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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Farm Fire Losses

Before 1950 comes to an end, fire will
destroy some \$10,000,000 worth of Canadian
farm property, statisticians predict.

A rural fire is infinitely more terrifying
than one in an urban centre where a modern
fire brigade is only as far away as the
corner fire alarm box.

To check the quick spreading of flames,
curtains and other fabric materials in the
home can be treated with certain flame
proofing chemicals.

Outbreaks of fire can be prevented if
a few simple rules are followed. C-I-L Agri-
cultural News points out. Keep basements,
attics and outbuildings free of rubbish.

Be sure hay is well cured before putting
it in the loft unless there is a safe mow-
ing system. Inspect the lightning rod
system once a year.

Each spring and fall check over chim-
neys and flues for cracks that would per-
mit flames to reach other parts of the
house. A ladder long enough to reach the
top of the highest building on the farm
should be kept in a handy place.

If the statistics mentioned in the first
paragraph could be halved or eliminated al-
together, we're positive the statisticians
won't mind being wrong in their predictions.

Freer Trade

Canada's policy of promoting freer trade
does not, as was emphasized by Trade Min-
ister Abbott, mean advocating Free Trade.
That classical policy of another day must be
recognized as being a practical impossibility
to any country in the world just now with
the possible exception of the United States.

Dance Of The Honey Bee

"When a worker bee discovers a rich
source of nectar or pollen, she informs the
other inmates of the hive of her find, by
performing a dance on the comb after her
return," said Mr. C. A. Jamieson, Domi-
nion Apiculturist, Central Experimental
Farm, Ottawa, describing the experiments
of Professor K. von Frisch to an interested
group at the recent Ontario bee keepers'
convention.

Mr. Jamieson said that the findings of
the well known Austrian scientist, reported
recently in the publication Nature, were be-
ginning to throw light on many of the
habits of honey bees, hitherto only guessed
at by beekeepers, naturalists and others in-
terested in the intricate organization within
the hive. Prof. Frisch's astonishing obser-
vations, he said, were causing widespread
interest in scientific circles. The new the-
ory concerning the methods of communica-
tion among worker bees has far-reaching
implications regarding the capabilities of a
bee's sense organs and brain.

When the worker bee returns from her
reconnaissance flight in search of nectar,
her dance apparently varies with the tidings

she wishes to convey to her fellow workers.
Bees nearby follow her in the dance, be-
come excited at the news she communicates
to them, and then suddenly out they go to
search for the food source she has indi-
cated.

Quite early in the work it was noticed
that there were two types of dances per-
formed, one termed the "round dance" and
the other the "waggle dance", each carry-
ing its own particular significance as to dis-
tance and direction. For instance if the food
source was within 100 yards, the round
dance was performed. This dance appar-
ently indicates the general direction and dis-
tance, and the exact spot is found from an
odour similar to that adhering to the dancer.
Greater distance seemed to call for more de-
tailed direction, as "explained" in the "wag-
gle dance" and Professor von Frisch had
found these directions accurate to three de-
grees.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada and Canadian bush pilots are
basking in the reflected glory of Peter Bor-
den St. Louis who has succeeded in flying to
safety the eleven British scientists mar-
ooned in the Antarctic for up to three
years.

Reports of alleged ballot box "stuffing"
in Dartmouth's municipal election are shock-
ing, but the irreproachable conduct of the
deputy returning officer indicates that the
selection of election officials was wisely
made.

The railway delegation here this week
were really very much concerned over the
coal situation. The shortage of supplies in
Canada is such that they anticipate it will
result in a 50 per cent cut in passenger and
freight trains in the immediate future—that
is if John L. Lewis so orders it.

Before dismissing the brief of the Cana-
dian Federation of Agriculture as not being
in accordance with the best economic prin-
ciples, the Federal Government should re-
mind itself that Canadian industry is built
almost entirely on a basis of similar econ-
omic heresy.

The inauguration of the "Samuel Rob-
ertson Memorial Lecture" as an annual
event at Prince of Wales College should be
received with enthusiasm. It should fur-
ther spark former students of Dr. Robertson
to subscribe funds to convert the single
lecture into a series, preferably inspirational
rather than merely informative.

It seems probable that an amicable
arrangement will be come to by the Pro-
vincial Government and the C. N. R. for
the introduction of a Province-wide bus
service to facilitate travelling and freight
haulage. What has to be safe-guarded is
the Province's rights over its roads, and
Federal legislation may be necessary to
secure this.

Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor,
born this date 1847. Among his many in-
ventions are the phonograph, the megaph-
one, aeroplane, cinematograph, incandes-
cent electric lamp, electric light, electric
railways; invented a submarine torpedo;
and during Great War I turned his atten-
tion to the invention of processes for mak-
ing dyes, medicinal and other chemicals in
the U. S. A. which had previously been the
exclusive production of Germany.

The City Council is once more duly or-
ganized and ready for action. Now that the
electorate has been informed how much
business in the past has been transacted
behind closed doors, it is not too much to
hope there will be no repetition of such un-
democratic procedure. A Councillor ashamed
or unwilling to express his opinions openly
in Council Chamber on municipal matters
has no right to claim to represent the elec-
torate whose views he is supposed to in-
terpret. It should be assumed that any
argument which a member does not wish
to use in public is not a proper argument to
influence civic affairs.

The two young Canadians who will have
the honour of representing Canada at the
World Youth Forum to be held in England
this spring are Audrey Adams of Vancou-
ver and Oakley Dyer of Edmonton. The
United Nations Association was given the
responsibility of choosing the Canadian
delegates and the names of the winners have
been announced by Miss K. E. Bowlby, Na-
tional Secretary. The Youth Forum will
bring together thirty young people between
the ages of sixteen and nineteen, a boy and
a girl from each of fifteen countries. The
two Canadians will travel from their homes
to England by TCA plane, arriving in Eng-
land on March 10 to join the rest of the
group. Until May 16 they will live in Eng-
lish homes, attend school with their hosts
and take part in Youth Forums in different
parts of the country.

Just A Little Distant



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

EARLY CIVIC EXPENDITURES

"The very first item of the City
debt, and over which the Cor-
poration had no control, was the
County Sheriff's bill of costs for
holding the first civic election in
1855. This amounted to \$38 10s.
4d., which the Mayor and Coun-
cil deemed a shameful charge,
and demurred long against pay-
ing it, even after the judges of
the Supreme Court had taxed the
bill; but the Recorder gave his
opinion that it could not be fur-
ther reduced, and ought to be paid,
which was submitted to with a
very bad grace.

"The next item of City debt,
where the Corporation was simi-
larly situated, was the publishing
and printing of the City by-laws.
These were, by the Act of In-
corporation, considered illegal un-
til published in a newspaper;
which, with some other necessary
printing, cost \$4 12s. 4d., plus
printing and binding, \$50; all done
by contract, at the lowest possible
rate.

"Then the Corporation had to
take hold of the public pumps
and wells, which were in a miser-
able condition, notwithstanding
they were under contract to be
better kept. To get these in pass-
ing order — pay the contractor's
salary — sink a well and put a
pump in it — meet the growing
wants of the inhabitants of that
part of the Common near the
Scotch Church — cost \$127 9s. 6d.

"Another item of unnecessary
permanent cost to the City was
forced upon it by the Act of In-
corporation, in the shape of a Re-
corder (whose salary was not to
exceed \$100 per annum) to pay
whom for two years cost \$140;
whereas if the Corporation had
the power of obtaining what
legal advice was actually neces-
sary for conducting its business,
at the cheapest rate, there is no
doubt but the very best Is-
land could produce might have
been had for \$20 or \$25 per
annum.

"The Corporation had to take
under its management the Fire
Department, which was in an in-
efficient state. To amend this,
having the Fire Bell, which had
been knocking round Charlot-
teton some two or three years
for want of a 'local habitation' —
pay the men of the Engine Com-
panies a compensation allotted to
them, and also the sum of \$382
to Messrs. Scantlebury and Scott,
awarded to them under an Is-
land statute for damage done to
their respective properties in at-
tempts to arrest the spread of a
fire which occurred in the Steam
Mill of the former — cost in all
\$5, 223 7s. 6d. These items in-
cluded \$50 or \$60 for water casks
and a portable pump.

"The next item of moment was
the fitting up of the old Court
House (corner of Great George
and Richmond Streets) which
had been made a complete
wreck of when it was used
as a Flour Market. To re-
novate this, find materials and pay
labour to make it into a City
Council Chamber, a Police and
Mayor's Court, with an ancillary
Court, introducing gas to the
records of these courts and the
City Council, make a Police Sta-
tion, two strong rooms or lock-up
for prisoners, fit up the old
Grand Jury Room as offices for
the Recorder and City Clerk, also
a depot for stolen property dis-
covered on prisoners, and for
private business connected with
the Courts, introducing gas to
the Court Room, Station and out-
side the Court and Station doors,
plastering, painting, getting stores
and furniture for these several

rooms to make them passing de-
cent, and finally to find mat-
erials and shingle one-half the
roof of the Court House, the Gov-
ernment doing the other half, and
to pay for gas and fuel, cost the
sum of \$382 10s. 9d.

"On the City taking possession
of the Flour and Meal Market in
the old Court House, it was
bound to furnish the citizens with
another tenement for a similar
purpose, and as the present Mar-
ket and also the engines and other
fire apparatus in the same house
might, at the caprice of the prop-
rietor, be suddenly turned into
the street, it was considered bet-
ter to buy the building and rent
the land on which it stands. The
rent at first was nominal, say \$4
annually; now, however, it is ex-
orbitant, being \$12 a year. The
purchase of the building and fit-
ting it up cost \$34 3s. 7d.

"Then the Government gave the
City an excellent weighing ma-
chine which was erected at the
head of Pownall Wharf, where it
was completely useless. To make
it of public utility it was neces-
sary to find a more suitable lo-
cality. To move it with the
stonework which surrounded it,
put it where it now stands, fit
up an office for the weigher and
make a third lock-up for prison-
ers under the west wing of the
City Hall cost \$23 9s. 3d.

"Then, as is the rule in most
cities, the Police were furnished
with uniforms and badges and im-
plements of office. These amount-
ed, in two years, to \$27 7s. 9d.

"As great inconvenience was
experienced at the Meat Market,
weighing quarters of beef and car-
casses of pork, and also by allow-
ing horses and vehicles to crowd
upon that building, new scales
were erected outside of it, a
space was raised round which
keeps teams at a respectable dis-
tance, and a quantity of stone was
procured to improve the passage
to and from the market. These

The Age-Old Story

I will establish My covenant be-
tween Me and thee and thy seed
after thee in their generations, for
an everlasting covenant to be a
God unto thee, and to thy seed
after thee. Thou shalt keep My
covenant, therefore, thou and thy
seed after thee in their generation.

jobs cost some \$15 10s.
"The Hospital in the keeping of
the Central Board of Health was
handed over by the Government to
the custody of the City, and
keepers had to be maintained
and firewood procured, and the
building insured. These items
amounted to \$7 9s. 6d.
"it was also deemed advisable
to have a second pound, at the
east end of the City, where a
piece of land was held without
rent for the first year, provided
the City fenced it, which cost,
including labour, some \$5. Some
repairs were also done to the
City wharfs at a cost of \$54 10s.
5d.

"Improvements were also made
to the streets and roads through
the Common, the latter costing
\$180 17s. 8d., towards the cost of
which the Legislature granted
\$100, so that there was but \$80
17s. 8d. of the City fund expend-
ed on these roads, particularly on
that hill near the Protestant
Churchyard, whence the mater-
ial was obtained that was used
on several of the streets."

—From a letter in The Exam-
iner, Aug. 7, 1860.

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 6 —
(CP) — Edmonton Mercury just
romped to a 9-0 victory over a
Davos team tonight in an exhibi-
tion game before 3,000 Swiss fans.
Hassie Young scored three goals
for the Mercury Canada's rep-
resentatives in the world hockey
championships at London next
month.

Notes By The Way

Over the centuries, says a psy-
chologist, South Sea Islanders have
probably enjoyed the most "secu-
rity" — leaving out for the nonce
the question of what holds up
the song—Winnipeg Tribune.

One good thing about the an-
nual fee of \$2.50 paid by honest
or unfortunate owners of radio
receiving sets is that it gives them
an indisputable right to kick
about the way their licence fees
are spent or mispent by the ulti-
mate receiver, the CBC. — The
Printed Word.

It's an obvious thing to happen,
of course. And if the people wish
to move from British Columbia to
live in Alberta, it only shows they
are exercising common sense. Fig-
ures for December were quite in-
teresting. Saskatchewan sent 152
families to B.C., received 39 in
return. Manitoba sent 96 and re-
ceived 28. From Alberta, 94 fam-
ilies moved to the coastal pro-
vinces, but 114 realized previous
mistakes and returned. — Edmon-
ton Bulletin.

It seems to be appreciated judg-
ing from the state department's
reaction, that the British are not
trying to steal a march on Am-
erica (in China). It is likewise
apparent that they have no more
love for Communism than Am-
ericans. What determined British
action was the need in their
grim and peculiar situation to be
related formally not to a dream
world but to the realities of mod-
ern China. — Washington Post.

The tragic death of a twelve-
year-old boy in London township
at the hands of his younger
brother, after the two had been
playing in their bedroom at
"hunting lions" with a .22 rifle,
is a grim reminder of the ever-
present danger of firearms in the
house. It was the usual sad
story. No one knew that the wea-
pon was loaded. How often we
have read that sorry comment
after it was too late to find out
whether there was a shell in the
chamber. In this case, as in the
others, no one remembers who
left the cartridge in the rifle.
Every firearm in the home is al-
ways a potential killer. — Lon-
don Free Press.

Now it seems that superstition
had something to do with the
tragedy of the Truculent, for ap-
parently her trials were hurried
a day ahead, started on Thursday
rather than on the day which has
been scheduled, Friday, January 13.
There has always been fear of
starting any naval operation on a
Friday, and then when it was
Friday the thirteenth, and so the
submarine started out a day ear-
lier. There will be those who will
point out that, that if the Tru-
culent had waited until Friday
evening though the thirteenth, she
would not have been in the path
of the Swedish ship which sum-
mer to the bottom. The loss of the
Truculent and the change from the
supposedly unlucky day will give
a theme for plenty of talk for a
long time among navy and all
seafaring men. — Niagara Falls
Review.

The Poet's Corner

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I say to thee, do thou repeat.
To the first man thou mayest meet
In lane, highway, or open street—
That he and we and all men know
Under a canopy of love.
As broad as the blue sky above;

That doubt and trouble, fear and
pain
And anguish, all are shadows vain
That death itself shall not remain;

That weary deserts we may tread
A dreary labyrinth may thread,
Through dark days underground
Be led;

Yet, if we will one Guide obey,
The fairest path, the darkest way,
Shall issue out in heavenly day;

And we, on divers shores now cast,
Shall meet, our perilous voyage
past,
All in our Father's house at last.

—Archbishop Trench (1807-80).

"Every lassie sends a Tie
Her laddie's heart to strike,
We only need to help her buy
The one he's sure to like."



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