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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
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Mr. MacDonald's Chances

According to Liberal strategists in Nova Scotia, the Maritime delegation to the National Liberal Convention, August 5-7, will solidly support Premier Angus L. Macdonald if he chooses to run for the party leadership.

Of course, Premier Macdonald is an outspoken champion of Maritime grievances, and that would not be pleasing to Ontario Liberal bosses, any more than to Quebec, which is expected to favour Mr. St. Laurent.

Mr. Macdonald hasn't yet signified that "Barkis is willin'." As the only likely Maritime contender for the crown, it is to be hoped that he will follow the example of that estimable character in Dickens.

Against Stable Prices

Dr. J. E. Lattimer, who recently revisited this Province and whose Economic Survey of Prince Edward Island in 1944, was made at the request of the Provincial Government, is against farm price stabilization as a retrograde step.

"Stability of price of farm products has a strong appeal to consumers provided prices are low. Do consumers in this country, or in any other with which we deal, really feel that prices of farm products should be stabilized at the present level?"

As Professor Lattimer points out, in farming particularly, where production fluctuates so sharply from season to season, stability of income can only be brought about by considerable variation in price.

Little Hope At Ottawa

This, in the opinion of the Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) is the last straw: the fact that the letter advising Premier Manning of Alberta that the Dominion Government has refused to suspend the freight rate increase at the request of the seven dissenting Provinces came direct from Prime Minister King.

"The seven Provinces, nevertheless," says the Chronicle, "are not likely to take this dictum of the Prime Minister without protest. The seven protesting Provinces certainly will have to go into conference with the view of producing a cogent common platform."

Outmoded Electoral System

Another piece of unfinished business which Prime Minister King will leave for his successor at Ottawa is the reform of our electoral system. As Mr. Diefenbaker pointed out in the dying days of the last session, this was something on which Mr. King used to expend a great deal of eloquence.

cated the alternative vote in single member constituencies, and the adoption of proportional representation in double member constituencies. He went so far as to promise this electoral reform as an integral part of his policy.

In the general election of 1935 he repeatedly committed his party to electoral reform, and on election night he reiterated his assurance that this was one of the promises which were to be carried into effect.

Nothing has since been done about the matter, and today, as on other occasions, we have the House of Commons in a position where a majority of the members of the House have been elected by minority votes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Glorious Twelfth"—to be celebrated at Hunter River.

A three-day Lobster Festival and Horse Races open at Pictou tomorrow.

While His Excellency the Governor-General is in residence here the Union Jack should be flown daily.

Welcome to the Vice-Regal Family. May their sojourn in the Royal-named Province be restful and invigorating.

Through an oversight the anonymous letter and comments in Agricola's Newsy Notes did not appear in Saturday's issue. They will be found on another page in today's issue.

Another link in Canada's trade and communications will be forged when T. C. A. commences an air service from Canada to the Bahamas.

It will seem a little strange for the Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilsley, being a member of the Privy Council, to appear before the Judicial Committee of that august body in the role of counsel.

The province of Quebec will lose some of its reputation for gallantry as a result of the forthcoming election. With callous disregard for the feelings of lady voters, the electoral lists proclaim to all and sundry the exact age of each voter.

The yachtmen want a breeze, workers like it cool, picnickers and bathers hope for heat, the water commissioners probably would like more rain and some who like records don't care what it does as long as it is more so than in the past twenty years.

The Canadian Bar Association's proposed survey of the legal profession should yield information of value and interest to the general public perhaps even more than to the profession itself. Reforms, in any field, can only come after the facts on which they are based have been made known.

This is a different kind of boom than in 1929 but a boom nevertheless. There has been no remarkable stock market activity but prices, wages, employment, production, consumption, exports and capital investment have spiralled dizzyingly upward. The weak point seems to be exports, which are the keystone of the whole structure.

Motorists have no sooner effectively dealt with one horror of pleasure driving than another makes its appearance. Blatant billboard eyesores are largely a thing of the past but the enjoyment of rural peace is not yet assured. The new menace is the high powered amplifier, used first, strangely enough, by New Jersey police as a safety measure.

In his presidential report to the Co-operative Union Mr. Jerome O'Brien drew attention to a problem common to farmers and other producers, as well as the fishermen to whom it was addressed. Referring to the change from salt and canned fish to newer methods of handling fish he said, "Now if our fish co-operatives are not alert to these changes in packing and manufacturing they may suddenly find themselves out of business."

How women may succeed in public life is laid down in the official organ of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. They are: "She must have natural endowment—brains and ability and the desire to succeed and those things of personality and initiative that we consider in the broad sense under the heading 'natural endowment.' She must have training of the abilities with which she is endowed. For instance, education and training on the job or for the job. Then she must have some sound experience in using those abilities after training."

Alexander Hamilton, American statesman and author, died this date 1804. Was Washington's A.D.C., distinguishing himself in the field of battle in 1781. Entering Congress, he accepted the office of Secretary of the Treasury under Washington in 1789, displaying great financial talent. After Washington's death he became Commander-in-Chief, and one of the leaders of the Federalist party. His quarrel with John Adams led to the downfall of the party. After doing much to secure Jefferson's election, he was mortally wounded in a duel by Aaron Burr: "A National debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing."

Notes By The Way

Yes, a man does get tired of watching his wife spring cleaning.—Brandon Sun.

In Colorado, a hailstorm has wiped out two square miles of spinach. Perhaps nature knows best.—Edmonton Journal.

Interesting attempt to reduce shoe prices is reported from Australia where a barefoot campaign is being urged. That is one thing we couldn't do in Canada, at least in the winter time.—Niagara Falls Review.

Critics of Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill say he has one foot in the Middle Ages and the other in the United States. But maybe that's only the perspective of persons who have both feet in mid-air.—Windsor Star.

It is an interesting idea that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt should run for vice-president on the Democratic ticket, with Mrs. Truman. Mrs. Roosevelt is a great woman in her own right, and few Americans stand as high in public respect and confidence.—Ottawa Journal.

The long-dreamed-of tunnel under the English Channel connecting France and England is now nearing the blueprint stage and only a few minor matters need to be ironed out before the actual work begins, reports from Europe indicate. Predictions go so far as to say that by 1955 automobiles and trains will be trafficking back and forth between the island and the continent.—Boston Post.

A tremendous rush upon publishers by the women of the country for cookbooks of all descriptions appear to be linked definitely with the high cost of food and the need to make the week's supplies stretch as far as possible. With housewives being urged to use all their ingenuity to make their food budget fit the appetites of their families, it is evident that many have had to resort to the cookbook for new ideas. The day of having a roast, steaks or chops at most principal meals have disappeared for the average family. Substitute menus are in order.—Boston Post.

Here is a woman's point of view. "The umbrella has almost ceased to be an indispensable part of the well-dressed woman's equipment. This may explain why the number of umbrellas which turn up in lost-property offices is nowadays so small. In the past when elaborate and expensive coiffures were surmounted by even more ornate and costly hats, both of which could be reduced to bedraggled ruin by a shower of rain, no woman dared to move abroad without the protective umbrella. But 'hair-dos' are now simpler and possibly—such is the march of science—more 'permanent' while florid hats have given way to no hat at all, to the bare or 'tam' type, or to a scarf wound about the head."—Manchester Guardian.

A subtle bond of affection grows between a man and his well-worn jacket. It is some relationship of the spirit born of close association and the comfort furnished by the garment. And with it entwining those indefinable ties of shared experience. The coat takes on character, fits not only the back, but the personality, of its owner and becomes something more than a mere physical possession. This is no garment to inspire wifely pride for its wearer. It is something that should have been shipped months ago to some individual in a far off country who needs cover only. But while falling threads cling to falling thread, it is tied fast to the heart of its owner. And no trim, new sports coat will take its place until, in turn, its pockets become pouches and its clear colors mellow under summer sun.—Victoria Times.

In Atlanta, Ga., a Negro woman bought \$70.73 worth of furniture from a store. She paid it off—all but the last 35 cents. The store petitioned the court for a foreclosure in order to put the furniture up for public sale. This meant that for want of seven nickels she would lose the furniture on which she had paid \$76.83. It also meant that to save her furniture she had to produce the seven nickels—plus \$2.50 in court costs. The store offered no relief, but a kindly marshal of the court promised that if she couldn't raise the money he would pay it himself. Business is business and hardheadedness may be what makes good business, but sometimes a little heart makes for even better business.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Malaria germs cannot thrive without methionine, an amino acid or protein-building block found in the blood. Accordingly, Drs. Ralph W. McKee and Queen M. Gelman of Harvard Medical School suggest, on the strength of test-tube experiments, that malaria germs can be starved to death by fooling them with chemicals that are, like methionine. In other words, the deceiving chemicals will not be consumed, but they will not have the slightest effect on growth and reproduction. McKee and Gelman also suggest that other chemicals which react with methionine would prevent it from building protein. Experiments are now being made with malaria-stricken monkeys to confirm or refute these possibilities.—New York Times.

According to a survey made by a life insurance company, the average age head of a family has no desire to quit working even at the age of retirement. Two out of every three

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CAMP "GEDDIE"

Sir,—During the months of July and August, young people, boys and girls, from many parts of these Maritime Provinces will be meeting together at Camp Geddie, situated along the shore line just a few miles below Merigonish, N.S., and approximately 15 miles distant from New Glasgow, N.S. Camp Geddie is owned and operated by the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The location is an excellent one, having many of those features most desirable in a Young People's Summer Camp. It has one of the finest beaches to be found anywhere in Eastern Nova Scotia, affording excellent opportunities for recreational activities and sports such as: swimming, bathing, running contests and other appropriate beach games. There is an abundance of fresh water for just across a narrow sand bar lies a placid little lake, adding much to the charm and beauty of the locality. The wooded area along the camp-side of this body of water affords welcome shelter from the rays of the sun on a hot summer's day as well as providing suitable territory for treasure hunts and games of a similar nature. There is also ample field space for athletics and other invigorating outdoor exercises. Six new cabins have been erected and other additions and improvements have been made to the Camp property during the past year.

The boys and girls who attend any of last summer's camps will have many fond recollections of the fine spirit of fellowship that prevailed there. They will recall the camp fires, the games, the racing contests, the swimming events and many of the other healthful and constructive activities participated in by all. They will remember too, the lectures, the study periods and the worship services conducted by capable, consecrated leaders.

We are looking forward to happy successful camps during the next two months. Already many names have been sent in to our Registrar, Rev. Eldridge Aikens, Merigonish, N.S., and the enrollment for each camp is promising. In all, three camps are planned for and there is a possibility that a fourth camp may be held.

The dates are as follows: Boys' Camp from July 15th to July 24th. Girls' Camp from July 26th to Aug. 4th. Y. P. Camp from August 9th to August 19th. Y. P. Camp from Aug. 19th to Aug. 28th.

For each a capable director and staff of leaders will be provided so as to insure the best possible guidance in all branches and phases of camp life. Boys' Camp will be directed by Rev. Wm. Reid, North River, C.B. Girls' Camp will be directed by Miss Margaret Webster, Toronto. The first Young People's Camp will be directed by Rev. D. C. Macdonald, Chatham, N.B.

I am, Sir, etc., REV. J. H. WILLIAMS, Scotsburn, N.S.

HOW PROHIBITION CAME

Sir,—Previous to 1878 Prince Edward Island was under the licensed tavern system with its usual entail of drunkenness, increased crime and poverty. A change became urgently necessary and the Scott Act, a federal measure was adopted. It was strongly prohibited in tone. But the penalties were too light, and after a time unfair advantage was taken of certain clauses in the Act, so that at length it came to be operated as a license law, to the general satisfaction of the liquor interests.

This situation became intolerable. And it was decided early in 1904 by a unanimous resolution adopted by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance to strike out at once for a stronger prohibitory law. The Premier of the Province at the time, the Hon. Arthur Peters, although strictly speaking not a temperance man, was however alive to the growing trend of public sentiment toward prohibition, and decided to give the people an opportunity of voting on the question, at an election to be held before the end of the current year 1904.

At a meeting of the Grand Division, the writer of these lines was, to his great surprise, elected head of the Order and leader of the temperance forces of the Province in the ensuing campaign for prohibition. It was quite a strenuous fight and in the meetings held throughout the Province

said a rocking chair on the front porch held no lure for them. Another group said they might take things a bit easier if financially secure. Nearly all those who plan to retire said they would take up some non-productive activity, such as church and social work. The survey revealed a peculiar twist in the attitude toward retirement. Those under 40 years of age said they planned to quit when financially secure. Fewer over that age favored retirement. It seems the longer people work the more they like it. Father may be getting long in years, but he isn't ready to quit. He still wants to have part in the affairs around him. And that's the way it should be.—Calgary Albertan



SUMMER GROWTH

Now that the summer solstice has begun, my heart like happy earth's is soaked with sun, is alternately drenched with rain and gold until it is as full as it can hold of growing life, of berry, leaf and bloom.

My heart's bent apple branches have no room for even one more green globe tart and small swelling toward sweetness and the crimson fall. And earth and I turn slowly into dawn, ripening with every wind we lean upon.

—Frances Frost

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FIRST TOWN PLANNERS

"Mr. Morris, the Chief Surveyor (of Nova Scotia) and Mr. Deschamps, the first magistrate of the Island of St. John, arrived, without accident, there together with the other officers of Government, and on the 22nd. of June the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace were opened at Charlottetown when the magistrates and civil officers of government took the State oaths and those necessary to qualify them for their respective offices.

"Mr. Morris has laid out the ground on which the Town of Charlottetown is to be built on Hillsborough River at the extremity of the lands reserved for that purpose, which he found to be the most proper place, the land being level, dry and healthy, rising with a small ascent, which makes it a pleasant situation, and there is also plenty of good water to be had by sinking wells; but I am concerned there is not that depth of water near the town which I could have wished, as your Lordship will perceive by the plan which I have the honor to enclose; and yet Mr. Morris tells me that there is no other part of the lands reserved for the town which has a greater depth on which the town could possibly be placed, the whole front of it being so extremely shoal.

"All officers of the Government have been huddled on the spot from the commencement of their arrival and are now building a little house marked on the plan to contain them during the winter. Some of the streets are opened, which will be attended with an expense to the Government, but it cannot be avoided, and some few house lots have been taken up.

"I also enclose a return of the inhabitants of the Island of St. John on the 21st. instant. Since I have letters from Mr. Deschamps of the 26th. who advised there are a few more families arrived and several persons from New York, the Jersey and Pennsylvania Governments, who are come to view the land; but I have not as yet had more than two of the orders of His Majesty in Council presented for grants. "Mr. Morris has, by this time, completed the laying out of the town plotted for Georgetown, whence he will proceed to Prince-town to do the same, in each of which an overseer will be left to execute any orders that may be given.

"The post of Tatamagouche I find very necessary and convenient and will be of the greatest utility as all the advices from Charlottetown now come that way, which the couriers generally perform in four days with great ease."

—Letter from Lieutenant Governor Franklin of Nova Scotia to Lord Hillsborough, Secretary of State, 31st. July, 1768.

Since ample opportunity was given to consider the issue pro and con. It is fair to observe also that at the time, temperance standing Canada was leading the world, and P.E.I. was leading Canada.

A great factor also in the prohibition movement was the press of the Province. With scarcely an exception the papers were strongly in favor of the elimination of all alcoholic beverages and gladly opened their columns to temperance items and prohibition news. The vote resulted in a sweeping victory for Prohibition. Even Charlottetown recorded a substantial majority in its favor.

That was 44 years ago. It remains to be seen if the new Act just adopted will prove to be a better friend of sobriety and home interests than the forty-four year old law now discarded.

I am, Sir, etc., A.D. MACDONALD, Edmonton, Alta.

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