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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Elementary Education

This week is being observed throughout Canada
as Education Week, and emphasis is being
placed in this Province on teaching methods in
the elementary grades.

The Washington food conference faces
many high hurdles but it might, in the end, help
world peace more than peace conferences have
done.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remembrance Day, Monday 11th.

The parable of the Duped King related by
Dr. J. A. MacMillan to the Rotarians Monday
may have, in fact, should have repercussions.

Now the U. S. A. elections are over, we may
expect a less adverse attitude to the United
Kingdom on the part of isolationist politicians.

According to an Ottawa correspondent,
Premier Angus Macdonald is the only member
of his government opposed to a bi-lateral
agreement with Ottawa on the tax question.

The C. C. F. are to be in annual convention
tonight in the B. I. S. Hall, above the Canadian
Bank of Commerce. Not much has been heard
of the Party locally since last election, but that
they are still active is evident from the fact that
propaganda literature has been distributed from
time to time.

The selection of Mr. McNeill as Progressive
Conservative candidate in the vacancy in the
Fifth District of Prince means that he will be
the third generation in succession chosen to
carry the Conservative colors in the constituency,
his predecessors being his grandfather,
the Hon. James McNeill, his father Mr. Dan McNeill,
both worthy and highly esteemed citizens.

Princess Charlotte, only child of George IV,
and heiress to the throne died unexpectedly this
date 1817; well-grounded fears were entertained
that through her death the inheritance of the
crown might pass from the reigning family, and
devolve upon a foreign despotic dynasty. These
apprehensions were dispelled by the subsequent
marriage of the Duke of Kent, and the birth of
Princess Victoria, who, in her actual occupancy
of the throne realized all the expectations which
the nation had been led to entertain from the
anticipated accession of her cousin.

In Ontario and Quebec they dish turn-
pike roads, or highways, with the ease with
which we here straighten out a curve. The
120-mile Montreal road linking Ottawa and
Montreal may be abandoned as a through high-
way and a new road built over another route.

Mr. George H. Doucet, Ontario Minister of
Highways, has just announced. He added in
an interview that for the time being no further
improvements would be made on the road, pending
a decision to build a new highway. Even
with improvements it was doubtful if the old
road would be able to handle the increased
volume of traffic. Highway department officials
were studying the matter and their estimate
of future travel would determine whether a
new route would be single or dual lane.

We may look out for greatly expedited
immigration before the year 1947 has far
advanced. Resources Minister Glen announces
immigration inspection facilities, withdrawn
following the outbreak of war, will become
available in Europe next January 1 for applicants
admissible to Canada under present regulations.
Probably the first task of the newly
installed immigration officers will be to deal
with European refugees who are expected to
come to Canada under a broadening of immigration
regulations announced by Mr. Glen at
the last session of parliament. At that time,
Mr. Glen stated that certain relatives of Canadians
would be admitted to Canada provided
the Canadian relatives would undertake to
support and house them. That announcement
was followed by another indicating that the
establishment of inspection facilities in
Europe was under way.

There is no such thing as a miraculous
medicine, or cure-all known to science, says
Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin.
Sir Alexander, who has always objected strongly
to the "wonder-drug" type of publicity through-
out the chapters which he himself has contributed
to a new book on penicillin just published.
"Press publicity," he says in one chapter,
"has given many people the idea that penicillin
is a panacea. This idea must be dispelled for
however effective it is in many infections it is
quite useless in many others. Infections like typhoid
fever, dysentery, cholera, plague and undulant
fever," he continues in another section, "do not
benefit from penicillin therapy."

Some of the other common conditions which do
not respond are cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatoid
arthritis, nervous degenerations — for example
disseminated sclerosis and Parkinson's disease —
psoriasis and almost all the virus diseases
such as smallpox, measles, influenza and the
common cold, although in this latter class
penicillin may be successfully used in the bacterial
complications and sequelae. These are only
some of the diseases of many sufferers who, in
the past two years have as the result of press re-
ports written to me for relief."

Notes By The Way

Recommended 39 years ago in the
1896 Sudan campaign for the Meritorious
Service Medal, Captain J. S. Brown, 80, has
finally received the decoration. — Frederick
Gleason.

Aptitude tests are meretricious
things. They keep a little music-
ian from suffering because Ma
wants him to be a violinist. — Calgary
Albertan.

About thirty per cent of the
French electors failed to cast bal-
lots in the recent vote on the Con-
stitution, and Paris circles expressed
disappointment and surprise.
The same sort of apathy is often
evident in Canada but evokes no
surprise whatever. — Brantford Ex-
positor.

A robber does not carry a toy gun
as a plaything but in the hopes that
with it he can intimidate his vic-
tim by making him believe it a
real weapon — that he can accom-
plish his untoward purpose with-
out being tempted into murder. If
that isn't armed robbery the code
needs amending to make it so. — Ot-
tawa Journal.

A toilet-soap famine, now rearing
its ugly head, is the worst yet,
as who wants to knock off for a
couple of days while he sends him-
self the dry cleaner? — Winnipeg
Tribune.

Harry Truman may be no or-
ator, but he can read a radio
speech without rustling the pages
much, and that in itself is a gift
possessed by few. — Ottawa Citizen.

The man who built a two-car
garage a few years ago was really
far-sighted. Now he can put up
two families. — Hamilton Spectator.

Twenty-three men and one wom-
an who were once sentenced to
the gallows are living in Ontario
today. And in complete freedom.
Their sentences were commuted to
life imprisonment, which, in every
case, doesn't actually mean life.
Once the jury says "guilty" in a
murder case, the judge must im-
pose the death penalty. But if
there's a rider recommending
mercy the Department of Justice
has seen it ever been known to
turn a deaf ear. — Windsor Star.

From the time we get up in the
morning until we go to bed at night
our way is made infinitely easier
by pushing things and pulling
things or, what is the equivalent,
turning a dial to right or left, says
The Baltimore Sun. By this simple
means we provide ourselves with
light, we regulate the temperature
of our houses, we do our cooking,
wash and iron our clothes, remove
dust and dirt without resorting to
a broom. Or, we dial a number,
speak to a long distance operator
and in a remarkably short time
are talking to somebody several
thousand miles away. Few of us
are very clear as to the way these
miracles are performed. Assuming
we had the necessary intelligence,
it would take us months to learn
the theory that lies behind them.
If we made a resolve never to push
another button or turn another dial
until we really knew what we were
doing, we would all be gravely
handicapped.

Some things masquerading under
the name of science these days
are crude insults to Apollon, to
whom the apple was sacred. Card-
board crusts, of course, are an old
dodge. But lately we have come
across an imitation filling made-
we're certain — of gelatine, corn-
starch and cheap perfume. With
shortening almost gone from the
market with sugar rationed and
with apples worth their weight in
shirts, there is reason for a shortage
of apple pie. But in that case
the situation should be faced man-
fully. Going without is more hon-
est and better for the human race
in the long run than accepting
cheap substitutes. You might im-
pair the sense of taste or the young-
er generation and they never would
be able to savor the true joy of a
real apple pie. — Minneapolis Star
Journal.

Famous as Missouri — or was in
the fondly remembered prewar days
for its corn-fattened beef, its tur-
keys and its Cataway County hams,
city dwellers have been heard to
bemoan its lack of a delicacy crop
like Vermont's maple sugar. How
wrong they are, exclaims The St.
Louis Star-Times. To be convinced
of this, they ought to visit a farm-
especially one in the swampest
boot-heel — now that sorghum-press-
ing time has rolled around again.
Familiar with an old-fashioned, mul-
ti-powered press or with more modern
machinery, Missouri farmers now
are squeezing "lasses sweetnin'"
out of their cane. It's a "right profit-
able crop, too, molasses currently
bringing from \$2.25 to \$3 a gallon
according to the Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian. But the profit
is not half as thrilling to the
farmer as is the season's treat to
his children — the chance to suck
the sweet juice out of a "stick" of
cane. Or has most of the joy been
taken out of that in these latter
days of store-bought candy?

LONDON — (CP) — Repairs of
war damage to the Theatre Royal
Drury Lane, have been authorized
by the Ministry of Works. At present
the theatre is standing idle.

FOR THAT
COLD
RUB IN...
MINARD'S
KING OF PAIN
LINIMENT

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to
the discussion by corre-
spondents of questions of
interest. The Charlottetown
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinions of
its correspondents.

"BILL NO. 39"

Sir,—Like Banquo's ghost, the
shade of "Bill Number Thirty-
nine" will not down.

The Bill was submitted to Lieu-
tenant Governor LaPage at the
close of the legislative session of
1945. It had been intended as an
amendment to the Prohibition Act,
but the Lieutenant Governor would
have none of it.

Being refused the Royal favour,
the Bill then went into the
Gehenna of unappreciated legis-
lative effort. There it remained
for five long months, during which
period its mourners were non-
soluble. "Then another King arose
who knew not Joseph." The ghost
of the Bill was accordingly sum-
moned from the vasty deep by
Royal proclamation. As a servant
of King Barleycorn it was formally
installed by the Government as
chief butler at its funeral
banqueting table.

But while the Bill is still serv-
ing in Prince Edward Island as
the stuffed effigy of a constitu-
tional enactment, its bluff has
been called by constitutional auth-
orities elsewhere.

Professor Ezra Laskin, of Os-
wego Bill Law School, suggests
that the Bill having once been re-
jected, the Lieutenant Governor was
then "functus", and that even
although there may have been a
change in the incumbent of the
office, the Bill would be "dead".
And now we have Dean W. P. M.
Kennedy, the well known author-
ity on Constitutional Law, using
the spectre of the Bill, in his lec-
tures to his law students, as a
rather notorious instance of con-
stitutional ineptitude. These auth-
orities agree that Royal assent
having once been refused, the Bill,
as a piece of attempted legisla-
tion, became ineffective.

I am, Sir, etc.
LEX.

London Letter

(By James McCook,
Canadian Press
Staff Writer)

The loud, masterful voice paused
and the watching boy expressed
his admiration by letting his breath
out in a long "Coo!"

The boy had his pale Cockney
face hard against the sooty railings
of Wellington Barracks and was
perhaps he had expected to see the
changing of the Guard at Buck-
ingham Palace, a stone's throw dis-
tant. But this was a far finer
sight — the Guards drilling.

And this was drilling. Elsewhere
a Sergeant-Major may speak gen-
tly and privates feel that life goes
on even if buttons are dirty, but
on the Wellington Barracks parade
ground not a man stood at ease,
and watching officers were tense.

One sergeant under a Company
Sergeant-Major practised a slow
march, their massive, shining boots
advancing with the precision of
ballet dancers. Another squad hur-
ried back and forth practising the
about-turn.

But these operations were of
small account, compared with the
display of another squad under a
Regimental Sergeant-Major.

He was a thin, smooth-faced
young man with an airborne unit
badge on his sleeve and a long
and elegant sword in his hand,
quite different from the bulky, wax-
moustached terrors of other ser-
geants and in complete com-
mand of the parade ground.

With the air of a man who has
evolved in the hundred times, the
RSM, said he wanted his "eyes"
to run to the right, when he gave
the command, and march away,
one man breaking off from the line
every two paces. This would pro-
vide long lines of soldiers each two
paces apart.

A neat, simple operation, said
the RSM, with menace in his voice.
With a flash of boots, they turned
and marched off briskly, thin
lips moving as they counted paces.

The markers stood steady and
the second man, dropped off at
two paces and the third at six. Af-
ter that the counting became more
difficult.

At the first sign of trouble the
RSM, bellowed menacingly but
the Guardsmen, wrapped in con-
centration continued to march until
each was satisfied according to
his own reckoning. They betrayed
no surprise when they found them-
selves elbow to elbow with com-
rades supposed to be two paces a-
way.

Having turned, they could see
from the corners of their eyes, the
furious RSM, waving his swagger
stick. His voice roared not oaths
but horsewhip screams as they
were rounded up by two blasphemous
sergeants who guided them
back to their original lines.

The horrid business of remembering
position and the number of
paces to be taken began all over
again.

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strange and wild.
This is perchance the wildest and
most strange,
And shouldst thou mutter utterly be-
gulled.
To those who haunt that sunless
City's range:
That he bemoans himself for aye,
repeating
How Time is deadly swift, how life
is fleeting,
How naught is constant on the
earth but change.

The hours are heavy to him, and
the days:
The burden of the months he scarce
can bear:
And often in his secret soul he
prays
To sleep through barren periods
unaware,
Arousing at some longed-for date
of pleasure;
Which having passed and yielded
him small treasure,
He would outsleep another term of
care.
—James Thomson.

Old Charlottetown
(And P.E.I.)

BENEFIT OF CLERGY

1786. Jupiter Wis, a black servant
of G. Burney, Esq., stole two gallons
of West India rum worth seven
shillings, the property of one Mr.
MacDonald. When he was ordered
into court after conviction and
sentenced to be hanged, he pleaded
benefit of clergy, the first
known case of resorting to this plea
in Island history.
The claim was allowed, with the
result that instead of being hanged
he was transported to the West
India for seven years. As former
Chief Justice J. A. Mathieson
comments in his review of the case
in an old Island publication, "the
relationship between his crime and
his punishment must have struck
Jupiter as singularly appropriate."

HANG CLOTHING
Parents who have difficulty
teaching children to be tidy and to
hand up their discarded clothing,
now have the support of the De-
partment of National Health and
Welfare. In a bulletin, the health
authorities say that it is necessary
to hang clothing which has been
worn so that it will air thoroughly.
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