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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Tourists And Historic Sites

A plea that historic sites should be preserved and reconstructed as part of Canada's heritage, and as a tourist attraction, has been made by Mrs. Stuart Cork, chairman of the Canadian Tourist Association's committee for preservation of historical sites.

When Parliament Meets

The chief items of business at the forthcoming session of Parliament, opening on Feb. 16, are the budget and the estimates, neither of which will likely be of a sensational nature.

Despite its top-heavy majority of 190 Liberals against 72 others, the Government last session was on the defensive in connection with the McGregor report under the Combines Investigation Act, and also on rent controls.

Early in the session, all political eyes in Canada will be upon the British election, with the voting day set for Feb. 23. But economic developments in the United States will also be followed closely.

One feature of the national accounting is becoming more and more marked. Less than 25 per cent of expenditure has become controllable in practical fact.

Winter Employment

Unemployment is now at its seasonal peak in Prince Edward Island, as in other Provinces, and the National Employment Office in Charlottetown is endeavouring to do something about it.

An employment office cannot create employment, but it can suggest ways and means whereby a seasonal situation can be relieved. At the present time, the local office has a large number of men registered for employment including carpenters, painters, interior decorators, and other tradesmen.

It is pointed out by the National Employment Office officials that some alterations or repair jobs which must be done in the coming year, could very easily be done during the months of February or March.

Two months hence, there will be competition for the skilled men who are now out of work. Perhaps not in a great many years has so much construction work been in prospect for one year in the business section, as is contemplated for Charlottetown in 1950.

The National Employment Office can fill practically any order now from its list of

more than one thousand unemployed men. Any employment given now will contribute to the prosperity of the community, and will certainly cost no more than if the work is delayed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Charles Dickens, English novelist and journalist, born this date 1812. Probably the best delineator of characters in his plots of all authors of the Nineteenth Century.

Should the C. N. R. embark on its proposed passenger and freight service it would mean the Government will have to maintain the roads in the pink of condition.

Just as we evidently are beginning to feel the effects of an old-time freezing winter, smiling British Columbia announces spring has arrived there.

There are always grounds for considering our blessings compared with the hardships of others. For instance, in Yugoslavia, people are desperately short of food.

U. S. Senator Brien McMahon's much discussed proposal to provide \$50,000,000 for a "peace offensive" in the form of a development programme in return for cessation of Russia's revolutionary and imperialistic activity has a parallel in history.

Scientists have been working continuously for ever-so-long to produce the deadliest of bombs imaginable, and now they turn round and caution the United Nation governments not to be the first to use them.

No arrangement of mutual advantage could have demonstrated better the friendly spirit so long prevailing between this country and the United States as did the agreement by which Colonial Airlines lost its monopoly route.

The National Research Council has conferred a boon on seafarers by developing a foghorn which transmits about twenty times as much sound as conventional types.

Mr. Seymour Hills, a 38-year-old journeyman printer, is the Labour opponent of the great Winston Churchill in the riding of Woodford in Britain's election.

Some 20 million workers in Britain are now getting holidays with pay, a fact which has brought about a revolution in the holiday industry.

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British Columbia is now at loggerheads with the Doukhobors, on charges of fire raising and general violence. In Nelson bail of \$50,000 each has been set for Michael (the Archangel) Verigin, John Lebedoff and Joe Podovnikoff.



PUBLIC FORUM

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

MARCO POLO RELICS

Sir,—I have just read in The Guardian for today of the irrefragable loss of the figure of the Marco Polo which had been in the possession of Mr. R. K. Clements and was destroyed lately in the disastrous fire at Montague.

The Section Man

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Who Is Russia Trying To Impress?

Soviet policy is passing through a rather curious phase. Every opportunity is taken to repeat Stalin's famous dictum that the "two systems" — Communist and Capitalist — can live peacefully together for a prolonged period.

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Notes By The Way

A naturalist asserts holy that an alligator will not eat a human being. But like a woman in a fruit store, an alligator can pinch and prod a human being until nobody else wants what's left.

Continuous sub-zero mercury readings do not make a hard winter in themselves. It takes a combination of snow, mercury rapping on the bottom of the tube, blizzards, blocked highways and shortages of feed for livestock to combine into a hard winter that the Old Timers would even demean themselves to talk about.

The increased tempo of activity in Old Quebec is shown in a recent government report. All secondary roads are now plowed for winter use. Of the 150,000 farm homes 50 per cent have been electrified as compared with 21 per cent in 1940.

The church in Russia was, as we know, an instrument of the ruling classes in the days before communism. Of the Russian people more than some others it could be said that religion was their "opiate."

We can't say we blame these ski resort owners, because we know how its feels when Alberta wheatlands don't get enough moisture for proper growth.

The Age-Old Story

Behold, Thou dearest truth is the inward part, and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

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