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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink."

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Atlantic Air Bases

Canada's acquisition of important air bases in Newfoundland and Labrador under the terms of Confederation is likely to give the Dominion a preferred position in international airline operations.

Sessions are being held in New York between Canadian and United States air authorities and, so far, all that has been made public is that discussions are aimed at concluding a bi-lateral air agreement.

Canada's new position as owner of two of the major strategic air bases of the world places this Dominion in a highly advantageous position in negotiations with other countries for landing rights for Canadian aircraft.

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Britain's Trade Problem

In the early months of this year there was a down turn in British exports. Commenting on the drop in April, the Manchester Guardian says that one month's figures would not prove anything.

Such a view, it points out, is confirmed by the distribution of trade. Thus the first check in British exports was expected to come in North America because of stiff price competition.

The Guardian then discusses Mr. Wilson's visit to Canada as follows: "Mr. Wilson's visit to Canada is certainly desirable. Especially now that we have at last agreed to do a little extra buying there, he will get every help from the Canadian Government.

The King's Title

An External Affairs Department official is quoted as saying that there might be a change in the King's title as a result of the recent Commonwealth Conference of Prime Ministers at which India retained her Commonwealth ties though changing her constitution to that of a republic.

"It is difficult," says the Port Erie Times-Review, "to see how any change could be made, apart from the fact that there is no apparent reason for making one. Prior to the assumption of Dominion status by India and Pakistan, the King's title was 'King and Emperor of India.'"

"It is to be hoped that there is no intention of catering to ardent republicanism to the extent of making His Majesty hereditary president of the Commonwealth. This would not only be a constitutional anachronism, but would be a surrender to the obtuse outlook of those who still regard the monarchy as a symbol of oppression.

Railway Fares

Canadian railway employees have announced they will seek a 30 per cent wage increase when their present agreement expires, July 16.

Should the railwaymen win all or part of the new wage increase, predicts the Vancouver News-Herald, it will undoubtedly be followed by an application on the part of the railroads for an increase in fares.

fare and wage structure, they say, they are operating at a loss. The C. N. R. requires government assistance annually to meet operating deficits, and C. P. R. earnings are sustained by profitable subsidiary operations, such as Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.

But railroad fares are already so high that they are discouraging rail travel. Competition from planes, buses and automobiles is growing all the time. Can the railroads improve their net position by raising fares? It does not seem likely.

"Here in Canada," says the Vancouver exchange, "trains have changed little in the last quarter century. Ponderous steel equipment, with old-style Pullmans, are hauled back and forth across the country—at pre-World War I speed—and, say the railroads, at a loss. In the meantime competing U. S., and even some European railways, have been inaugurating fast, lightweight trains, which are proving to be money-makers. Some airlines have started a low-rate 'coach service.' And highways are steadily improving for buses and cars. Canadian railways, it is obvious, are going to have to step up and modernize their passenger facilities. Higher and higher fares alone certainly will not solve their problems."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Twenty-nine days till the election.

In Newfoundland it would appear the first and greatest need is an improvement in the telegraph system.

We are now all set for a long and, it is to be hoped, a warm and profitable summer, with plenty of visitors and well patronized tourist resorts.

"Hamlet," with an outstanding English cast, will be shown at the Prince Edward Theatre this week. Everyone interested in Shakespearean drama—and who is not?—will not miss the opportunity of seeing and hearing it.

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Joy and sorrow come along together. Today, two cousins living next door to one another, are experiencing such emotions, the one as an outstanding University graduate, the other as the result of an unfortunate and evidently unpreventable accident.

It is early in the season for boating, but not too early to impress upon landlubbers the necessity of being careful in and about boats to avoid pleasure excursions ending in disaster. For seamen, there is no need of repeating the warning.

It was a stroke of genius on the part of Sheffield exhibitors at the Canadian International Trade Fair which opens today, to show an English pub, complete with dart board and a Yorkshire barmaid.

It is good to listen to an optimist once in a while even if one cannot believe all that he says. Senator Joseph J. Duffus of Peterborough, Ont., predicts that within five or ten years Canada will be the greatest country in the world.

Since the war we have become so used to the expression "rehabilitation" that it is almost forgotten that the medical profession used to be content to treat a patient's condition and then leave him to "rest in bed."

Industries in Ontario municipalities do not "just grow." The Provincial Department of Planning and Development has issued a booklet which describes the way in which local citizens' committee, aided by the city and province, can aid existing industries and attract new ones.

With Russian farmers being told to increase deliveries and the Western world being urged to produce and distribute food to combat the spread of communism, is it too much to hope that "the next war" will take the form of the antagonists striving to see which can provide the higher standard of living for its people.

Nine years ago, on May 29, 1940, an official German communique announced that the fate of the British and French armies on the continent was sealed. Beaten and driven right into the channel, it appeared that nothing short of a miracle could save them. That miracle happened. Slowly and in good order the British and French armies withdrew towards Dunkirk where the naval forces of the two countries began their colossal rescue task. When the Germans at last entered Dunkirk on June 4, it was a ruined port from which their prey had escaped.

Alexander Pope, English poet, died this date 1744. Showed poetic bent at an early age, and his first volume Pastorals was written when he was only fourteen. His Essay on Criticism is a marvel of epigrammatic brilliance, and remains the best English statement of the doctrine of classicism. It was, however, his Rape of the Lock, a mock heroic poem which won him popular fame. It was followed by innumerable other works which enhanced his reputation, chief of which was his great didactic poem Essay on Man: "Pride, never-failing vice of fools."

While persons elsewhere may be feeling the pinch of poverty, not so in the Anglican fold of Toronto. The Rt. Rev. A. R. Beverley, Bishop of the diocese states there is no clerical poverty in his diocese. Bishop Beverley was speaking at the Anglican Synod of Toronto. "A great many of our people are much poorer than our clergy," he said. "I hope the day will never come when our clergy will be a group of sleek and easy living people. The idea that the clergy should be an affluent class is not desirable. I have been in the church more than 30 years, and our family has never been denied the food they needed, and he added.

The Poets Corner

GREEN GALAXY

But yesterday the trees seemed well nigh bare
Their naked limbs stretched up
wards to the sky.
Yet over-night the buds have burst
their bonds
Green filigees of lace now meet
the eye—
In fact methinks that all the greens
Are mustered for our pleasure—
For every shade and every hue
Seem scattered without measure.
On tapers thin and monitory all
A green delight envelops all.

—Douglas E. Winter.
Montreal, May 27, 1949.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

VERY FASHIONABLE TAILOR

Advertisement appearing in The Prince Edward Island Register, June 18, 1927.
"P. TAMBLINGSON, Tailor & Draper, lately from London, having been absent from the Island a short length of time, begs leave to inform his clients that he will now be found at home at his house of call (lately the Shop occupied by Mr. John Boyver) and thinking it fit, and feeling desirous to try and merit the inspection of those possessing habits of taste, the following cuts, from the Stage-box to the Coach-box inclusive:—
The Clerical cut, the Leg cut, the Merchant's hosiery, the Military cut, the Naval cut, the Tradesman's cut, the Jockey cut, the Exquisite cut, the Quizzical cut, the Rum cut, the Corinthian cut, the Leg cut, the Independent cut, the Single cut, the Married cut, the Prime cut, the Tight cut, and the Cheap cut; with a measureless assortment of Habits, from an upper Benjamin to a Coat, Overcoat and Coveralls, tight fits and loose slacks in abundance, which are warranted to suit either slim or stout applicants, as straight as a ramrod or as crooked as a bent arm, all of which will be found to fit like an eel's skin, probatum est—shape and make being strictly attended to. To those who in fashion would fain be cut "To the ladies once more, he announces with pleasure, 'Twill afford him much happiness taking their measure; For Felices or Habits bespoke All orders obeyed.—N.B. Letters post paid'."
In Britain Today
by (Ouida MacLellan)
A rush assignment from the office sent me dashing to Victoria Station for a train to Bromley, Kent. Queen Mary was to attend a benefit performance that afternoon of the play "Mr. Pim Passes By" and I had to be on my feet just in case anything happened. Royalty is always new—we've been coached.
An extremely empty feeling in my stomach sharply reminded me that it was not all excitement but also that dinner time was long overdue. With 25 minutes from station to station, the dining-car was located. Grapefruit, white fish and some hot and boiled potatoes minus butter were supplied; this English habit of not drinking with meals is hard to take or should we say it's hard to get over the Canadian habit of getting down to business at once? However, a little thirsty but still thrilled at the coming event, we arrived at Bromley five minutes before curtain time.
There is very little one can say about Queen Mary that is not already known. That afternoon she wore a beautiful, pale blue coat with a hat of her own typical style as well as a "Majestic" in the word to be applied to this great figure, who has the utmost of poise and grace. She nodded, ever so slightly, to the applauding audience as she entered; there was not the slightest hint of a beaming smile an ordinary individual would wear, if applause like that had greeted her.
The Queen Mother sat with the director, who later told me, she was continually nudging him with her elbow during the performance each time "Mr. Pim" made an appearance. Queen Mary enjoyed the program, had the members of the cast presented to her during intermission and left at the conclusion of the performance, wearing the exact same expression with which she had arrived.
In the play, "Mr. Pim Passes By" playing the part of "Olivia" was one of the queens of the English stage, 72-year-old Dame Irene VanBrugh and a personal friend of Queen Mary. I had seen this play before but water, quite so well done as by this venerable actress. There is something personal I can tell you about Dame Irene—she had strawberries and cream for her supper that evening—because a dear little woman in the train going back to town, turned out to be Dame Irene VanBrugh's personal maid, and she had the strawberries with her.



The Age-Old Story

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Notes By The Way

Age 11 is the safest year of life. A combination of circumstances contribute to make this age the point of lowest mortality. By then, the death rate from the diseases and conditions of early life have been reduced to minor proportions, while the chronic conditions have yet to appear as an item of importance in the mortality picture.—Metropolitan Life Bulletin.

The demand for the maintenance of freedom of enterprise and initiative does not rule out social security advancement for the people, but it does make progress in that direction sounder and more secure. Old age pensions, unemployment insurance, etc. are here to stay because they are based on general taxation and consent of the people, and are not financed by seizure of profits. The assumption, which has proved false in England, that workers will do their best for a government and will shirk for a private employer, is actually a slur on the millions of conscientious men and women who produce goods.—Sherebrooke Record.

England's hereditary nobility is feeling the pinch of increasingly heavy taxation. A recent report by The London News Chronicle tells how the Marquis of Bath, unable to keep up the famous Elizabethan Manor of Longleat, his ancestral home, has thrown the grounds open to the public. The marquis and his two sons direct traffic and attend the car park, while his daughter sells post cards to the visitors. Over the Easter holidays daily receipts averaged over £100. In a land noted for its overcrowded holiday resorts, such a turn of events brings a welcome addition to the limited facilities. The problems are to maintain the element of privacy which the beleaguered aristocrats may rightfully expect in their own homes, and to prevent irresponsible guests from doing irreparable damage to these monumental works of English art.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

One knows and discounts the story about ostriches living on old nails and broken bottles. But perhaps there is something in it after all. The powers of animal digestion may have been underrated. In the annual report of the Game Department of Uganda it is recorded that "the digestion of the crocodile is both powerful and rapid. In a period of six to eight months a mild-steel hook, a quarter-inch thick, can be completely digested." "In one instance a male crocodile, in reasonably good condition, was caught with a spear iron healed in its back about four inches of this iron had been digested away without leaving a trace." An ostrich is not a crocodile. But perhaps its powers of digestion are not inferior to a crocodile's.—Manchester Guardian.

Lord Gretton, who was chairman of the famous Esau's brewery, died a very wealthy man, his will having been probated recently showing that he was "worth" £2,302,572, which is approximately \$10,000,000. But when the tax department went through figuring the income tax, super-tax and other charges, the family had to pay £2,597,868, or around \$11,000,000. That was great for the government, but fatuous from the family point of view. Presumably they were able to pay the imposts out of what previous members of the family had made. If they had not been able to pay, what business would the government have done? Sold all their possessions, or sent them to jail? There isn't any encouragement for manufacturers of any kind of product to go out for business, and employ a lot of people and make money nowadays. And when all this "soaking the rich" policy is carried out, it will only be a drop in the bucket of the national income.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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