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

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Railway Wharf Repairs

The calling of tenders for the Charlottetown railway wharf project is good news indeed, especially as the contract calls for the work to be completed within eighteen months.

Our Queen's County representatives, Messrs. Douglas and McLure, are both to be congratulated on their efforts during the past session in obtaining this long-delayed project.

Airfields In Newfoundland

A statement by a State Department official at Washington is quoted in the New York Times to the effect that the United States has proposed the commercial use of airfields leased to America by Britain in Newfoundland, Bermuda and the Caribbean for military purposes.

It is difficult to believe that the United States undertook expenditure of millions of dollars on Harmon Airfield and on the other at Argentinia solely with the idea of utilizing them for military operations which, under plans envisaged from the days of the Atlantic Charter, would no longer be necessary after the war had ended and the organization to maintain the world's peace was instituted and functioning.

The question is of what value the Gander Airport would be to Newfoundland as a revenue producer under such circumstances, says the St. John's (Nfld.) Telegram.

The Telegram concludes it would be unwise to assume that the Gander Airport is bound to become a great revenue producer. It might become a tremendous liability, in particular if the American airfields were available — as they seem bound to be — for commercial operations.

Too Many Farmers

According to Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, about one-fourth of the people on farms might just as well be elsewhere for all the good they do.

He neglected, notes the Winnipeg Tribune frily, to say for whom they would be better. It may be that a lot of farmers are "merely making a living." The balance of choice between "efficiency values" and "habitation values" is by no means confined to Ontario.

grew before. Our Winnipeg contemporary adds:

"It is well known that the general level of capability and adaptability among farmers is above the general average for other callings. Should Mr. Kennedy and those who think like him organize a 'back to the city' movement for his 'lower quarter,' these so-called slipshod farmers would in due course out an equivalent number of us city-dwellers.

"Armed with these talents and the admirable strength of character that goes with them, we would doubtless thereupon consider whether it would be worth while to go back to the city for the sake of doing something more than a living.

"Quite incidentally, the farm population is the backbone of this or any other nation."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Good work at Ottawa has set the Railway Wharf project going; now for the Ferry Wharf.

It is reported that Santa Claus Jones was very good to the Provincial Building employees.

There will be no "business as usual" until after stock-taking and estimates are completed, and that means the first week of the new year.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports estimated value of P. E. I. potato crop at \$7,362,000; New Brunswick \$11,208,000 and Nova Scotia \$4,132,000.

Disposal of Crown-owned industrial plants and equipment by the Custodian Sales Branch of War Assets Corporation from the beginning of operations until December 14 has netted the Federal treasury a total of \$16,573,697, according to figures released by the Corporation.

Innocents' Day, the festival which is variously styled by this name, the Holy Innocents' Day, and Childermas has been observed from an early period in the history of the Church, as a commemoration of the barbarous massacre of children in Bethlehem, ordered by King Herod, with the view of destroying among them the infant Saviour, as recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew; it is one of those anniversaries which were retained in the ritual of the English Church at the Reformation.

Advertising must play a tremendous role in peacetime, says Mr. John S. Perkins, professor of management, Boston University. It must bring back old companies, launch new companies, make the public aware of new products, and remind them of the value of old products.

John Logan, poet and preacher, died this date 1788; is best remembered by The Paraphrases and Hymns attached to most editions of the Bible published for use in Scotland; a biographer writes—"The name of John Logan is not likely to pass into oblivion in Scotland, as long as the Church of that country continues to use in her services those beautiful scripture paraphrases and hymns, undoubtedly the finest and most poetical of any versified collection of chants for divine worship employed by any denomination of Christians.

Scientists of Imperial Chemical Industries, England, have developed a new and revolutionary antimalaria drug from coal tar. It is known as "Paludrine" and is far more powerful and effective than any other antimalaria drug. It is ten times more powerful than quinine and three times more powerful than mepracrine.

La Presse recently published an editorial on the flax industry and of the latest plans by the National Flax Council to give an impetus to the growing of this commercially valuable plant.

It says: "The plan embraces the construction of a central depot which could be used for filling the orders of importing countries, which cannot be done in so satisfactory a manner when the harvests of the different Provinces are stored in scattered warehouses. On the other hand, the Quebec Provincial Council has not abandoned the plan conceived two years ago of entrusting to a central co-operative the task of getting funds together for the erection of a linen factory in the Province. The enterprise might be realized, it is said, during the course of the next year at an initial cost of \$300,000.

Notes By The Way

Financial writer figures President Truman will be \$100,000 in debt at the end of his term. High time Mrs. Truman started writing about her day. —Toronto Telegram.

We read of a wife who wants a divorce because her husband went out for beer 15 sgrs ago and isn't back yet. She must be patient; he is probably near the head of the queue by this time. —Peterborough Examiner.

The average British man's waist line is an inch narrower than it was in 1930, and men's suit styles are being adapted to a new range of wider shoulders and allumer waists. But women's figure measurements show no difference on those of pre-war. —London Daily Mail.

Mrs. Gladys Strum, M. P. in a recent speech, described the farmer's wife as "the most useful general purpose, labor saving device on the farm. Young farmers who have not availed themselves of this gadget are reminded that it usually might be regained. The strikers against her husband asking. —Toronto Saturday Night.

The scars of the long work stoppage will not soon be healed. Everyone has lost through the strike. Some \$6,000,000 in wages is gone, business has been paralysed, and their families have endured hardships. Business has suffered. Windsor's reputation has been jeopardized. —Windsor Star.

The Toronto Telegram recently printed a forced comment on the modern child, even going so far as to suggest that it needed training in manners and politeness toward its elders.

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Any idea that may have been entertained that the war would bring relief to hospitals which had been struggling along without sufficient nurses has been dispelled. The situation with many hospitals is now as bad as it ever was and in some cases it is worse. Here, in Pembroke, there is a staff of 22 graduate nurses, has only twelve and probably a half are on duty.

The ring in the bathtub after a bath is a puzzle to many people. They cannot understand why it should be. It looks like a ring, but it is not a ring. It is a reflection of their personal cleanliness, yet they know they are not as dirty as all that. This is a scientific explanation of that accusing mark, and it lies in the chemical action of the firm is marketing a soap that does not leave a ring in the bath. That is good news, for the soap is not so heavy as his mother that he actually did take a bath? On the other hand, the tub, making a noise like taking a bath by swishing the water around with his hand and chin, he faithfully performed his Saturday night chore. In any case there would be no evidence for or against him. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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The Poet's Corner

WARRIOR POET
Not yet the poet's elegy can yield
To silence and the enemy, Along
Each flaming barricade, still un-
derstand
By mortal anguish at war's ancient
wrong.
Beyond the heights above each
bordered field.
The warrior still conquers with his
sword.
Once radiant words yet smile the
pagan horde
And yield the truth that warriors
have spoken.
In earlier wars for truth is still
the sword.
Of valorous deeds, while song re-
mains the
Which leads victorious armies of
Where stouter ranks of silent men
have broken.
He does not die who gives his life
The voiceless foe, where Brooke
The valorous foe, where Brooke
He follows David, palms upon his
tongue.
To shout his challenge at his
He is become the lyric he has
sung.
His is the conquest of the citadel.
—Carl J. Bostelmann, in The New York Times.

The North Nova Scotia Highlanders

The passage to England was made uneventfully at the Orion and the unit disembarked at Avonport (Bristol). It arrived in Aldershot 31 July 1941, where it was quartered in Aldbarnham Barracks.

The Division was moved from Aldershot in October to make room for 3 Division, and the "North Novies" spent the next six weeks very pleasantly in Camberly.

At that time it was considered that the training in 9 Brigade was somewhat ahead of the other two in the Division and it was decided to take over its first operational role in the reference of Tangmere group of airfields at Chichester. On 30 November, the unit participated in a series of exercises with the three other brigades of the division, and the adjoining ones, Merston and Westhampton. The unit participated in a series of exercises defending the aerodromes that winter, and grew more and more accustomed to living in the field.

While living on the aerodromes, Majors Mitchell and Stewart, Lt. Col. D. D. Arnold, and Capt. J. G. B. Mitchell conducted by 46 Division, and on their return, they were decorated for their services during the first time. In March they were relieved on the aerodromes and spent a few weeks in the area of the aerodromes, and then they moved to a camp near Seven Oaks, the unit participated in a series of exercises with the three other brigades of the division, and the adjoining ones, Merston and Westhampton. The unit participated in a series of exercises defending the aerodromes that winter, and grew more and more accustomed to living in the field.

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Surprising By-Election Results In P. E. I.

(Sydney Post-Record)
Polling in two Provincial by-elections in Prince Edward Island on Wednesday, the 27th inst., of the kind since the general election of 1943, has produced results into which the Jones Government can take little comfort.

The Districts in which the polls were held were First Prince, vacated by the appointment of the Liberal Assemblyman to the post of Lieutenant-Governor, and Fifth Prince, which Colonel E. H. Strong carried in the Progressive Conservative last June to contest Kings County in the Federal election. First Prince is traditionally and definitely Liberal, having rarely elected a Conservative Assemblyman, perhaps 3 at times in the past 50 years. In the general election of 1943, the Liberal majority was nearly 700, the vote then standing, J. J. Bernard, Liberal, 1,248; Augustus Peters, Prog-Con, 1,258. This seat went Progressive Conservative by a vote of 1,078. The electoral district includes the sizable country towns of Alberton and Tignish. Colonel Strong, who carried the Fifth District as Councillor in 1943 with a majority of 154, was not in the running in Wednesday's by-election, and the contest developed into a straight Liberal-C.P.F. fight. The outcome was remarkable for the lack of interest it evoked. The total poll of 630 for both candidates being only about 30 per cent of the vote recorded in the same election two years earlier. The successful Liberal obtained only 569 votes, and his C. P. F. opponent, who by the way is provincial secretary of that group's organization, scored the negligible poll of 81. In the general election of 1943, the Liberal poll was 666, and that of his Liberal opponent 714, making up a total vote of 1,382 in all.

News Paper Tribune's To Cardinal McGuigan

(Montreal Gazette)

The conferring of the cardinal's hat upon the Most Rev. James C. McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, is a great event in the history of the Dominion—the one, as Archbishop of Quebec, having his see in the old French capital; the other, as Archbishop of Toronto, with his see in the largest English-speaking city in the country. In this manner, to the recognition already given the ancient faithfulness of French Canada, will be added a special recognition of the importance of the English-speaking community in the Dominion.

The selection for this signal honor of the Most Rev. James C. McGuigan, advances to the rank of cardinal a man whose career has already been characterized by remarkable advancement. He was only 36 years of age when he was appointed Archbishop of Regina in 1920, the youngest of his Roman Catholic Archbishops in the world. And when he was transferred to the archdiocese of Toronto in 1930, he was no more than 41, and was observing only the 17th anniversary of his ordination.

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One wonders, however, just how sincere the Federal Department of Agriculture is in protecting our Island industries when, at the present time, they are fully aware that Island canners are operating at a loss, or at the best, breaking even, because they are caught in a "squeeze" between full ceiling prices for raw material and a canned ceiling price based on 1944 costs.

If this important industry is to survive this year, some consideration must be given immediately to it. Perhaps the local department is too busy figuring out short cuts for the canners and new grading specifications, or figuring their own Fifth Prince includes the county town of Summerside and such important rural settlements as St. Eleanors and Miscouche. Its political history has polled in the general election. The inference is that few if any Progressive Conservatives voted in this by-election, and that the Liberal member-elect failed even to poll the average electoral strength of his party in the riding.

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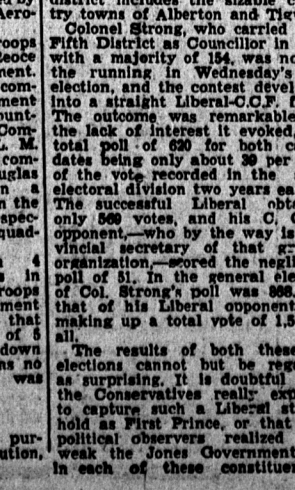
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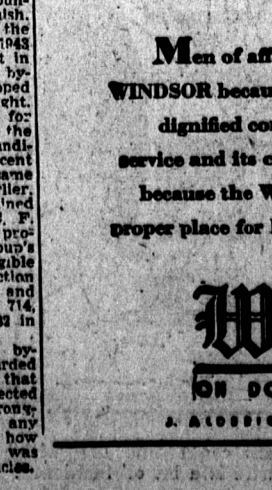
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