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

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Potato Marketing

As will be noted from figures published in
yesterday's Guardian, the movement of potatoes
to date has been very heavy and dealers report
having difficulty in finding a ready market for
the quantity offered.

Dealers are complaining that in parts of
the Province from Hunter River west, with
seabogues and in some cases green mountains,
the tubers grew so large that they are undesirable
for tablestock.

It is suggested also that tablestock potatoes
that are now in proper storage should be held
and not rushed on the market at today's prices.

These are but some of the problems connected
with potato marketing at the present time.

Taking Stock Financially

Indicative of the greatly increased purchasing
power in the hands of the Canadian people,
some interesting figures were cited this week
by Mr. B. C. Gardner, president of the Canadian
Bankers' Association, at the Association's
annual meeting in Montreal.

At August 31, 1939, the assets of Canada's
ten chartered banks totalled \$3,548 millions.

At August 31, 1946, a year after fighting
ceased, they totalled \$5,935 millions, an increase
of \$3,370 millions—more than double.

The growth of bank deposits is not the
whole story in this regard, as in addition, the
public are now holders of unprecedentedly large
amounts of Victory Bonds which, by reason of
their high liquidity, might appropriately be
termed "near money."

Mr. Gardner's answer to this question differs
somewhat from that given by Federal officials.

Moose Meat—Cheap

From British Columbia comes complaint
about a growing practice on the part of visiting
American big game hunters.

There seems to be no method by which
this practice can be readily stopped.

is entitled to bag his moose, and he is then
free to take the carcass home if he so desires.

After that, it is very difficult for Canadian
authorities to know whether he sells the meat.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery was born
tomorrow's date, 1887.

Apple Day—Scouts and Cubs on the rounds.

Evidently the Hon. Mr. Barbour, acting
Premier, believes charity begins at home, and so
is providing Government tenants for his son's
new premises on Euston St.

Complaint has been received from farmers
at Bonshaw and the south shore that when they
brought truck loads of tubers for shipment this
week, there were neither cars nor storage to
receive them.

There have been some scattered showers of
snow so far, but we do not look for the first
serious fall till round about the 30th, St. Andrew's
Day, when out-of-town clansmen attending
the annual banquet have not infrequently
found it difficult making their way home.

The Temperance Federation is once more
redivivus after having become more-or-less moribund
through resorting to hole-in-corner
conventions with handouts as reports of proceedings.

William Fren de Morgan, English novelist,
born this date 1839; son of Augustus de Morgan,
famous English mathematician and logician,
Todhunter and Routh being among his pupils;

Only about 16 per cent of those who enter
Quebec Protestant schools graduate, Dr. W. P.
Percival, director of Protestant education, told
members of the graduating class at St. Laurent
High School, at the annual graduation exercises.

Mr. W. E. Agnew, our High Commissioner
to Newfoundland, has been quietly accomplishing
great work in our interests in the Ancient
Colony. Recently he had a round-up of business
men and agriculturalists, and conveyed to
them in unmistakable terms, the mutual advantage
of trade between the two islands.

The tendency of modern education to
"squander leadership" by overprotecting young
people and thus preventing the development of
a sense of responsibility and self-dependence,
was scored by Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the
British Empire and Commonwealth, at a farewell
luncheon tendered to him by the Canadian
General Council of the Boy Scouts Association.

So far as the Sun is concerned,
we of this city are still Vancouverites,
Major Matthew's preference
for Vancouverian not withstanding.

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—Bimontown Journal.

Notes By The Way

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The reason some people have a
tough time saving for rainy days
is that they blow in too much on
wet nights. —Winnipeg Tribune.

For pork, and beans, the smart
packer uses jars made of high-
power microscope glass. Magnified
1,000 times, the pork, if any, is
visible. —Ottawa Citizen.

It was a foregone conclusion
that as soon as the shadows of the
gallows had been lifted Rudolf
Hess would never, and so he has,
—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Among the meaty American election
slogans was this one: "If you
want horse sense vote Republican
if you want horse meat vote Democrat."
And the victor certainly
"bit" on Tuesday. —Stratford Beacon-
Herald.

Joe Doakes is a proud man because
he earns \$50 a week, where his
father earned \$35, twenty years
ago when he was Joe's age. But
what Joe's father could get with
his \$36 compared to what Joe can
get with his \$50 is lucky for the
human race, forgotten. —Hamilton
Spectator.

Canada's criminal 200 diphtheria
deaths per year and Britain's 720
deaths from the same cause need
not take place. Most certainly
they won't if children are given
the protection they have a right
to enjoy and which may be obtained
without cost. —Brookville Recorder
and Times.

They can standardize munitions
and equipment with the American
army all they want to, but they
will never duplicate the Victoria
cross, D.S.O. and other highly
earned ribbons on the uniform.
Even so, and the comment comes
from soldiers themselves, the sloppy
battle dress was a monstrosity. Now
they are doing their best to secure
enlistment in Canada, why not
adopt a street uniform which is
a la mode with civilians? —St.
Catharines Standard.

Something like this should be
said, perhaps, to the average individual
living in the postwar era of
1946: "The war is over now, all
of you are willing to help, and
work. Some lands (but with inflation,
some with 'power', but generally
speaking, this land will be what
we, together, make it. Let us
make the best Canada that we
can come to pass." —Victoria
Colonist.

At a time when there is a critical
shortage of trained nurses, a
word of praise should go to the
women in white and to students
in training who are not departing
from their calling and are continuing
to care for the sick. A great
many of these women could find
higher wages in other occupations.
The opportunity for shorter hours
and less arduous duties must be
tempting, but they remain loyal to
their profession, they render a
high service. —Boston Post.

In Britain, army pay increases
and betterment of living conditions
for soldiers seem so far to have
failed to attract the number of recruits
needed for the United Kingdom's
commitments. It will be of interest
here to see if the Canadian
army can see any way to run on
Oct. 11 will draw young men to
the service in sufficient numbers
to realize the proposed army of
25,000. —Ottawa Journal.

"The American who comes here
does not want waffles but Scotch
food properly cooked" according
to Dr. T. Pettigrew Young,
director of the Scottish school
of management. Speaking in
Glasgow, he said that Scotland
required far more hotels than she
had, but to attract the tourist, they
should be English in style, with
a welcome atmosphere, provide organized
entertainment and excursions;
Have quiet bedrooms—not bedrooms
above a noisy bar or dance
hall; and be open whether the
hotel under the license or not, with
the sale of liquor carefully restricted
to guests and served mainly
at meals. —Edinburgh Scotsman.

A price increase that benefits
one wage earner or producer is a
cut in another man's real wages
or earnings. The farmer's youngest
son can see this in his bushels
and that if he takes more potatoes
to get these things, then his
real wages are down. He knows
that trade is still trade, and that
the only valid claim on the goods
of the community is what he
contributes himself—heretical as it
might sound. Thus, a jump in city
prices is a cut in his wages. —Hamilton
Spectator.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

BOOK RETURN WEEK

Sir,—This is another week that
the public should introduce.
How many people have books in
their homes that don't belong to
them? Some have been in their
bookcases for years. They borrow
them from friends, no doubt, with
good intentions of returning them,
but some other friend borrows
them and away they go, and when
they try to trace them, what? A
number of these books are expensive
and are prized by the owner.
You would hardly accuse a person
that has a book they borrowed
when it wasn't returned of
stealing, but what have you?
This Return Book Week idea
came to me when a friend stated:
"found a book belonging to a
friend of mine. I have had it for
ten years. Oh I must return it."
Appoint a day or week and return
the books you borrowed, and
clear your conscience, and the
people that have their books re-
turned, thank you all the more.
It is never too late.

ISLAND FAMILY NAMES

Sir,—From time to time in the
Saturday edition of your paper,
the column "Newly Noted by Agricola,"
appear most interesting items, having
reference to early Island history.
I refer especially to the account
of "Island Family Names" in the
column "Newly Noted by Agricola."
I am interested, as an Islander,
in the account of the census of
the Island taken in 1798, under
Governor Panning, referred to in
several of the articles by Agricola.
My interest is particularly in the
first settlers in Lots: 34, 32, 49 and
50. Since I have endeavoured to
make some investigation for purely
historical and family interest, into
the background of the several of
the early families in these Lots, I
thought that this might be of in-
terest to some of your readers.

The first settler in that part of
Lot 34, lying along the Hillsborough
River, was I believe, George
Vickerson, who with his wife and
at that time, six children are re-
corded in the census of 1798. George
Vickerson, so far as I can deter-
mine, settled there in 1790. How-
ever this does not seem to have
been the earliest date at which his
connection with the Island began.
In the early days of settlement,
he was 1779, when in the fall of that
year, during the American Revolution,
troops on their way from New
York to Quebec wintered in Char-
lottetown. He was among these
troops, at a soldier with a certain
rank, and after the war, in 1783
was given a grant of land on the
Island.

The tradition is that this grant
of land was on the west side of
the Hillsborough River, on St.
Peter's Bay and going back into
never been able to verify this, but
the country along the river. I have
examined the survey of these
lands, settled there in 1790. How-
ever this does not seem to have
been the earliest date at which his
connection with the Island began.

It is interesting, to note that
the wife of this early settler was,
Anna Barbara Younker and she,
no doubt, belonged to the Younker
family who settled in Lot 22.
The subsequent inter-marriage of
the descendants of George Vickerson
and Anna Barbara Younker
are interesting, and have bearing
on the editorial, recently appear-
ing in your paper, on our High
Commissioner to the United King-
dom, Dr. Norman S. Robertson.

This is occasioned by the fact
that soon after George Vickerson
settled in Lot 34, in 1790, he
settled in Lot 49, in 1818, from
Blair Athol, Perthshire, Jessie
Robertson (born in the City of
Perth in 1793) married Conrad
Vickerson, son of George Vickerson
born 1790 at Marshfield. Their
daughter Emma Vickerson, born
1842, was the mother of Profes-
sor Lemuel Robertson, and grand-
mother of Norman Robertson, the
New Canadian High Commissioner
to London.

James Robertson and his wife
Jean Miller emigrated to P.E.I. in
1818, with their family. But James
Robertson's sister, Margaret, married
John Ferguson of Blair Athol,
and emigrated to P.E.I. in 1808.
They were, if I am not mistaken,
the ancestors of Professor William
Scott Ferguson of Harvard.

My interest in the reference in
"Newly Noted" to the early settlers
in Lots 49 and 50 is occasioned by
my endeavor to trace the back-
ground of the Hayden family on
P.E.I. James Lewis Hayden was
born in 1740 in Ulster county
New York. His wife was Christine
Hayden born in 1755. In 1780, during
the American Revolution, they
moved to New York City, and in
1782, as Loyalists, came to Shel-
burne N.S. and in 1785 to the
Island. They settled first, if I am
correct, at Wright's mill, near
Charlottetown, later moving to
Pownall in Lot 48, and then later
to Hayden's mills at Vernon River,
Lot 50.

settlers on Lot 91.
These matters of early Island
history, suggested by the references
in your paper, seem to me to add
so much to the interest and colour
of our Island story.

I am, Sir, etc.
REV. HARRY J. VICKERSON,
(United Church Manse, Inwood,
Ontario).

SUMMERSIDE BY-ELECTION

Sir,—Another by-election contest
is being waged in Summerside at
present and will continue until the
ballots are cast on November 26,
that is, about two weeks from this
date.
Very little time was lost by the
Government following the demise
of the late Mr. D. F. MacNeill, in
calling for the election of a suc-
cessor. In fact, so brief was this
period of "respect for the dead"
when there was no urgency for
such unbecoming haste, that many
of the electors of the constituency,
and the Province, were amazed
when the announcement was made.
However, be that as it may, the
contest is in full swing and the
Progressive Conservatives, who
have been forced to fall in line,
have every prospect of holding the
seat so unfortunately made vacant
at this time.

A somewhat infrequent complex
has been thrown about this con-
test, so that voting may not fol-
low exclusively along the line of
Federal and Provincial Govern-
ments from former occasions is
that both candidates are what ap-
pear to be clean-cut young men,
neither of whom have hitherto
participated in active politics; and
stimulating from observation only,
there is no reason why the suc-
cessful candidate on election day
should not prove a credit to his
district and his party. It is a good
omen to see young men come for-
ward at such a time and accept an
invitation to offer their services to
the Province.

Electors of Summerside and ad-
jacent communities concerned
should rally to the support of these
young men, who are not yet much
over the boy age category, and
the ballot cast should be the heav-
iest vote ever polled in the con-
stituency. If electors who would or-
dinarily vote for the Liberal candi-
date find it difficult to do so, by
virtue of the almost universal de-
sire to effect a change in both
Federal and Provincial Govern-
ments at the earliest possible op-
portunity, then they should vote
for Francis MacNeill whose elec-
tion would be certain proof of the
wishes of the people of the Pro-
vince, and incidentally no reflec-
tion on the candidate who would
thus have to suffer defeat.

Then again, it should be consid-
ered that Summerside, as the sec-
ond urban centre, numerically, in
the Province, should occupy a prom-
inent position in the Council of
Government and in the election of
Mr. MacNeill would have an ex-
cellent prospect for future minis-
terial setting. It is true he would
not attain such prominence at
once, but the preliminary training
he would acquire during the next
session or two would be of con-
siderable value and advantage to
himself and his district when the
opportunity comes about, as sure
it will, and perhaps at an earlier
date than he generally anticipates.
His scholastic attainments
have already fitted him to fill a
very important position in a Pro-
vincial Cabinet.

In seeking election in the pres-
ent contest Mr. MacNeill is not
trading on the record of his for-
bear but rather offering on his
own initiative and desire to serve.
This he made very obvious during
his splendid acceptance speech on
the evening of his nomination. It
should be remembered, and it nat-
urally will be, by the electors be-
fore casting their ballots, that the
name MacNeill in Summerside and
Prince County is synonymous with
service. Francis MacNeill's own
although in its early stages, in
the past course of events, he
has so far been spent in the ser-
vice of his country and the com-
munity of his boyhood and early

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Fade the autumn's altar-lights;
Down the great earth's glimmering
chancel
Ghde the days and nights.

Little brothers of the clod.
Like a shadow in a glass
Falls the dark and falls the still-
ness;
We must rise and pass.

Hark, the moving shades confer,
Globe of dew and gossamer,
Fading and ephemeral spirits
In the dusk aster.

Moth and blossom, blade and bee,
Worships gods so well as we,
In the long procession joining
Mount and star and sea.

Toward the shadowy brink we climb
Where the round year rolls sublime,
Rolls, and drops, and falls forever
In the vast of Time.
—Sir Charles G. D. Roberts.

Old Charlottetown
(And P.E.I.)
WESLEYAN CHAPEL

On the 16th of November, 1838,
Isaac Smith, Robert Longworth,
John Boyver, Christopher Cross,
Henry Smith, John Tremaman,
William Tanton, Thomas Dawson
and Charles Welsh as trustees of the
Wesleyan Methodist Society in
Charlottetown purchased a piece
of land 80 by 108 feet on the cor-
ner of Prince and Richmond Streets
for the purpose of erecting a new
Wesleyan Chapel. For about eight-
een years immediately preceding
this period the Wesleyan Society
held services in a building on the
north side of Richmond Street
between Queen and Pownall Streets.
Having obtained this superior loca-
tion the trustees erected an oblong
wooden structure 42 by 85 feet
with a gable end forming Prince
Street. The interior was plainly
finished with flat ceiling, high
backed pews and a gallery around
the three sides. The building would
seat about 600 persons.

This was the beginning of the
Prince Street Methodist church.
The trustees became a body cor-
porate by an Act of the General
Assembly passed on the 10th of
April 1836. The new chapel was
finished the same year.

manhood days. His record for so
young a man is outstanding, and
he would be a splendid acquisition
to the Provincial Legislature.
We would expect much from him
in the years that are ahead with-
out fear of disappointment.
I am, Sir, etc. ELECTOR

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