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Remembrance Day

Tomorrow is a day of remembrance not only of our heroic dead but also of the ideals for which they fought. It is the most challenging, as well as the most heartfelt, of all our anniversaries.

The hunger for peace and the hatred of war are deeper today and stronger than at any time in our history. Let us cling fast to this conviction. Everywhere in the world that is the feeling of the common men and women, and everywhere in the democratic world that feeling is shared by responsible governments.

The torch has twice been handed to us, and again a day of victory on the calendar is slowly fading. But the memory of our glorious dead cannot die so long as we will it to live. Nor can the inspiration of their faith, which girded them with strength unto the battle.

Splendid Island Publicity

Congratulations to Mr. R. L. Burge, M. L. A., new Maritime potato king, and all our Island exhibitors who seem to be carrying everything before them at the Maritime Winter Fair this week.

It is to be hoped that our representatives at Ottawa will take full advantage of the successes scored at Amherst by stressing the benefits to Canada as well as to this Province in improving our Island transportation services.

The Cost Of Strikes

The strike in the United States steel industry has focussed attention on the cost of strikes to the public. The U. S. News and World Report estimates that strikes have cost the United States about \$6 billion since the end of the war.

Canada is not unaffected. This country imports a large amount of steel from the U. S. A nation-wide strike of many days' continuance means a severe shortage of steel for several months.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All the things that can be said about Remembrance Day are platitudes, but then everything really important that can be said is a platitude. Memory, courage, devotion, self-sacrifice lack originality, but lack no appeal to the heart.

Our farmers and fishermen are leading the Maritime Provinces. The tourist industry has made a good start for next year by the plans to provide cabins in the National Park area.

Prince Edward Island loses, and New Brunswick gains, a very efficient officer in the person of Superintendent Anderson, who relinquishes command of the R. C. M. P. here to become Commissioner of Highway Safety in our sister Province.

Not so long ago there was great enthusiasm for the integration of armed services of United States and Commonwealth countries. From all appearances that move has lost momentum at Ottawa and all Government spokesmen can talk about now is "Canadianization."

Peace has its heroes no less than war, the more so because heroism represents the result of preparedness for service in an emergency. The 16 members of the Boy Scouts Association decorated this week by the Governor-General have proved that "Be Prepared" is no empty motto.

After all there is something slightly unsatisfactory about the latest report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that Canada's manufacturing industries had their biggest year in history in 1948.

Oliver Goldsmith, British poet and dramatist, and man of letters, died this date 1774. After severe struggles he began to be known in literary, society, and made the acquaintance of Johnson, Burke, Reynolds, Garrick and others.

The death of City Councillor Holland will be learned with deep regret throughout the Province. As a railway official, as Councillor and Chief Magistrate of Souris, and subsequently as a member of the City Council he was at all times courteous and efficient in his duties.

A new species of bituminous pavement is now receiving its baptism of fire along Highway No. 11, north of the St. Rose bridge, Quebec. This is a 1,000 foot stretch of highway that has been coated with a mixture of ordinary asphalt, plus rubber powder.

The hard experience of Britain's Labour Government has opened the eyes of doctrinaire socialists to certain aspects of their policies which did not present themselves before the event. Not least of these is George Bernard Shaw who now recognizes (his eyes being opened by the increase in absenteeism among workers secure in their jobs and uninclined to work harder for more production, preferring less production and more leisure) that a substitute must be found in the socialist state for the lash of starvation.

We Remember You



PUBLIC FORUM

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY, OTTAWA

Sir, As I pass by on several occasions the National War Memorial here in Ottawa and think how fitting it is that all of us, in the bustle and bustle of our daily work should pause for a few moments on Remembrance Day to think of that great host of gallant men who gave their all that their loved ones at home and all their fellow citizens might continue to live in freedom.

These sons of Canada died for the things in which they believed. On Remembrance Day especially. The years may pass, and pass they do, steadily and all too quietly—but the fleeting time must not dim the recollections of those inspiring chapters written into the history of our Dominion nor the memory of those gallant men.

Remembrance Day then reminds us of the two World Wars in which over 1,500,000 Canadian fighting men shared in the struggle for liberty and in which 100,000 made the supreme sacrifice that Canada, and their loved ones here might be free from tyranny and oppression.

Thanking you for the space allotted me at this time. I am, Sir, etc. GERALD P. MURTAGH. Ottawa, Ont. Nov. 7th, 1949.

The Age-Old Story

None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him.

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But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery. And their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace.

— Wisdom of Solomon, III (The Scout Leader)

Once again November 11th is coming around and once again we shall be asked to remember those who gave their lives in two World Wars in the defence of our way of life.

Memories are short. Perhaps the power to forget our misery and remember only the joys of life is a good thing. Perhaps it would be better for us if we could remember some of the lessons we were taught by the events leading to the wars, the misery and suspense of the actual period of hostilities, and the solemn vows we made that the future should be one of world brotherhood and peace.

Already there are signs that some people have forgotten those who gave their lives. They begin to want Remembrance Day turned into a holiday. The result is that in many cases, observance of the day is a rather hit and miss affair. Usually the two-minute silence is punctuated by the sound of unsynchronized factory whistles signalling the start and finish of separate and different periods of so-called silence. Frequently outdoor services are ruined by the sound of street noises and by children who play and shout in the near vicinity.

Scouters will do well to speak to their boys in advance of Remembrance Day, telling them of some of the sacrifices which were made on their behalf. Many Scouts gave their lives during these two wars and these should afford a special bond of memory. At meetings held during the week of November 11th, Groups might consider having some little ceremonial of remembrance at their meeting. Perhaps they might especially remember the Scouts from their own Group who went away and did not return. Here is an opportunity for the effective use of Scout Silence.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

ISLAND SETTLERS AIDED

"At a meeting of the office bearers and directors of the Highland Society of Prince Edward Island on Tuesday last, it was decided to form a committee for the purpose of imparting to Scottish and other emigrants in landing on our shores, useful information as regards the resources of the country, the terms on which lands can be obtained in this Island, and any other knowledge they might require. The members of the committee appointed were the president, Hon. Donald MacDonald, vice-president, Charles Young, Esq. and Messrs. Purdie, John McGill and Secretary MacNeill.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR DIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9—(AP)—The death of Senator Clyde M. Reed at his home in Parsons, Kan., last night reduces the number of Senate Republicans temporarily to 42.

hound. The skyline is a promise—not a bound.

Adventure on, for from the littlest clue Has come whatever worth man ever knew; The next to lighten all men may be you.

Adventure on—and if you suffer, swear That the next venturer shall have less to bear. Your way will be retraced—make it fair.

Think, though you thunder on U. might, in pride, Others may follow fainting, without guide, Burn out a trackway for them, blaze it wide.

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Notes By The Way

Thousands of families are desperately anxious to own their homes. But they can't afford housing at present prices and they are waiting in hopes that costs will come down. There doesn't seem much use in appointing Royal Commissions or holding special enquiries unless there is some convincing evidence that they can do some good. Right now it doesn't look as though such a probe would be any more effective than Ottawa's investigation into commodity prices, the enquiry that enquired for weeks while cost of living rose steadily. — Vancouver Province.

The Poet's Corner

I do not see what others see When Autumn's trumpet blows: The blazing hill, the blinding tree, The brightness falling from the air. (There is a hedge in Normandy, And my dead youth is there.) I do not hear what others hear. Though music murmurs all around, The plum-drunk wisp, the cautious deer. The apple thudding to the ground... (For me a Norman field this year Holds still a hallowed sound.) I cannot heed what others tell. Though bee and bee bring rich news, The sun-soaked sheaf, the frost-ripe shell. The clover's nectar by the quart... (A Norman poppy's scarlet bell Is heavy with my heart.) In market-place, in council hall The bickering crowd and hotly But One, who notes the sparrow's fall. By all men, save Himself, forgot, Keeps at the crumpled hedge for all. The vigil they do not. — Joseph Aulander.

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