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

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The Presbyterian Synod

The annual meeting in Charlottetown this week of the historic Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is an event of general interest and importance.

The delegates in attendance will be widely representative of Eastern Canada, Newfoundland and other sections, and many will no doubt be visiting this Island for the first time.

A National Disgrace

Last year, fire destroyed property in Canada amounting to nearly 50 million dollars, or about 55% more than the losses five short years ago.

Organizations spend time and money preaching the gospel of fire prevention and illustrate how carelessness can destroy human lives and property.

British Farm Training Scheme

Youngsters in Britain who are interested in farming are soon to get their big chance—a nationwide training scheme is being worked out for them.

Consumers' Organization

A permanent national consumers' organization has been born at Ottawa. Known as the Canadian Association of Consumers, the new body is dedicated to improving the standard of living in Canadian homes by giving consumers a united voice in matters that are their immediate concern.

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The Teaching Profession

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WOOD-SMOKE

Sharply on the crisp autumn air it rose Above the city's constant reek and fume. Such redolence as country twilight knows

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church meets this evening in St. James Church.

If, and when, Newfoundland enters Confederation we are apt to lose the distinction of being "The Island."

Sympathizers with the Exodus would-be immigrants are apt to overlook the fact that they remained voluntarily on board and were, therefore, carried to the next port of call, and that they now are free to enter France should they so desire.

The British Conservative party in approving its "industrial charter" at the annual convention was merely recognizing the impossibility of "unscrambling the omelette" of nationalization.

Trial by newspaper publicity has had another set-back in the case of the sensational Santa Ana, Calif., murder case.

The Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion will present a gold maple leaf with a diamond-encrusted stem as a wedding present to Princess Elizabeth, it has been disclosed by Maj.-Gen. C. B. Price, Legion head.

France in setting Nov. 1 as the deadline by which she must have U. S. dollars, makes apparent the divergence between the pressing urgency of European needs and the leisurely time table set by the American administration to give it time to win over support in Congress for the program of aid for devastated countries.

Premier Jones declared in the Legislature we were entitled to over \$3,000,000 as subsidy from Ottawa to enable us to carry on.

The Provincial Government by operating the local packing plant has assumed a moral obligation to protect the interest of the parties directly concerned as well as those of the farmer.

General Christian De Wet, Orange Free State soldier and politician, born this date 1854, formed for his guerrilla tactics during the South African war in 1899-1902; when Britain granted responsible government he became Minister of Agriculture, retiring from public life when the Union of South Africa became imminent in 1913; early in Great War I, in Oct. 1914, he led a revolt, but was met and routed by General Botha; he escaped, but was ultimately captured and condemned to six years imprisonment, and a fine of \$8,000.

Not a few will be found to agree with Dr. W. S. Fitzpatrick, Moncton, in asserting that too high an educational standard was being set for the training of nurses, hence the shortage of those under instruction.

Dr. Jansen, superintendent of Education for New York has this to say in favour of the 3 R's: "The ability to read understandingly, the ability to calculate accurately, the ability to express oneself clearly, and the ability to use the facts and principles of history and geography in discussing today's problems are still recognized as major objectives, and no educational program can afford to neglect them."

It is claimed that should new Minister of Fisheries Gregg be defeated in the by-election, it will be the end of his official career, started by Prime Minister Borden, away back years ago.

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We are glad to note that a delegate to the general synod of the Anglican church meeting in Saskatoon, took exception to the use of the phrase "war brides" in a report.

Mr. Churchill has delivered 1-250,000 words of his political history of the past decade to the London publishers, Cassell and Co.

Plans to build jet-propelled bombers which will open a completely new era in military aviation have been announced by the British Ministry of Supply.

Because there is some "panic" buying of footwear in anticipation of an increase in prices some persons are suggesting that shoes be rationed in Canada.

Savings that Canadians put aside during the war are being used up faster than was anticipated a few years ago.

The word puncheon originated from the fact that heavy wine casks were "punched" with a stamp or die to indicate their contents and capacity.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir E. D. Smith, declines an invitation to attend Moscow's 800th anniversary celebrations because the invitation arrived too late for proper arrangements to be made.

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Many teachers, attracted by the creative opportunities and personal satisfactions they believe exist in the profession, have become disenchanted when introduced to their living quarters in a crowded home.

A survey in one province in 1941-42 revealed that only one teacherage of 15 could be rated very good.

There were 25 teachers who boarded at rates from \$16 to \$28 a month. Only five of the houses had furnaces, bedrooms were too cold and so they had to do their work and studying in the kitchen.

It cannot be said that such conditions attract young people into the profession. S-perintendents find it extremely difficult to get good teachers for rural schools, and then to keep them.

Material improvements in schools, living conditions and so on will contribute to the stability of the most important person in education, the teacher.

The teaching profession is at once a great art and to a considerable extent a science.

They have large stores of common sense. They are builders of character, the most important element in the progress of our children.

They should be allowed, too, to keep their ideals. Let no one try to take away the spiritual and philosophical values of the teaching profession.

It is a weakness of many schools today that teaching diffuses itself over a multiplicity of enormous problems, leaving only time and opportunity for a passing glance.

Anyone who mentions "curriculum" is practically certain to start an argument. There are so many possibilities, so many temptations to try this and that, we are confused.

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