the least of it. The fact that there
has been such a tremendous increase in
Bond sales is still more significant, indicat-
ing a return to thrift after an extensive
post-war season of extravagance.

Manitoba, without a direct opposition
party in the House, finds it difficult to get
candidates to run for election. On the other
hand, some constituencies are putting up
coalitionists to oppose coalitionists, the
winner in either case being a Government
supporter. The two-party system is the
only practical system under which to put
Democracy to the test.

Problems involved in policing Saint John
will be probed at the next session of the
Common Council, with Chief of Police Oakes
present to provide information, the council
decided Wednesday. Several councillors asked
that the chief attend. Mayor Patterson
opened the lengthy discussion by contending
the department has not staff adequate to
its needs, and he drew attention to "burg-
laries and holdups every day."

Canada is giving \$1,075,000 this year to
the International Children's Emergency
Fund—a United Nations body dedicated to
helping clothe and feed underprivileged and
undernourished children in war ravaged
countries. Finance Minister Abbott said
this amount is provided in supplementary
estimates recently tabled in the Commons.
He was replying to a question asked by
Angus MacInnis (CCF—Vancouver East) who
asked if Canada was contributing to the fund.

The advantages of a ferry service be-
tween Georgetown, P. E. I. and Mabou,
Cape Breton, are dealt with in a letter in
today's Public Forum. The possibilities of
such a service are well worth canvassing,
both from the farm marketing and tourist
standpoints. As pointed out, the distance is
comparatively short and the service could
operate for the greater part of the year.
The importance of this route has become
much greater with the entry of Newfound-
land into Confederation.

John Keats, English poet, born this date
1795; studied as a doctor, but abandoned
medicine for literature; his first poems ap-
peared in 1817 at the age of twenty-two
followed by Endymion, Lamia, Hyperion
and other poems within the next two years.
Much of his poetry is immature both in
thought and style, but such poems as "La
Belle Dame Sans Merci", "The Ode on a
Grecian Urn" and his sonnets are unsur-
passable. His influence on later English
poetry has been almost incalculable: "The
imagination of a boy is healthy, and the
mature imagination of a man is healthy; but
there is a space of life between, in which
the soul is in a ferment, the character un-
decided, the way of life uncertain, the am-
bition thick-sighted; thence proceeds mawk-
ishness."

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.

CAPE BRETON SERVICE
PROPOSED

Sir,—I am attaching herewith
two extracts from a Halifax ex-
change, which seem to me to have
a very important bearing upon a
service which might be initiated
between Prince Edward Island and
Cape Breton.

I consider this would be one of
the most important services that
could be established for trade
with Prince Edward Island. Cape
Breton is the normal, logical, mar-
ket for Prince Edward Island prod-
ucts and I feel that it has been very
greatly overlooked by our Prince
Edward Island people. The fact
that there is in Cape Breton alone
approximately 250,000 urban popu-
lation with very little agricultural
country surrounding to supply re-
quirements is an evidence of the
value of the area as a consumer
market for the products of Prince
Edward Island farm products. The
cutting down of mileage between the
Island and this splendid potential
market for the products of the Is-
land is a matter of great importance.

According to the attached clip-
pings the direct route from Mabou
to Sydney would approximate 100
miles, a lesser distance than from
Caribou to Halifax, at 100 miles.
An additional bonus that may be
attached to the Georgetown-Mabou
route is the fact that this route
would remain open for a very
much greater period in the fall
and earlier in the season than that
of any other route.

I believe some discussion has
taken place regarding the fitting
up of the approaches at Geor-
getown so that the Wood Islands
service might be continued from
that port to Caribou for a longer
length of time in the fall. It
would seem a proposal of great
advantage if the piers at Geor-
getown and Mabou could be con-
structed to handle steamers which
take care of the service on both
trips routes. We are aware that
the Wood Islands-Caribou service
is developing additional trade each
year. This in itself is a valuable
factor to concentrate entirely on
this particular route, however, it
would seem the part of wisdom to
develop the direct route to Cape
Breton more adequately take care
of the market in the Sydney and
which reference has been made.

It might be pointed out that
the direct route from Mabou to
Sydney would be a valuable
coal deposits at Mabou, and again
a few miles away at Inverness,
which would supply a return load
of much needed commodity.
Highway services from Mabou to
Sydney are at present reasonably
satisfactory but could undergo
great improvement. Trucks by
this route could easily be loaded
both ways and develop a trade of
inestimable value to both Cape
Breton and Prince Edward Is-
land.

It should also be pointed out
that the establishment of such a
service would be of tremendous
importance to our tourist industry.
The tourists who are attracted to
the Nova Scotia Bureau of In-
formation, to Nova Scotia last year
in the three months ending Au-
gust 31st was 222,000. Cape Bre-
ton and Prince Edward Island re-
ported 25% more tourists during
July, while registrations at the
Cape Breton Highlands National Park
were 50% more than last year.
This ferry service right at the
entrance to Cape Breton would
undoubtedly attract a tremendous
number of additional tourists with
their cars to the Province of
Prince Edward Island.

When the Canso bridge is com-
pleted there will no doubt be a
great influx of American visitors
to Cape Breton. Additional facil-
ities at both the Wood Islands
and Caribou and on the Georgetown-
Mabou routes will be necessary if
this Province is to partake of the
benefits of the increased trans-
portation as a result of the
increase to Nova Scotia points. We
must not forget, too, that the es-
tablishment of this service will
bring about a tremendous in-
dustrial expansion in the Sydney
area thus adding to the demand
for our food products.

At the present time there seems
to be a tendency on the part of
provincial authorities to place all
their emphasis on trade with New-
foundland. This is undoubtedly
foundational. We should not for-
get that there are industrial cen-
tres and other attractions near at
hand that are favourable to the
development of increased wealth
for Prince Edward Island if the
necessary facilities are provided
for development.

I am, Sir, etc.

TRADER.

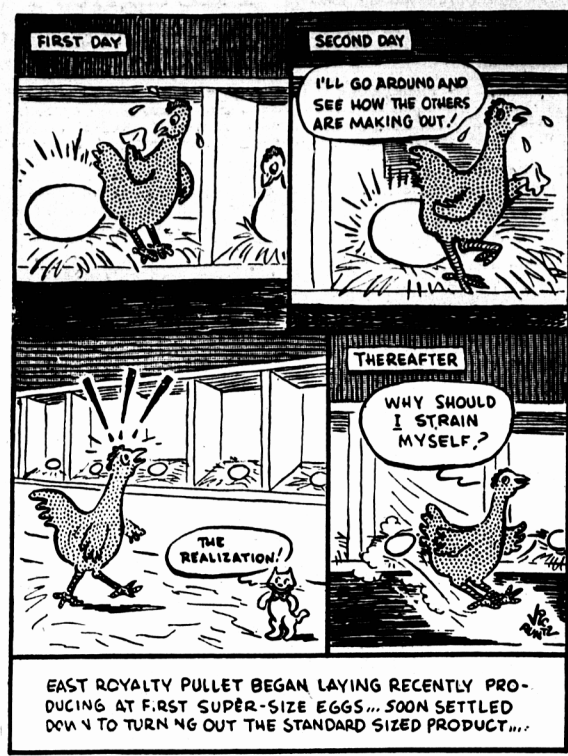
The Age-Old Story

And He said, it is a light thing
that thou shouldst be My servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and
to restore the preserved of Israel;
I will also give thee for a light
to the Gentiles, that thou mayest
be My servant unto the end of
the earth. Behold these shall come
from far; and, lo these from the
North and from the West, and
these from the land of Sinim. Lift
up thine eyes round about and be-
hold: all these gather themselves
together to come to thee. As I
live, saith the Lord, thou shalt
surely clothe thee with them all,
as with the ornament, and bind
them on thee as a bride doeth.
The children which thou shalt
save after thou hast lost the other,
shall say against in thine ears. The
place is too strait for me, give
place to me that I may dwell.

STILL IN MOURNING

British sailors' neckerchiefs are
colored black to commemorate the
death of Lord Nelson in 1805.

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(And P. R. L.)

DOWNING STREET REGRETS

From a despatch from Lieuten-
ant Governor Dundas to the Rt.
Hon. Edward Cardwell, Secretary
of State, Downing Street, London
3rd April, 1865:

"I have the honour to enclose
copy of an Act in amendment of
the Militia Laws, to which I this
day signified my assent. While I
am willing to admit that Legisla-
ture, in passing this Act, has
complied with the strict letter of
the suggestions which you made
in your despatch of 18th October,
1864, it has, I fear, ignored the
spirit of those suggestions which
contemplated more than the mere
revival of obsolete laws, ill-suited,
in my opinion, to the present
time. . . .
The grant for military purposes
has been increased from £268,138
4d (£400 currency) to £666,138
4d (£1000 currency). Besides this
there is a small amount available
for military purposes, arising from
the interest on the sum realized
by the sale of certain ground for-
merly reserved by the Imperial
Government for barracks. . . .
"Until a late period of the sea-
son just ended, I was under the
impression that my Government
would have proposed to the Leg-
islature an Act calculated to ef-
fect a systematic organization of
the local forces, and would have
asked a grant more suitable to
the financial condition of the
Colony. It was, therefore, with
regret that I received from my
Ministers the announcement that
after deliberate consultation with
their supporters in the Legisla-
ture, they were unable during
the session to do more than re-
peal the Act 14 Vic., Cap. VI.,
and that they were not prepared
to ask a larger grant than £666,138
4d. . . .
I did not fail to represent to
them, in language as forcible as
I could use, the regret I felt at
the determination at which they
had arrived, and my opinion that
the measure and the sum they pro-
posed were entirely inadequate to
the occasion. . . .
To attempt any satisfactory or-
ganization of the Militia with the
sum at my disposal, and under the
present Militia Law, is, of course,
out of the question. I shall, how-
ever, be enabled, by giving some
additional encouragement to the
Volunteer Force, to promote the
excellent spirit by which that
Force is animated."

Except from the reply of the
Secretary of State to the Lieuten-
ant Governor, 28th April, 1865:
"I am glad that you did not fail
to represent to your Ministers, in
language as forcible as you could
use, your regret at the determina-
tion at which they had arrived, and
your opinion that the measures and
the sum they proposed were quite
inadequate to the occasion. . . .
It seems to me somewhat singu-
lar that this despatch should im-
mediately follow that which
conveys an Address of the Legisla-
ture to Her Majesty, objecting to
the proposed Confederation of the
British North American Provinces,
—speaking with satisfaction of the
steadily increasing revenue of
Prince Edward Island, its low
tariff, and the lightness of its taxa-
tion generally, and recognizing it
as a duty to provide a reasonable
contribution towards the defense
of the Colony, and to place the
Militia service upon a sounder
and safer footing. . . .
Your Legislature expresses a
hope, which is certainly well-
founded, that so long as they re-
main a loyal and attached Colony
of Great Britain, the powerful aid
of the Mother Country will con-
tinue to be rendered to be extend-
ed to them. . . .
But they evince in their Ad-
dress a consciousness of obliga-
tion incumbent upon themselves
which, I must say plainly and
with regret, they have not shown
any sufficient disposition to ful-
fill in the measures which you have
reported to me, coupled with the
rejection of a scheme approved by
Her Majesty's Government for
this amongst other reasons, that
it was intended to provide for
the easier and more effectual de-

fense of the British North Amer-
ican Provinces. . . .
"You will bring this despatch
under the consideration of your
respective advisers."

The Poet's Corner

AUTUMNAL

Last night at dusk the wedged wild
swung over
Crying out of the north; crossing
the thin
And chilly moon, they left the rusty
hollows,
The tattered pastures, taking Sum-
mer south.
Last night the lifting Pleiades,
swung over
The black-frost hill in a bright and
climbing mist.
And late, later than midnight, Orion
followed,
Striding in glitter, hunting the
Summer down.
But we who know the brittle weeds
of Autumn,
The naked rock, brown leaf and
rattling stem,
Who know the calm of bronze and
barren meadows,
Leave to the cricket Summer's
requiem.

—Frances Frost

A LOSING PROPOSITION

DINNINGTON, Somerset, Eng-
land.—(CP)—Only two houses
have been built in this parish in the
last 100 years although 12 have fal-
len down.

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Notes By The Way

It is good to learn, according
to the records, that seventy-five
per cent of the tourists who came
to Canada this year from the Uni-
ted States were repeaters, who
had been here before and liked
it so well that they keep on re-
turning. That is the best possi-
ble kind of advertising. It should
be the aim of all who make con-
tact with our visitors to treat
them so well that not only will
they return themselves, but will
tell their friends about the fine
things they may enjoy in Can-
ada.—Niagara Falls Review.

Accidents in which trailers drawn
by transport trucks have caused
injury to passing motorists and
damage to property have occurred
so frequently of late as to indicate
the need of investigation into the
cause. In most cases it would ap-
pear that the coupling linking
truck to trailer allows for a de-
gree of play that becomes danger-
ous when speed and momentum
tend to send the trailer out of the
direction taken by the truck.
Whatever the cause, the hazard
presented by a trailer swinging
out in the path of other traffic
deserves study if, with the in-
creasing use of trailer-drawn trans-
port, it is to be minimized.—Tor-
onto Telegram.

Chief barrier to full and com-
plete sewage treatment is the
cost. Taxpayers are not readily
persuaded to vote large sums even
for so urgent a program. Only
the Provincial Department of
Health can issue a mandatory or-
der. It is a regrettable commen-
tary on our unawareness of the
dangers, when a progressive and
wealthy community — such as
Southern Ontario — allows public



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WE HAVE TRAVELED EVERYWHERE . . .
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ness of Tibet, the forbidden jungles of Africa, the mysticism of
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Seas and have bartered with the fur-traders at Hudson's Bay.

WE ARE MOVIE FANS . . .
We have walked in the Palace grounds with Their Majesties
and with them we have seen the Trooping of The Colors and
the Changing of the Guard. We were guests at the wedding
of Elizabeth and Philip, and knew their joy at the christening of
Prince Charles.

WE ARE MOVIE FANS . . .
We have heard and watched Chopin and Mozart, Gershwin
and Cole Porter compose their ageless melodies. All the best in
music has been brought to our ears.

WE ARE MOVIE FANS . . .
We have shared the tragedies of Hamlet, the adventure of
Oliver Twist, joined in battle with Henry the Fifth at Agincourt,
and walked with Lincoln in the shadows of the White House.
All the great characters of literature have come alive for us,
transmuted from the printed page to men of flesh and blood.

WE ARE MOVIE FANS . . .
We were with our boys on the battle fields of Europe. We
attended the opening of our Dominion Parliament. We have
listened to world leaders at the sessions of the United Nations.

WE ARE MOVIE FANS . . .
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ing . . . the drama, the romance, the tragedy, and joy of the
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