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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Lame Excuse

Canada, it seems, is unable to send thirty Boy Scout delegates to the International Jamboree in France next August.

This, comments the Vancouver News-Herald, seems strange in view of the fact that the United States is sending 1000 Boy Scouts to the conference, shipping shortage or no shipping shortage.

What is really lacking on the part of official Canada, is the will to send the Scouts. If United States lacked enthusiasm for sending Scouts it could just as easily as Canada plead shipping shortage.

It will be a blow to Canada's prestige abroad and to the Scouting movement in Canada, that this country cannot find shipping space for even a token delegation of 30 boys to a world youth gathering which has tremendous possibilities for furthering international understanding and peace.

Yorkton Case

At Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Jacob Mensch, a farmer from the nearby Langenburg district, is charged with assaulting his hired man.

Not as comment on the case, says the Winnipeg Free Press, "but as a point of public policy it will come as a shock to discover that immigrants are being placed by government bodies in so haphazard a fashion.

Regardless of the outcome of the Yorkton case, it is evident that this machinery is defective. For one thing it ignores the relationship between the two individuals directly concerned—the farmer and the man who is to be hired.

Forest Management

When running at capacity, the pulp and paper industry uses some eight million cords of pulpwood annually, of which about six million cords are cut from limits leased or owned by the industry, while the remainder is purchased from private forest owners.

Empty Spaces

The increase in Canada's population by 188,000 last year, bringing the total to 12,307,000, does not exceed the anticipated figures but also does not approach the total that could have been achieved had the government embarked on an immigration policy after the war.

the lowest rate of increase of any decade since 1871.

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia led the way in adding to the population. Two important points emerge from the statistics. The first is the loss of 66,000 people by Saskatchewan since the last census-taking.

The last census in 1941 showed a population of 11,506,655, an increase of 10.89 per cent for the decade, the lowest percentage in 70 years.

Last year's increase is made up largely of the thousands of families who came to this country to join their soldier husbands and fathers, and the natural increase, as both the birth and death rates are still favorable.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is next Wednesday the Liguorani Players open a short season in the Holy Redeemer Hall with the production of the four-act drama "Father Dan."

The Mayor has issued a proclamation declaring Monday, May 26th, a civic public holiday. The Mayor of Summerside has issued a similar intimation.

We are, more or less, an Island of surpluses, including bachelors, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Even in the year, 1945, we had the luxury of 700 more unmarried men than unmarried women.

The outlook is somewhat black for low rental, or, indeed, any rental housing. At present costs it was found impossible to build for rental purposes and now the price of nails is to go up another seventy cents a keg.

The "luxury" tax on furs seems somewhat misplaced. In this country fur coats should be the ordinary winter wear of all income groups, not a luxury for the well-to-do.

The Dominion agriculture department has done it again. Now it has standardized the frozen egg. A departmental press release reported that the department has taken the guesswork out of buying frozen eggs by establishing grading standards which will enable Canadian bakers, who use about \$5,000,000 worth of this commodity annually, to order their supplies with confidence.

Storekeepers will be interested to learn that the average girl between the ages of 13 and 19 shops for food about three times a week, according to a recent survey, and 80 per cent of the girls interviewed paid their mothers' shopping lists. Teen-agers questioned were able to recall approximately 6,569 brands, and showed definite preference in 28 food categories.

The United Kingdom's dwindling dollar supply is one of the topics being discussed by Gram Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, in meetings with British Government financial officials, it is learned. Mr. Towers left Ottawa by air for the United Kingdom a week ago today.

The nickel candy bar will return, and before very long, predicts Food In Canada. "It will not be as big a bar as a pre-war nickel candy bar, but it will sell beside the eight-center candy counters, and sell very well, too, among that segment of the buying public to whom a nickel is still big dough—that is, to the small fry who have to employ all their infantile wiles to wheedle five cents out of the old man.

Maria Edgeworth, Irish novelist, died this date 1849. Just as St. Patrick inspired St. Columba, so Miss Edgeworth inspired Sir Walter Scott. The daughter of a County Longworth landowner, who exercised great influence on her character, she published Letters to Young Ladies in 1795 and The Parent's Assistant, in 1796, then drifted into novel writing, her first Castle Rackrent in 1800 immediately bringing her fame.

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Notes By the Way

Police in London, Ont., are baffled by a girl who refuses to talk, which makes up for some of the times police have been baffled by girls who talk too much.

Let us lie back and enjoy a great war that now rages between famed child psychologists who were rocked by their mothers when they bawled and others who were frustrated by their present eminence.

Day's special (as advertised in a newspaper at Bombay, India) "Ramithr Brahmi Oil: Best brain tonic. Ends baldness, increases memory, insures eyesight, imparts sound sleep, removes gray hair, stops falling hair, removes dandruff, rubes 3-8 (about a dollar) per bottle."

If everyone was a millionaire it would not mean a solution of the world's problems or those of the individual. There is no promise that it would result in greater happiness even though everyone imagines that it would be a state of great delight.

There are certain people, fortunately few, who are foolish about their exercise. They make it a matter of pride that at sixty they can do as much as most people can at thirty, and think that strenuous exertion keeps them fit and defeats the inroads of age.

People coming from other parts of Canada, particularly the big cities of the east, are impressed first on their arrival in B. C. at the lack of strain in the faces of the people and the more leisurely way of going about things. They soon find out that this imperturbability is not a mask but a real lifting of the spirit generally observable after crossing the mountains.

A better plan would be to extend examination idea to persons who are contesting driving charges in the courts. Where there is an accident the courts have the right now to suspend a driver's licence if he is found guilty on almost any charge under the Highway Traffic Act.

Here's where we stick our neck out. Whether the half holiday is kept on Thursday or Wednesday is beside the point. Would it not be sensible to forego the half holiday in July and August? We are a tourist town, and the summer months are the merchants' harvest, and tourists who are unfamiliar with half holidays are disappointed when they arrive here and find all doors closed.

It is folly for farmers to go on year after year, without knowing the exact constituents of the soil on their lands. As the years go by it means substantial losses. For this reason there can be no mistake in what the scientists say that one of the most important questions with which agricultural science has to deal is the analysis and conservation of the various kinds of soil throughout the Dominion.

A true agriculturist, the earthworm also plants seeds by covering them with soil which it brings up from below the surface, and cares for the growing plants by cultivating the soil around the roots, says The Christian Science Monitor. It provides enrichment by burying the bones of dead animals, along with shells, leaves, twigs and other organic matter which, upon decaying, furnish the necessary minerals to the plants.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

PROTESTING THE PRICE

Sir,—The enclosed verses, "Protesting the Price of Milk", which recently appeared in a farmers' magazine, I think, worth quoting for the benefit of a few urban friends who may protest against the price of milk or the rise in the price of butter.

You can raise the price of liquor but the only squeal you hear is from a thirsty public which demands more gin and beer. The same way with tobacco; they will pay without a peep, and smoke at least as heavy as they did when it was cheap.

You can put a tax on movies; they will ante up and go. They will pay the price with pleasure on things they wear for show. But raise the price of milk. Oh boy! They'll fight with all their breath. They have a growing youngster: who is bound to starve to death.

The Family Allowance can never stand so much; It's nice to keep that windfall for Nylons and such. They don't ask for bigger wages just to spend it all on milk; They will show those wicked farmers and their scheming, thieving ilk.

They will march with hoisted banners, they will cable, write or wire; They will drag the local member by his whiskers through the mire. They don't mind paying rises on their whisky, smokes and silb. But not the slightest fraction will they tolerate on milk.

QUEER PEOPLE AND DAYLIGHT SAVERS Sir,—Pro Bono Publico is evidently a pro-Latinist and therefore not very progressive according to modern ideas on education. Perhaps he is like a lot more of us, just a little Latinist. Perhaps too, he is like the renowned Shakespeare who had just a little Latin, and less Greek, but who nevertheless wrote fine proverbs and aphorisms: for instance, "Merry larks are ploughmen's clocks".

Pro Bono Publico refers us to history to demonstrate that all those people who resented new ideas and inventions in the past were just "queer people" (Q.E.D.).

ASHFORD, Kent, England (CP) — Celebrating her 90th birthday in May, Mrs. Emily Toddvale knits without glasses, does her own washing, reads two newspapers daily.

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STRIKE THE BALANCE TRUE

Let us strike the balance true, Debt, credit, side by side; Dive to each the rightful due, Strike a fair divide.

What does Britain owe to us? What do we to Britain owe? Work the sum out, minus, plus; Where do profits go?

Not to Britain, save in honour; All for Freedom's cause she gave. Now the lands pile debts upon her, Lands she helped to save.

Not in dollars or in treasure, But in blood and tears and sweat, That's the true and rightful measure Of the British debt.

When that fateful, hellish hall Smote her, did she cower or shrink? Who was it tipped the trembling scale For Freedom at Dunkirk?

Count our cumulative cost: What to us is Freedom worth? What our wealth were Freedom lost Forever from the earth?

Strike the balance true and fair: Grateful, gladly let us own, Britain paid in full her share When she fought alone.

—J. Lewis Milligan.

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Pro Bono Publico seems to think that all changes, yes, all fads, are just so much progress. He should have lived one hundred years ago when this philosophy was so happily in vogue—a philosophy by the way, that is profoundly doubtful and distrusted today. Pro Bono, as his name implies, is no doubt a good sort of fellow, but just a little old fogyist—that is a little out-of-date, a little out of Standard Time.

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WHAT CARTIER SAW

As Jacques Cartier was quietly sailing along the north shore of our Island on the last day of June, 1534, he must have seen Cape Turner, on the eastern side of New London Bay with its red rock cliffs rising to the height of fifty or sixty feet above the waters of the Gulf.

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