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

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Canned Fish Marketing

Mr. F. Murray MacLeod, secretary of the New Brunswick Fish Cannery and Assemblers Association, at the recent East Coast Fishery Conference made some interesting remarks on the subject of quality processing which will appeal to the consumer of canned fish of all varieties.

The difficulty of obtaining markets for Maritime canned fish (apart from lobster) was emphasized by Mr. MacLeod, who, however, seemed to think that the very factor which was responsible for the increased sales of our canned lobster in the American market would be "too expensive" to employ in selling canned mackerel and other fishery products.

Monetary Times Review

"Financially, the outlook for P. E. I. never has been more hopeful since Confederation," states Premier Jones in an article in the Monetary Times' Annual National Review, 1948, which has just been issued.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, too, is quite cheery. "Notwithstanding lower field crop returns last year than in 1946," he writes, "the cash farm income of the farmers promises to be higher in 1947 than in 1946 and 1945."

Not so complacent is Mr. H. G. L. Strange, of the Searle Grain Company, Winnipeg, who bitterly denounces Mr. Gardiner for having lost a total of some \$441,000,000 to Prairie wheat farmers since August, 1946 to date on the British wheat contract.

The Review is a comprehensive booklet of some 185 pages and is of much interest and value to all interested in Canada's progress economically and industrially during the past year.

British Doctors Protest

The British Labor Government's efforts to socialize medical services are not meeting with favour from those best qualified to appreciate the problem involved—namely, the doctors themselves.

Since it was endorsed by Parliament in 1946 the Health Act has brought protests from many sections of the British medical profession on the grounds that it interferes with the professional freedom of the doctor, segregates the general practitioner from the specialist, provides for a basic state salary, and abolishes the old system of buying and selling practices.

to apply in this case. The peculiarly personal relation in which a doctor stands toward his patients is not something that can be ignored, even by government bureaucrats.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The first robin has arrived—appropriately enough at Government House, Ottawa.

President Truman has asked Congress to approve a \$600,000,000 grant for China for the year ending June 30, 1949.

Food conservationists are calling upon farmers to market their hogs slightly under weight. The idea is that the feed necessary to give the final finish can be used to more advantage in feeding younger growing animals.

Greece seems to be taking on the unhappy role of Spain as a battleground for rival powers. U. S. aid to the Greek Government is rapidly approaching the provision of direct military support.

Canada having formally established dual citizenship it was inevitable that other Commonwealth countries should do likewise. Now the old country is following suit and the British Nationality Bill creates a new United Kingdom citizenship in addition to British citizenship.

Labour Minister Mitchell's statement in the Commons indicates that while numbers of unemployed from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been transported elsewhere for temporary or permanent jobs no such organized movement of Islanders has so far been found necessary, though an Ontario factory representative has been here to recruit girls.

Family allowance payments to this Province have increased from \$1,079,198 in 1945 to \$2,183,638 in 1946 and \$2,241,302 in 1947, according to figures tabled the other day in the House of Commons.

The South African Senate has approved a bill to lend Britain \$320,000,000 worth of gold as an aid in her economic plight.

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Mr. St. Laurent is now generally accepted, says the Letter-Review, as a certainty as Mr. King's successor. Mr. J. G. Gardiner is reported to be willing to challenge this choice, but the majority of powerful members of the party machine are far more pessimistic over Mr. Gardiner's chance of carrying Saskatchewan than over Mr. St. Laurent's prospects in Quebec.

Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Germany, Naples, Spain, and the rich possessions in Spanish America, born this date 1500. He was a religious zealot with the earnest desire to witness the restoration of German allegiance to the See of Rome.

Away back in 1808, Sir Walter Scott practically exclaimed "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive." But the Federal Government has not profited by the advice as is evident in the debates on the proposed admission of American Packers' margarine in competition with farmers' butter.

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Mr. J. R. MacNichol, M.P., a supporter of the St. Lawrence Waterway enlargement, wants a Parliamentary Committee on the subject, remarks The Letter-Review. Any further study of the subject would be welcome.

Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lacombe, of the Quebec Court of King's Bench, is the latest of a growing number of competent jurists to protest against Canada's archaic trial regulations. This week he was forced to adjourn a seditious libel hearing for ten days because of the illness of a juror.

Notes By The Way

The good teacher is worthy of his hire, and parents, who are taxpayers, should see that salaries are not only adequate to attract the best teachers, but co-operate with them by sending co-operative children to school.

Up Warwick way (Queensland) hens are laying eggs colored cyan and mauve. A mulberry tree is believed to be responsible for the pretty pastel shaded shells.

Most horses, unless badly frightened, will try to avoid injuring a human. The writer well remembers, when a kid, falling in a lane-way in front of several galloping horses.

There are some wealthy people in Newfoundland. In the bumper End of the Year special edition published by The Saint John's, Newfoundland Daily News, a tabulation of income tax payments is made.

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Lenten Meditations

(From The Times)

WE MUST DENY AND ACCEPT

The Christian religion has both its yea and its nay; its positive and its negative aspects. It is not exclusively negative, as is sometimes supposed, as though to be a Christian is to regulate one's life by a series of prohibitions.

St. Paul gives a number of negative exhortations, but these are concerned with what he sees as hindrances to the life of the spirit. He speaks of "putting off" that which belongs to the unredeemed elements in human nature.

Christians are both world-denying and world-accepting. The world—understood as those elements in life which ignore God or are antagonistic to Him—must be renounced; but the world of men and women with its varied interests and obligations, its trials and its joys, must be accepted.

The rich and varied experience of life—all that is included in human association, in art, in beauty, and in the pursuit of knowledge, is to be accepted by the Christian, for thereby he is bringing depth and enlargement to his own life and to the life which he shares with his fellowmen.

So understood Christianity is a source of enrichment, not of deprivation. In the Fourth Gospel our Lord is spoken of as offering life abundant to his disciples. And this abundance of life is an inner inviolate possession which, no matter what a man's external circumstances, makes for integration and therefore strength of character.

Nazi-Soviet Relations 1939-41

The angry comments of the Soviet Information Bureau on the documents as published by the U. S. State department, which tell the story of the Nazi-Soviet entente of 1939-41, were only to be expected.

But it is notable that no attempt is made to challenge the authenticity of the record except by describing it as "full of records concocted by Hitlerite diplomatic officials in the depths of German diplomatic offices."

Now, that is a falsification of history. And all falsifications of history can be politically dangerous. None perhaps at the moment more than this.

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Government's Call To Keep Down Wages

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The Poet's Corner

DECISION

Take sides: upwind or down With the swift wind blowing; There is no sheering flight With the gale gusts blowing Across this chaotic night.

Take sides in these windy times With the cyclone blowing; There is no hanging still As the gull glides, slowing; Hurtle where hurricanes will, Or alone fight knowing The wind's coming and the wind's going.

—Harold Zislatnik in the New York Herald Tribune.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

CONTRADICTION ACCOUNTS

"The climate of this Island partakes in an eminent degree of the well-known healthfulness of the neighboring countries of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada, to all of which it is in some respects superior, being entirely free from fogs by which the two first are so much infested, and unincumbered with lakes of fresh water which so often generate sickly seasons in the latter, producing intermittent and other fevers, happily unknown here, to which we may add that the cold is not by many degrees so great in winter; naturally account. It is a common expression with Canadians who occasionally visit the Island, when they see the houses of our new settlers, 'If we were not to use other precautions against the winter, we should be all frozen in our beds.' Canadian houses must be all warmed by stoves, here stoves are by no means common, completely warmed by a common fire-place as in England, not that we can compare the temperature of the two climates as by any means similar, but our fires have only a dry elastic cold to get the better of. English cold is a raw damp obstinate intruder. In Canada the severity of the winter, other otherwise healthy, often produces the pleurisy, which frequently carries off the young and healthy; here the complaint is almost unknown.

"The seasons here have been variously described, often as has suited the humour or views of the reporter, and accordingly falsehood has not been spared either in exaggeration or depreciation. I have had sanguine individuals, who overlooking the disadvantages of a winter, of above four months continuance, and all the difficulties incident to a new country in such a climate, have injured themselves and deceived others, the Island has equally suffered from disappointed unprincipled adventurers, some of them speculators in land, others on the public offices of the colony, the one wild and extravagant in their expectations, the others turbulent and fractious in their schemes. The former disappointed by their own folly, the latter by the good sense and spirit of the Colony, have in revenge equally contributed, and often united their utmost endeavours to misrepresent and depreciate the Island, and to discredit the natural qualities and the administration of its public affairs; hence the various accounts in circulation of the climate, soil, and circumstances of the country, than which, nothing can be more contradictory."

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relations" with Nazi Germany as he insisted, Russia had with Fascist Italy. It was not deterred by Nazi persecutions of Democrats and Communists. "We sympathise with the suffering of our German comrades" said Livinson in September, 1933 "but we Marxists are the last who can be approached in allowing our feelings to dictate our policy. We desire to have with Germany the best of relations."

"We have not had and do not have any other wish than to continue further good relations with Germany" said M. Molotov in January, 1938. And again in January, 1938 he spoke of the desire of the Soviet Government for better relations with Germany.

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