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

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The Dollar Discount

Mr. Ilsley in defending the King Government's economic policies before the Queen's County Liberal Association last week neglected to explain why Canada's dollar is at a discount in the United States.

Although part of this exchange depreciation of the Canadian dollar has been made good to Canadians who trade in the United States by the so called "stabilization" policy of the Government at Ottawa, this is an expensive process.

To this end, suggests an exchange, one or both of two courses must be followed. Either Canada's productivity must be increased and its exports to the United States enlarged substantially in volume and value.

In contrast with this situation, Canada's exports to the United Kingdom have four times the value of our imports of British goods.

Here also is an exchange situation which calls for correction in the interest of Canada's external trade dealings.

By and large the situation suggests that tariffs are being employed with worse effect today than ever before in the realm of international trade.

In The Corn Belt

A farm journal in Nebraska, where they specialize in huge corn crops, reminds its readers that there's much more to a field of growing corn than meets the eye.

Corn, for example, on an average July day grows about two and a half inches every twenty-four hours, but if conditions are exceptionally good it will grow as much as four inches a day.

Corn, on the average, rises from a height of thirty inches to about 100 inches during the four week July 5-August 5 "corn weather season", a rate of growth which is one of the greatest per day of any crop grown in the corn belt.

During its first week above the ground the corn plant has about fifteen square inches of leaves. At the end of eight weeks of growth it has 1,400 square inches of leaves, or more than enough to cover an ordinary corn table.

The corn plant draws its moisture from a vast fibrous root system which when the plant reaches maturing is over seven miles long if all of them were placed end to end; and the roots run six feet below the surface.

the silking stage; and the other half is consumed in developing and maturing the ears. Ideal "corn weather" should include plenty of moisture in the soil surrounding the corn plant, and hot dry weather with temperatures averaging between 90 and 100 degrees during the day.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Island lobster fishermen and N. S. sword-fishermen are figuratively in the same boat, the catch being disastrously small.

The Battle of Britain ended this date 1940 when German aircraft attempted a series of mass raids on London, and lost 185 machines against 25 British, with 13 pilots safe.

Unless we go in for systematic reafforestation we will be here no better than other treeless areas in Canada, barren wastes. Trees are necessary for everything worth striving for in an agricultural province.

Winnipeg is spending between \$500 and \$1,000 to spray near-by mosquito breeding grounds with D.D.T. in the hope of being clear of the pests next summer.

National Immunization Week will be held Oct. 5 to 11, sponsored by the Health League of Canada. Active cooperation by parents is needed to make the Island, as nearly as possible, a "disease-free area" for children.

A member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology states that the introduction of high grade iron ore from Labrador will cause the rise of Atlantic coast steel plants.

Politicians had better go easy on their campaigning. A Quebec M. P., Louis Philippe Picard (Lib.-Bellchase) finds he has to face a \$30,000 damages suit for alienation of affection.

Ottawa has discovered that the magnetic North Pole is neither fixed nor completely predictable in its movements. Mariners since the time of Bacon have been similarly dubious and make a practice of frequently checking the compass against something more reliable.

Kitchener Daily Record, an independent newspaper of Waterloo County, Ont., published a splendid issue on 9th inst., featuring the visit of Prime Minister Mackenzie King to his old home, on which occasion he presented Canadian National certificates to many residents, both old and young.

At the time it was made Mr. Bevin's suggestion that the Fort Knox gold be redistributed sounded a bit silly, but the Wall Street tycoons have come out with a plan which, by comparison, makes that of Mr. Bevin seem sensible.

Japan is paying part of its war debt by shipping to Canada 10,000 cases of marmalade oranges, and a million cases of fresh mandarin oranges. The arrangement should help to conserve Canada's fast disappearing supply of U.S. dollars.

According to the Hon. Paul Beaulieu, Quebec Minister of Trade and Commerce, that province recently has realized "the most important" industrial development in Canada and now was playing "a preponderant role" in the nation's production and foreign commerce.

Seven years ago, in September, 1940, the German all-out air offensive against England was at its height. On September 15, the fiercest assault of all was beaten off by the RAF with a conservative estimated loss to the enemy of 185 aircraft destroyed.

English-speaking people are rather suspicious of emotion as a rule, and especially in religion (writes "A.P.G.R." in The Gazette) and in this they show a sound instinct.

Notes By The Way

Mummified remains of men nine feet tall have been found in California. Well, they did have some trouble with villains in the early movies. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

At the Silver Grill, Bedford, a yards of air—in a long glass holding 2 1/2 pints—was swallowed in fifty-five seconds, second. The record-maker was Corporal Dudley Stevens, R. A. F. of Sydenham Hill, London, S. E. Previous record of fifty-seven seconds was set up by an Australian airman during the war. —London Daily Mail.

A correspondent of The London Sunday Express states that he was walking along a street in Sneyd Green, Stoke-on-Trent, when he heard a choir of men's voices singing "Auld Wife Me." It was so lovely and sung with such reverence that he stopped to listen, thinking it was a church choir at practice.

In an Ontario town some time ago a petition was circulated, protesting against imposition of a fine on a young man for reckless driving. It was signed by most of the prominent citizens, but at the hearing the young man pleaded guilty and admitted that he had been caught only after a hard chase, going over sixty miles an hour.

So you are six years old and starting off school, aren't you? The MacGregor, Manitoba, Herald. You are starting out on a strange new quest, and the first chapter in your life is over forever.

The other day, while passing a shoe repair shop, I looked in the window at the shoes, says a writer in The Indianapolis News. All kinds were there—large and small, old and new.

Here is something which will shock the true disciple of Izaak Walton. A Chicago physician who failed to catch his quota of bass with the ordinary worm bait, and failed worse when he tried flies and other allures tried an experiment.

Cheer up. The prophets of gloom, abetted by the Gromykos and kukabors, mustn't be allowed to kill all the joy out of us. We must feel that everything grows worse as the days go by. Remember when you couldn't buy a ham sandwich on Tuesdays or Fridays, or sometimes not on any other day? Remember when you had to go to jail because you forgot to put that frayed little registration certificate in your pocket when you changed your suit? Remember those dismal signs in every beer parlor: "Quota Sold Out? Remember the blackouts and their encircling gloom? Remember dismantling that precious little amateur broadcasting set because of security laws? Remember every trifling long distance telephone call being prefaced by operator-politician speeches? Remember compulsory savings? Well, those days are gone. Aren't you glad? True, some folk aren't happy without something to complain about. True, too, that the world needs a lot of fixing up before any of the people will be happy all of the time. But we're better off than we were. That's something. It's worth trying to keep it that way. —Vancouver Sun.

Has anybody ever looked up and seen a star, like a flock of silver in the sky, above the silhouette of leaves and branches? And, being burdened by care, been half surprised to find it there? asks The Montreal Gazette. Strangely white and remote, strangely silent, these eyes of night shine on. Guests of midnight and companions of dusk, they send a message purer than the changing mists and sweeter than the evening air.

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.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Sir,—I hope mothers and fathers will please read this and give it their deepest consideration. Turn it over and over in their minds and then will they not do as they are urged to?

How many mothers and fathers are anxious for liquor parlors next door? How many are pleased to see their boys and girls stagger home drunk? How many of them like to see their young people driving cars while intoxicated? How many of them are eager for the day when liquor will be served at all the social events that children attend? These are just a few of the evils of easy access to liquor.

ONE WHO LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Wilmot Valley.

The Poet's Corner

THE EVENING CLOUD

A cloud lay cradled near the setting sun. A gleam of crimson tinged its braided snow. Long and I watched the glory moving on. O'er the still radiance of the lake below. Tranquil its spirit seemed, and even in its very motion there was rest.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

THE MILITIA ACT

It was on account of the Island's defenseless position during the American Revolution that an Act was passed in 1780 for "Establishing and Regulating a Militia." The Act provided: Sec. 1. Whereas, the security and preservation of this Island, at all times, and especially during the continuance of the present war, and unhappy rebellion, greatly depends upon a militia being established and embodied as soon as possible, under such regulations as may make the same most useful for the defence thereof, and that the inhabitants should be well armed, and properly trained up in the Art Military, as well for the honour and service of His Most Sacred Majesty (George III) and the security of this Island, against any hostile attack or invasion whatsoever, as for the preservation of their own lives and fortunes.

than the evening air. It rises above the clash of chaos; it transcends the wall of fear; it stills the whispering of doubt. Starlight traces with pale fingers the outline of leaf and wave; it fills night with silver dust; it crowns earth with a diadem fairer than the gems of princes. But starlight is not with the earth or of it. The voice that speaks through the stars is a voice of unutterable peace. It is cool and calm and quiet. It breathes benediction unasked. It blesses, it purifies, it heals. It brings balm to the troubled heart and peace to the tired mind, and leaves in the too weary breast the consciousness of God.

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