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

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Welcome Tax Relief

The big news in the budget delivered by Finance Minister Abbott in the House of Commons last evening is, of course, the reductions averaging 29 per cent in personal income tax.

In explaining this feature of his Budget Mr. Abbott said the new schedule of rates will come into operation as of July 1st, which is the earliest date by which it will be possible to prepare the new tables and get them into the hands of employers.

The excess profits tax of 15 per cent is repealed as of Dec. 31, 1947. The corporation tax of 30 per cent (plus the 5 per cent tax applied by the Provinces consenting to the Dominion tax agreement) is being retained.

Another good news item in the budget is to the effect that a bill "rearranging and simplifying" the income tax law will be introduced in Parliament this session.

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Farming Prospects Reviewed

An encouraging review of the agricultural situation in Canada is given in the monthly commercial letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The decline in the farm labour force since pre-war years persists, and not much improvement is likely this season, a factor which bears heavily on the live stock and dairying branch.

The live stock population has been declining for the past three years, despite an unprecedented demand for meat and dairy products, but some evidence of recovery, slight though it is, is contained in the December hog census.

Other factors affecting the agricultural situation are the food stocks and the general financial position of the farmers and ranchers at the opening of their new season.

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quite substantial. Lard, beef, mutton and eggs were less plentiful and there was little change in cheese.

Farm income in 1946, including supplementary payments, was about \$1,760 million as compared with \$1,704 million in 1945 and a high of \$1,846 million in 1944.

Beneath St. Peter's

Vatican archaeologists have been working for seven years below the foundations of St. Peter's. They report encountering "endless" galleries of catacombs, which will take many years more to explore.

The purpose of the excavations is twofold: first, "to create a warthier resting place for the remains of the Popes"; and, second, to explore the underground "world" below the basilica.

Considerable progress has been made during the last seven years in the first part of the archaeologists' work. The giant crypt has been thoroughly explored and re-arranged.

These particular catacombs, they say, date from the third and fourth centuries. The first underground cemeteries of the Christians were made outside the city walls.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The first public performance by the Little Theatre Guild of Charlottetown was an unqualified success.

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Notes By the Way

Henry Wallace says he will talk as long as he can get people to listen. That would explain why he refused to Europe during a U. S. telephone strike.

Maybe we're getting old. That story about a juke box playing such "ancient" tunes as "The Curse of an Aching Heart" and "When You Were a Tulip" caused us to reflect sadly that we can remember when those were new.

One rather surprising result of the introduction of stirrups has been the use of heels on shoes. These were brought in about the sixteenth century to provide a rest for the feet of horsemen.

Veterans of both World Wars are having a tough time because employers have the false notion that a man is too old at 45.

Roads and highways are owned by the people and it is a motorist's privilege to drive on them. To abuse this privilege is to rebuke a common trust.

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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.

MRS. FRANK REPLIES

Sir—Mr. Crockett's letter interested me very much. I am sure he speaks for many not only here but in the rest of Canada and the United States who were brought up in a less hurried, worried

Indeed, the student who freely chooses that subject, and pursues it not because it is necessary for a College degree, but because something in himself and his background, draws him to it, will undoubtedly find it

Answer: Any promising pupil will go further than grade 10 and he can learn Latin in the higher schools. As a former teacher I know that a subject can be made effectively taught from "scratch" then when it has been poorly taught.

Answer: Most subjects to be well taught must be taught by especially trained teachers in that subject. Particularly is that true of Latin.

Answer: I took Latin but I do not trust my memory when I come upon a word I cannot spell or define. And of course not every word is of Latin derivation.

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THE IMPORTER

Mrs. Someone's been to Asia. What she brought back would amaze ye.

Devil-staring firecrackers. Recipes for tea with butter. Sacred rigmaroles to mutter. Subterfuge for saving faces. A developed taste in vases. Arguments too stale to mention.

—Robert Frost in 'The Atlantic Monthly'

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

"THE GOLDEN AGE"

We have now (1826) to record a very pleasing incident that occurred during August, as stated by the Register newspaper in its issue of the 30th of that month.

Winston Churchill once said: "Let nothing be permitted to interfere with acerbity in public debate."

Mr. Churchill, therefore, will doubtless take in his stride Mr. Atlee's tongue-lashing of Friday.

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TEMPORARY CANCELLATION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP BAY OF FUNDY SERVICE
Account necessity of placing S. S. "Princess Helena" into drydock, May 4th to and including May 20th, service on the Bay of Fundy route will be suspended, between Digby and Saint John, during this period.

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