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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink.

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Schools And Health

The fourth release of the report of The National
Committee for School Health Research, states that the teaching of Physical Education in
Canadian schools has received a fair amount of
recognition in recent years.

The present release of the report offers information
relative to existing conditions in the schools with respect to the teaching of Physical
Education. Not all factors have been considered,
yet recognition has been given to those which were considered of greatest importance.

Table with 2 columns: Factor and Value. Includes Adequate indoor accommodation (0.4), Adequate playgrounds (20.1), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Factor and Value. Includes Cases of continuous excuse from
classes in Physical Education are decided by (0.0), (1) school medical officer (0.6), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Factor and Value. Includes Records of progress of students are
kept (0.0), Participation in organized sports days (4.2), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Factor and Value. Includes Brading in Physical Education is
comparable with that in academic subjects (0.0), Sports days are held periodically
(16.7), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Factor and Value. Includes Present methods of teaching are
(1) satisfactory (0.0), (2) partially satisfactory (66.7), etc.

With respect to the Physical Education
program in the schools the National Committee
for School Health Research recommends:

Nova Scotia's Position

Nova Scotia has not succumbed to Ottawa's
proffered subsidies under the tax agreement, but Premier Angus Macdonald is able to report
that the capital position of the Province has improved
by nearly \$12,000,000 since 1939, and
that the sinking fund has almost doubled during
the same period.

subsidies will never meet the situation exist-
ent here.

"All that comes from Ottawa is a persist-
ently circulated rumor that it is only a matter of
time before Nova Scotia, together with Ontario
and Quebec, will bow to necessity and con-
clude an agreement with the Dominion govern-
ment on Ottawa's terms. There is nothing in
the published statements of any one of the
premiers of these provinces to give the slight-
est ground for such a suggestion. Nova Scotia's
Premier has been consistently emphatic in his
expression of his views, and specifically has stood
firm on his demand for another conference to
settle broad principles and annual conferences
to keep check on any agreement that might
ultimately be made.

Nova Scotia, the Chronicle concludes,
"does not like the taxation proposals as they
stand, and if by some political turn of the wheel
she is bludgeoned into accepting them, it will
be against the will of the great majority, in no
spirit of real co-operation, and with tense fears
for the future both of the province and of the
Dominion at large."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Jones' lament over the trekking of
our rising hopes from our shore will be shared by
every right thinking citizen. It is, unfortunately,
a fate we suffer in common with other non-
or minor-manufacturing provinces. From 1941
to 1946, the Bureau of Statistics records show
that Saskatchewan's population decreased 7.36
per cent, Prince Edward Island's 1.05 per cent,
and Manitoba's by .41 per cent.

That is an important and wise decision of
the Affiliated Laymen Council to undertake a
joint religious census of Catholic and Protestant
citizens, and we trust will receive the cordial
and helpful co-operation of all concerned;
it cannot be otherwise than to our advantage
to discover the church connections or other-
wise of our present crowded city.

Public Works Minister Barbour brought
back a great deal of useful information from
his recent trip to Ontario. Evidently they treat
visitors from other provinces handsomely there,
as well as giving them an insight into the public
work they have in view. When they announce
an expenditure of 56 million dollars for one
year on roads, it makes us wonder how far our
puny two millions for all purposes in repair
work, let alone new undertakings, will go.

That is an excellent suggestion that a body
of parliamentarians should visit us before the
rising of Parliament. It might be well for the
Provincial Government and the Provincial Boards
of Trade to get together to draft and outline
a programme, with the necessary literature for
distribution, for the expected visitors. They are
worth welcoming and enlightening on our great
assets and problems as the smallest, most beauti-
ful, and one of the most historic provinces in
our wide Dominion.

Does the punishment always fit the crime?
That is a question for sociologists to discuss and
answer. In Windsor, Ont., a youth convicted of
killing a man, was sentenced to twelve years im-
prisonment for manslaughter; in Montreal an-
other youth charged with attempting to murder
a priest and lay brother, was found to be in-
sane, and sent to an insane asylum; while here,
two men with police records were sentenced to
five and two years respectively for breaking
into the Polyclinic and the residence of Mr. W.
Chester S. McLure. The powers-that-be do not
seemingly attach so much importance to the
degree of punishment administered now-a-days
as in times past. This makes the average citizen
wonder whether here we have cause and
effect in regard to lawlessness and the safety
of life and property.

The new Canadian Officers Training Corps
program to provide the Canadian Army, both
Active and Reserve Forces, with well qualified
leaders, has been authorized to recruit up to
1,472 this year and all vacancies have been
filled. Quotas allotted the 25 Canadian Uni-
versities for summer training in 1947, are: St.
Dunstan's, 11; Dalhousie and Kings, 66; of which
a proportion was sub-allotted to Acadia, St.
Mary's and St. Anne's; St. Francis Xavier, 15;
Nova Scotia Technical, 12; New Brunswick, 27;
Mount Allison, 14; St. Thomas, 31, of which
a proportion was sub-allotted to Sacred Heart;
Laval, 101; Montreal, 134; McGill, 109; Loy-
ola, 30; Ottawa, 36; Queen's, 106; Toronto, 253;
McMaster, 25; Western Ontario, 84; Ontario
Agricultural, 27; Manitoba, 107; Saskatchewan,
110; Alberta, 94; British Columbia, 80.

Sir Henry Morton Stanley, British ex-
plorer, died this date 1904; his career reads like
a romance; son of a Denbigh farmer, his real
name was John Rowlands; on his father's death
he was sent at the age of seven to the work-
house; after some years of hardship, he was
adopted by an American merchant, whose name
he assumed; he enlisted after his adopted par-
ent's death, was captured in the American Civil
War in 1862; subsequently adopted a journal-
istic career; went, as war correspondent, to
Magdala with British Army representing the
New York Herald; was commissioned by the
same newspaper to find explorer Livingstone who
had become lost in "darkest Africa"; after a
year and eight months found him at Ujiji; made
second expedition under same auspices and dis-
covered the source of the Congo; then sent by
King Leopold of Belgium, and established the
Congo Free State; in 1887 undertook the Emir
Pasha relief expedition to East Equatorial Af-
rica, and in 1890 related terrible sufferings in his
In Darkest Africa; was elected to parliament in
1895, and knighted in 1890. His historic greet-
ing when he found Livingstone in the heart of
the African jungle, "Dr. Livingstone, I pre-
sume?"

Notes By the Way

The Guelph Mercury says that
"no man has settled opinions un-
til he is 30". We know quite a few
people whose really important
notions about themselves, life and
politics appear to have jelled when
they were six - Peterborough Ex-
aminer.

The experience with price con-
trols, we suggest, is not unlike the
experience with prohibition. When
public support is lacking such mea-
sures are of little avail. But as
public opinion can ensure mod-
eration in one case so can public
opinion ensure moderation in the
other - Montreal Financial Times.

The Jewish underground has
opened a reprisal campaign in
Palestine, overlooking the fact that
this is not the way to settle any-
thing, since it can only lead to more
stringent counter-measures and so
on in a darkening circle. It was
against that sort of thing that a
war was recently fought. - Briant-
ford Expositor.

Just to disprove that city editors
— those frequent subjects of movie
mis-treatment — are vicious indi-
viduals who bite pencils and reporters'
heads off, The New York Herald
 Tribune has statistics. There was
a "survey" of city editors at a semi-
nar of the American Press Insti-
tute, Columbia University, and with
some dismay we present the find-
ings: The average city editor is a
gentle fellow, addicted to reading
and raising flowers instead of Cain.
He has lost two pounds in six years
on the job. Is married and has
exactly 16 children.

The publication abroad of ent-
icing views of Britain may serve to
attract custom, but is it quite
honest? And what is more per-
tinent is it good policy? The imagina-
tion bogies at the prospect of an
American visitor being reproved,
gently, we hope, by mine host for
omitting to bring his own soap and
towels. The traveller from the land
of plenty, unprepared for the short-
ages to which we are inured, may
well return home resenting the
transformation of his holiday in-
to an adventure in austerity. Al-
though there may be a welcome
crop of dollars in 1947, the long-
term harvest will surely be meagre
unless our visitors are warned as
well as invited. - A. H. Laurie in
London Daily Mail.

Orange salesmen are staggering
into a tightfisted Summer market
with one of the biggest loads they've
ever hauled. Between now and next
November, California's groves will
pour out 34 million boxes of Valen-
cias, the Summer variety. That's 28
percent more than last year and
second only to the 1945 record of
38.4 million boxes. Across the con-
tinent, this has been Florida's big-
gest year. When the crop year ends
next October 31, the Government
estimates, total U. S. orange pro-
duction will have reached 118 million
boxes, 15 million more than in 1945-
46. This whopper output plus pub-
lic purchase agreements has driven
retail prices. Grocers in major
cities over the country report
California oranges have dropped
75 cents to \$2 a box in the last two
weeks. Florida fruit has dipped 25
to 50 cents a box. Prices in the
packing sheds now are down to
only a few cents more than pre-
war averages. - Wall Street Jour-
nal.

Australian scientists have been
trying to cause rain by dropping
dry ice through clouds, and are on
the track of something. Dr. E. G.
Bowen told a science conference
about it in Sydney. Experiments so
far had been inconclusive, he said,
but rain had been actually precipi-
tated over limited areas during four
flights. Liberator aircraft had gone
aloft, found a suitable type of cloud
at about 10,000 ft., with a cumulus
base, its head at about 22,000 ft.,
and a temperature of about minus
10 deg. Centigrade. Between 200 lb.
and 300 lb. of dry ice was then
dropped into the clouds. Lead rain
particles were seen to form. With-
in 15 or 20 minutes rain fell on a
limited area beneath the cloud. The
result of dropping the dry ice was
to occasion a release of heat in
cloud, which caused it to "mush-
room" up to a height of perhaps
40,000 ft. and in some instances
thunder and lightning had been
observed in the area at that altitude.
It would take up to two years to
determine whether rain could be
made for the benefits of drought-
stricken areas. - Australian News
Letter.

The Koh-I-Nor, one of the world's
oldest, largest and most historic
diamonds, is in the news again. The
Vancouver Province news. India is
asking Great Britain to return the
fabulous gem which adorns the
royal crown presented to Queen
Victoria in 1849. To India and to
most of the world the Koh-I-Nor
is a glittering symbol of India's
riches and the dark intrigues of her
storied past. Actually the great
stone has existed through more than
six centuries of bloodshed and
violence. Its history can be traced
with certainty to the early 14th
century and became one of the treas-
ured possessions of Aurangzeb, the
Mogul emperor who ascended the
throne of Delhi in 1658 after
imprisoning his father, the Emperor
Shah Jehan, putting to death two
of his brothers and driving a third
into exile. In 1739 the scintillating
talisman of power fell into the
hands of Nadir Shah, who gave the
diamond its name, which means
"Mountain of Light." After passing
into possession of the British Crown
the diamond was recut and reduced
in weight from 186 to 106 carats.
New facets of history are being
ringed again around the great gem
whose winking facets have watched
the rise and fall of kings and king-
doms. India is demanding back the
diamond which has been so much
a part of her destiny.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by cor-
respondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Sir. - In your report of the pub-
lic speaking contest of the City
schools, we regret there was no
mention made of the fact that the
Junior Chamber of Commerce in-
augurated this contest last year.
It was such a splendid idea that
the School Improvement League
did not wish to see it dropped. A
committee from our League, Mrs.
R.R. Hurst and Mrs. H.L. Palmer
carried out the arrangements this
year.

Our thanks are due Mr. Mac-
Callum of Queen Square School for
the invitation to hold the contest
in their auditorium. Arrangements
were well carried out. A pupil of
Queen Square School fittingly pre-
sided as chairman giving yet one
more pupil some training in speak-
ing in public.

The School Improvement League
would welcome any suggestions as
to the best way to extend this work.
Our aim is not so much to develop
several good speakers nor to pick
a city winner but rather to en-
courage as many pupils as possible
to have a try at "public speaking."

I am, Sir, etc.
D. M. L.

THE CORRUPT TREE

Sir. - The establishment of world
peace is a most gigantic task. The
persistent refusal of Soviet Russia
to co-operate sympathetically
greatly intensifies the difficulties
of the Herculean task. But some-
how, if chaos is to be averted,
down-trodden, war-ravished na-
tions must be given a chance to
survive and recover, whatever the
cost.

Communist intrigue, treachery
and iron-fist methods have great-
ly bedevilled the situation, but in
spite of all this malign influence,
the United States, Great Britain
and the other Allied nations must
bravely face the situation, not
as rabid obstructionists, but as
emancipators. The alternative is
the end of civilization.

Evil is self-revealing, and in
spite of the "iron curtain," a clear
insight has been obtained into the
real Soviet character and its aims.
Russia being what she is, a
question naturally arises: Can a
nation that thus excludes God
from its national life and govern-
ment discharge aright the re-
sponsibilities of nationhood, es-
pecially in relation to duty to
one's neighbors? "A corrupt tree
cannot bring forth good fruit."
Neither can a godless nation.
Simple verification of this truth
is seen in Soviet Russia's obstruc-
tive tactics and disregard for
Christian ideals.

I am Sir, etc.
A. D. MACDONALD,
Calgary, Alta.

"PASSIVE RESISTANCE"

Sir. - The Prince Edward Island
Prohibition Act which forbids the
manufacture, sale and consump-
tion of alcohol for beverage pur-
poses is still the law of the land.
That legislative enactment, which
put a million dollars worth of
liquor into circulation for medi-
cinal purposes last year was not
an improvement on the Prohibition
Act; it was a travesty on the
Prohibition Act; it was an incongruous
or burlesquing imitation, or an
absurd parody of the real thing.
That enough purchasers could
be found to absorb that amount
of potent fluid in twelve months
was no surprise. We had the ex-
perience of all the other provin-
ces of the Dominion, and of the
United States of America to put
us wise. If scripts can be written
fast enough, and if adequate
transportation facilities are avail-
able, the Dominion Govern-
ment subsidies for the growing
of barley for malting purposes
can make it two million next year.
One thing we have demonstrated
beyond the possibility of doubt;
there is money in the liquor busi-
ness. There is so much money in
the business that, if we went into
it whole-heartedly and courage-
ously, we could balance the bud-
get from that source alone.

Once upon a time we were just
a little ashamed of using that
kind of money, but as the years
go by we become more broad-
minded and less intolerant.

The logical process of reason-
ing we use in attempting to
justify our apostasy runs as follows:
How nice it would be if every-
body would learn to take his
drink in moderation. As a dis-
tinguished American scientist, ser-
vice worker said when the Vol-
stead Act was repealed: "Every
young lady must now discover for
herself how much alcohol she
can consume and still maintain
her equilibrium and her self re-
spect."

beverage purposes that no Gov-
ernment would run the risk of
removing the barriers. But the
barriers have been removed, the
flood gates are open, the country
is being inundated, and as the
Government expected we look on
helplessly wondering what is go-
ing to happen next.

What is going to happen next?
Well, there is one weapon that
might be used against the forces
of evil which has not yet been
tried, but which has been emi-
nently successful in other dic-
tatorships: it is the force of passive re-
sistance; the boycott of all agen-
cies and businesses or institu-
tions that encourage or support
the liquor traffic. The boycott is
a dangerous weapon, but handling
liquor is a dangerous business.
Passive resistance might be worth
considering.

I am, Sir, etc.
VERNON CROCKETT,
York, P. E. Island.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sir. - Once again tomorrow will
bring the sunrise of Mothers Day,
one little day set aside for moth-
ers everywhere.
No matter what we are or what
we think, we should remember this
day, remember it only in a small
way who mother really is.

To me she is the queen of this
world, because through her we came
into this world, and by her suf-
fering and pain, her sleepless nights
watching over us, we are able to
think of her today.

She is the one who taught me
to honour the one and only way
of life, to be honest and fair and
to remember that one day I must
account to the Master for my
stewardship.

She taught me to see the glory
of God in the glory of the sunrise,
and to see Him in the flowers that
blossom in the joy of summer when
the song of the birds filled the air.

With a smile she taught me to
believe that one day in my own
little home another mother would
bring me the joy and happiness
of little feet and soft sweet voices,
and the touch of little hands. That
happiness has come and to count-
less other homes too.

No pen, no speaker, can describe
Mother. For many years now I
have tried to put my feelings for
her into words but failed. Day af-
ter day we see mothers neglected,
abused; cased hands with clenched
fists ready to strike, yet strike the
very one who suffered to give them
life.

But a mother's heart burns with
that eternal fire of love that no
rained hand, no curses, nothing, no
smother how terrible, can quench.

Many years have passed since my
own mother was called in death,
but I still remember her teaching
and warnings of the terrible things
to be faced on the sea of life. No
matter what may be in store for
me, I will always remember her as
the one who will intercede for me
when we meet again before the
Throne of God, where sin and
shame are no more.

Tomorrow is Mothers Day and
many need not be reminded of it
but so many who still have moth-
ers young, middle aged, and old,
let them remember her in some
small way. She is their own and
will expect them to. For me, a vic-
light will burn in remembrance.

I am, Sir, etc.
WALTER A. O'BRIEN,
Bristol, P.E.I.



SNOW ON A GARDEN

Soft glistening whiteness robes a
lilac tree
That stood at dawn all naked to
the storm;
Dead vines relive in snowy filigree;
A withered stalk's reborn in fairy
form.
Here at the grave of beauty, where
decay
Touched crimson roses in their
hour of flame,
Where glowing blooms and weeds
of yesterday
Yielded to earth a tribute just the
same.
Here where the ruthless winds have
swept their will,
And frost made ugly patterns on
the mound,
Pale loveliness returns, Ah, lovelier
still
Than all the color trampled to the
ground;
A brooding, gracious beauty that
will bring
Purged blossoms to the burgeoning
of spring.
—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.

Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)

POWNAL SQUARE JAIL

Material for the erection of a
new jail on Pownal Square having
been collected, the ceremony of
laying the corner stone on the 25th
of August, 1830, was performed by
the Worshipful master and Brethren
of St. John's Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons in full regalia. A
parliament scroll bearing this date,
and the name of the Governor,
John Ready, and His Majesty Wil-
liam the Fourth, together with some
hermetically sealed, then deposited
in the stone. The ceremony being
completed, the brethren returned in
procession to their Lodge.

The new jail having been com-
pleted, the prisoners who were con-
fined in the dingy old fabric were
removed thereto on the last day of
the year. The cells of this prison
were arranged within the excavat-
ion, the material employed in their
construction consisting of red stone
cemented together and strengthened
with iron bolts and cross bars; the
walls being of solid work twelve
inches in thickness, firmly secured
with iron. The second story was
divided into debtors' apartments,
while the rooms on the first floor
were reserved for the jailer's ac-
commodation. This interesting es-
tablishment was entrusted to the
care of Robert Hutchinson, Esq., as
jailer, who retained the position
for many years. — Pollard's History

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The word cliché, meaning a
hackneyed form of expression, is
derived from the moulds used in
stereotype printing.

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