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

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New Federal Building

The Pownal Street site for the proposed new
Federal Building for Charlottetown—recom-
mended by the Town Planning Board and ap-
proved unanimously by the City Council and
Provincial Government—has also been approved
by the Federal Minister of Public Works, Hon.
Mr. Fournier, as reported in yesterday's Guard-
ian. It is intimated that action will be taken
before the end of the current session to ensure
early construction of the building, which will
provide accommodation for personnel of ten
Dominion Government departments.

This work has long been overdue, and the
Government's decision to waste no further time
in the matter will meet with pretty general ap-
proval. The fact that such unanimity in the
selection of the site has been obtained among
the responsible bodies is also a matter for sat-
isfaction.

In its recommendation the Town Planning
Board pointed out that the Pownal Street site
(between Grafton and Richmond Streets) offered
an area of approximately 300 feet and depth of
175 feet, which would permit the erection of a
building within the requirements laid down and
with sufficient surrounding ground to make the
entire site attractive. The location is but little
more than one-half block from the Market Build-
ing and commercial centre of the City. A large
amount of parking space could be provided and
the opening up and renovation of this area would
be a decided advantage to the City.

Previously the Dominion Government had its
eye on the present Market Building site, and it is
understood that approaches were made to the
City Council in this connection. There seems to
have been considerable local opposition to this
suggestion. Other proposals were to build on the
present Post Office or Court House building sites.
In its recommendations the Planning Board notes
that "in view of the age of this city, it was felt
that nothing should be done to destroy the historic
setting of Queen Square, which its members feel
should be preserved as far as possible in its pres-
ent state." The Board also urged that it should
not be necessary to tear down semi-permanent
buildings, nor to occupy a site which now, or is
likely to be used for commercial purposes; also
that the site should be as central as possible
and should permit of the erection of a dignified
and attractive building.

As indicated in yesterday's Ottawa des-
patch, the Post Office will be included in the
new building along with Income Tax and other
Federal departments. This may mean that the
present Post Office building will be available for
purchase by the Provincial Government if it so
desires. In any case the available room on this
site is far short of what the Dominion Govern-
ment requires for its new edifice, which in size
will more nearly approximate the Charlottetown
Hotel than any other building in the City or
Province.

Family Allowances

Figures given the House of Commons show
that the family allowance now is costing the Fed-
eral Treasury more than \$22,000,000 a month
and showing a steady increase as the population
rises. Up to the end of March this year, and from
its inception in July, 1945, the baby bonus pay-
ments had reached the colossal total of \$680,-
937,870—the fiscal year which ends March 31,
1949, will see the grand total approaching its
first billion.

The fiscal period of 1945-46, covering nine
months, saw the baby bonus costing \$172,632,146.
In the fiscal year 1946-47, the first 12-month pe-
riod, it was \$245,140,531, and in the latest year it
had risen to \$263,165,192. The details are in-
teresting; this table reprinted from Hansard
shows payments by provinces for the fiscal year
1947-48 and from the inception of the scheme:

Table with 4 columns: Province, 1947-48, Total, and Grand Total. Rows include Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

Another table completes the picture by giv-
ing the number of beneficiaries by Provinces, in
April of this year, and the payments for that
month:

Table with 5 columns: Province, Number of Families, Number of Children, Average Allowance per Family, and Total Amount. Rows include F. E. Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Brit. Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon, and National.

Dr. Johnson's House

One of the most piously treasured literary
shrines of London, No. 17, Gough Square, just
to the north of Fleet street, has been re-opened
after the healing of its war wounds. From 1748

to 1759 it was the home of Dr. Samuel Johnson
and is the only one of his London residences
which survives and can be identified, says the
London Times.

At Gough Square Johnson compiled his Dic-
tionary, published in 1755, and there also he
wrote The Rambler and began The Idler. The
preservation for the nation of this interesting
literary relic is due to the enthusiasm and
generosity of Lord Harmsworth, who bought it in
1911 and in 1929 placed it in the hands of
trustees.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Father's Day tomorrow.

Tomorrow 4th Sunday after Trinity.

Tomorrow—Veterans' Memorial Sunday.

The Toronto doctor who stated that a man
drives as he lives should look out for libel suits.
People can't be as bad as all that.

In the Summer Resorts advertising page of
the New York Times, Prince Edward Island got
a first class boost in the Canadian Government
Travel Bureau announcement.

Application has been made by the Walte
Agricultural Research Institute, Adelaide, for
registration of a new rust-resistant wheat called
"Glenwari" which has been bred at the institu-
te. It comes from a cross between Nawaba,
Riverina and Hope. Glenwari is resistant to
flag smut and leaf rust in addition to stem rust,
which is the most serious of wheat diseases.

As has been mentioned before one of the
finest streets in the City for sidewalk lawn dis-
play is Hillsborough Street, between King's
Square and Euston. The residents on both sides
take a special delight in producing and main-
taining velvety lawns fit for cricket pitches.
Autos and truck drivers should be careful not
to drive over and spoil them.

The Women's Institutes skilfully avoided
entering even what had the appearance of poli-
tics by side-tracking a resolution on the Plebiscite,
leaving it to lie on the table without discussion.
That does not mean the ladies of the farm are
not vitally interested in the outcome of the bal-
lot, but merely that they do not desire to disrupt
the harmony of the organization in the great work
it is accomplishing by making it a political battle-
ground.

The theorists have again been vindicated by
observation. It has long been held that the
brightness of the atmosphere is caused by light
being reflected from dust particles, and that if
we could climb above the layer of dust the sky
would appear black. Now Group Captain J.
Cunningham who flew a Vampire jet aircraft to
59,492 feet reports that objects at that height
are dazzlingly illuminated by the sun against a
background of complete darkness.

Perhaps Canadians are a little too close to
the R. C. M. P. to realize the importance of some
of their activities. It has been left to the Royal
Geographical Society to recognize the impor-
tance of the feat of navigating the R. C. M. P.
schooner St. Roch eastward and westward
through the Northwest Passage. The Society has
awarded the commanding officer, Inspector
Henry Larsen, its coveted Patron's Medal for his
achievement.

James VI of Scotland and I of England, born
this date 1566. Succeeded Queen Elizabeth. He
had an obstinate belief in the Divine right of
Kings, and in the duty of passive obedience on
the part of subjects; his reign was marked by
constant struggles with parliament which in the
following reign led to the Great Rebellion. "The
Wise Fool in Christendom," was the author of
several books, which, though mediocre, show
scholarship. He was much influenced by favour-
ites to his own discomfort and loss of prestige.

The boost in the Governor's honorarium from
\$7,000 to \$8,000 is appreciated, but the Govern-
ment might have made it \$9,000 when they were
at it. Why should there be a difference between
the amount paid here and in Halifax? It is well
known that the sum received by the Governor is
way below what it costs to run Government
House adequately, and unless the holder of the
office has private means he could not make ends
meet.

It is seemingly settled that the new quar-
ter-of-a-million Federal building is to be located in
Pownal Street, leaving the Market Square for
the bus services. This is a solution that will
commend itself to most people, though it will
entail a longer walk to the post office than at
present. Still, it will keep for a time the central
business section this side of Euston St., towards
which there is a steady drift of stores and busi-
ness premises. Likewise there will be tre-
mendous advantage in being able to find a
Federal Government Office without searching all
over the City for it.

Britain's first factory-produced all-aluminum
minicar is ready. On Britain's standard gas
ration, which gives a 90 mile a month mileage
for ordinary cars, this small three-wheeler will
give two adults and a child 300 miles of pleas-
ure motoring. Gas consumption is over 100
miles to the gallon. This machine hums along
the road at a comfortable thirty and climbs
gradients 1 in 4 with ease. Maximum speed is
40. Total weight of the car is under 200 pounds
and the overall length is eight feet. Running
costs are almost nil, because there's nothing to
go wrong. This runabout will certainly be popu-
lar in Britain where the gas ration is small. The
price will be popular too. It rates 600 dollars.

Notes By The Way

What you don't know hurts you
most when you try to tell it. —
Timmins Press.

An Eastern woman is going to
marry a man who broke her nose
in an argument. Just give her time
—she'll get even. — Kitchener-
Waterloo Record.

Psychologists say babies can
show intelligence at the age of
four weeks. So it may not be wind
on the stomach which makes them
look so disgusted. — Brandon Sun.

On one day this week 127 motor-
ists paid fines in Ottawa for off-
ences against the traffic laws. A
fair part of the high cost of motoring
is self-imposed. — Ottawa Jour-
nal.

"Good citizenship," says a fam-
iliar advertisement, "is a lot of
little things." Like keeping a neat
lawn, driving carefully, being kind
and thoughtful, being a good neigh-
bor. — Ottawa Journal.

Complaint is made in some cities
that medical services are inade-
quate. The doctors reply that they
are already overworked and that
many night calls are for trivial
cases. Unfortunately the doctors
cannot, like the plumbers and oth-
ers, employ apprentice assistants to
be sent out on emergency calls. —
Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

One can start the morning coffee
by pushing a button in the bed-
room, turn off the living room
radio while answering the tele-
phone in the hall, or perform a
dozen other remote control feats
by means of a new wiring system
recently announced. Best of all,
the cost of multiswitch control of
lights and outlets has been so re-
duced that it may now be consid-
ered a practicable suggestion for
small homes and farms. This is all
to the good, because it makes for
more comfortable living in the
home and eases the housewife's
burden. These are worthy aims
that bring maximum results in
family happiness. — Boston Post.

There seems to be a widespread
conviction among city-dwellers,
both in Canada and the United
States, that they have the right to
their life's essentials—such as food
and shelter—at low fixed prices;
meanwhile paying fancy prices for
luxuries. There is, of course, no
such right. Food and shelter have
to be sold at the market price, just
like anything else. The market
price of food is high, right now,
but it has to be, to keep the food
coming. As for shelter, if it were
allowed to find its own market
price, instead of being throttled
by government controls, it would
be more plentiful than it is right
now, and in the long run, cheaper.
—Calgary Herald.

Motorcycles are not noted for
their silence, but neither is there
any reason why they should be
permitted to make the maximum
rumor of which they are cap-
able. The rules are simple. If mo-
torbike operators will refrain from
monkeying with the motor muff-
ler—gadgets that seem to invite
monkeying—and if they will stop
pressing the spark levers on and
off, their machines will run with
probably a minimum of bangs,
pops and roars. That assumes, of
course, that the machines are in
proper working order. If they are
not, the proper authorities should
have them removed from the
streets and roads! — Brantford Ex-
positor.

In the old days the life of a
farmer was a comparatively simple
one. He used horse power to plant
and reap his crop and in some
cases wind power to grind his
grain. It was very useful in those
days for the farmer to have a
practical knowledge of veterinary
medicine. The present-day farmer
still needs veterinary knowledge to
look after his livestock, but in ad-
dition he must be a fair mechanic
to keep all his power machinery
in shape. He must also have a
rudimentary knowledge of hydraul-
ics. And to top this off, he must
know something about bookkeep-
ing to answer all the questions on
his income tax form. Yes, life is
becoming more complicated even
on the farm. — Kitchener-Waterloo
Record.

There are those inclined to pass
aside remarks about hens. Two
many countrymen leave the chick-
ens to the women folk. A hen's IQ
inclines toward lower-scale read-
ings, but there is no better way
of foretelling the weather than by
the actions of the hens. If they
stand around during the forenoon,
talking intermittently to each other
and disinterested in scratching
and hunting, it is a sure sign of a
storm within 24 hours. Probably
the grammarians could settle the
problems, but countrymen continue
to argue whether it is correct to
label a broody hen a setter or a
sitter. The argument follows time
tested traditional channels. That
is, each man argues for the same
point he has held for a generation.
The world changes, but men do
not. Ebenezer D. Buskin puts the
position succinctly. "My hens are
sitting hens when they go broody.
They are not setters. They want
to sit. They do sit. They are stub-
born, persistent, and unreasoning.
It's hard to get them off the eggs
in the morning for their whole cour-
age and a drink of water. I don't care
if some college professors say
they're setters because I place them
on the setting eggs. The hens sit
for 21 days before the eggs hatch.
Don't try to change my mind, be-
cause it's made up." We admire
Buskin for his firm stand. In a
world of whirling crowd currents, it
is heartening to see a man take a
position and hold it against all
odds. — Wall Street Journal.

The World Today

(Chamber of Commerce News
Letter)

"The World of Today" is a text-
book officially approved for school
use by the Department of Educa-
tion of the Provinces of Alberta
and Saskatchewan (Revised June,
1946). The purpose of the book is
to "describe some of the more im-
portant social, industrial and po-
litical aspects of the world since
the Treaty of Versailles in 1919."
We find many of the statements in
this book interesting, although
perhaps not quite in the way the
authors intended.

The Socialist point of view is
bolstered throughout the book, al-
ways in a roundabout way; for ex-
ample, "One of the largest and
most efficient hydro-electric sys-
tems in the world is to be found
in the Province of Ontario. It is
also one of the cheapest, for it is
publicly owned."

Russian housing is touched on:
"Russia has begun a huge pro-
gramme of cheap and good housing
for the workers engaged in its in-
dustries." A familiar Marxist
maxim is echoed: "The alternative
to production for profit is produc-
tion for service. But the latter is
possible only where the govern-
ment is in a position to control in-
dustry completely, as in present-
day Russia, and most countries are
working toward a compromise be-
tween the two systems. In order to
remove the objectionable features
of the profit system, ensure ade-
quate returns to the primary pro-
ducer (such as the farmer), to
protect the worker against low
wages and the consumer against
exorbitant prices, it seems that
some powerful central authority
must be in control. That authority
can only be the government or
some body set up by the govern-
ment, and so it would seem that
government control over business
may continue to develop."

On national planning: "Possibly
the greatest hardship of the modern
industrial worker is the uncer-
tainty of his or her employment
from day to day. Undoubtedly the
only way to improve this condition
is to plan production on a national
basis." As an exercise the pupil is
directed to draw a "cartoon to
show the ill effects of the lack of
a national plan in industry."

The student is told that "one
hundred large corporations (not in-
cluding banks, insurance compan-
ies and financial corporations)
dominate Canadian industry. . . .
The political power of large cor-
porations is always very consider-
able." To protect the public
from the immense power of big
business corporations governments
have been compelled to exercise a
certain amount of supervision over
business practices. . . . But govern-
ment regulation of business is still
very incomplete in most parts of
the world. In Canada, for instance,
very little has been done to pre-
vent "sweating" (overwork and un-
derpay) in certain industries, such
as the making of clothing, and
hours of labour are still largely un-
regulated."

But, of course, New Zealand:
"In New Zealand the government
loans money for your home build-
ing at 1 per cent interest. In Can-
ada the private loan companies
charge 4 per cent and 5 per cent
interest. What is the difference in
amount of interest that will be
paid on a loan of \$4,000 in the two
countries? How much more per
month will the New Zealand fam-
ily have to spend on necessities
and recreation?"

Which you say that no nation
can exist half-slave, half-free, or
that having a little socialism is like
being a little pregnant. It is still
true: Socialism and Democracy
don't mix. Here are a few words of
the subject from someone who
should know—the new Czecho-
slovak Minister of Foreign Trade,
Dr. Antonin Gregor, as reported in
the official Czechoslovak Economic
Bulletin of Prague for April 6th:

"As regards the share of private
enterprise in foreign trade, the
Minister stated that it accounted
for at least two-thirds of import
trade, and for between a third and
a half of export trade. . . . The re-
sults of leaving a large sector or-
ganized on a liberal-capitalistic
basis within the framework of a
socialist planned economy had soon
begun to show unfavorable results.
. . . Following the new organiza-
tion of foreign trade, all the profits
thereof would go to the state
treasury and foreign trade would
proceed only according to plan. It
could not be otherwise. Since
Czechoslovakia was planning her
production, she had also to plan
the influx of material and the mar-
keting of production, which, con-
sidering the extent to which
Czechoslovakia was dependent on
foreign trade, necessarily involved
the planning of foreign trade."

SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER
LONDON, June 16—(Reuters)—
R. K. Jepsen, United Kingdom
trade commissioner at Montreal,
has been appointed senior trade
commissioner in Newfoundland and
economic adviser to the United
Kingdom high commissioner in
Canada, the Board of Trade an-
nounced here.

Jepsen, who has been trade com-
missioner at Montreal since 1946,
succeeds the late A. M. Wiseman.



RAIN AND LONELINESS

The spattering of the rain
pale terraces
Of afternoon is like the pass-
ing of a dream
Amid the rose shuddering
the wet green stalks
Of the streaming trees. The pass-
ing of the wind
Under the pale, lower terraces of
my dream
Is like the crinkling of the wet,
grey robes
Of the hours that come to turn
over the urn
Of the day and spill its rainy
dream.
Vague movements over the pud-
dled terraces:
Heavy gold pennons—a pomp of
solemn gardens.
Half hidden under the liquid veil
of spring:
Far trumpets like a vague rout of
faded roses
Burst 'gainst the wet, green silence
of distant forests:
A clash of cymbals—then the swift
swaying footsteps
Of the wind that undulates along
the languid terraces.
Pools of rain—the vacant terraces
Wet, chill and glistening
Toward the sunset beyond the
broken doors of today.
—John Donnelly, in the Ottawa
Citizen.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LAX SABBATARIANS

"I shall next turn the reader's
attention to a Sabbath-Day's sojourn
in a private house. In the morn-
ing I was awake with the sound
of whistling so loud as to be heard
through the whole house. I rose
in haste to see what was become
of the older branches of the fam-
ily, that a boy should be sitting by
the kitchen fire, amusing himself
in this way unadmired by any-
one. When I stepped into the kit-
chen, I found his parents so near
that it was evident the boy's whis-
tling on the Sabbath was not a new
thing, or meriting in their estima-
tion a severe censure. A young
man from a distance had also been
in the house over night. I saw he
wished to make love to one of the
daughters. He attended them to
the milking of the cows, where lev-
ity had full swing. I left the
house through the day, hoping to
find better company. As I returned
in the evening, two young men
on horseback passed me in great
haste, who—I learned afterwards—
were also of the tribe of lovers;
and when I reached the house
I found no little giggling and sport-
ing on among the young people.
The mistress of the house was
standing at the door, and one of
her young sons passed her into the
kitchen whistling all the way, and
continued to do so till I had seat-
ed myself beside his father who
was reading religious tracts in the
opposite end of the house.

"The sound of music on the Sab-
bath was so grating to my ears
that I asked the gentleman if that
boy in the kitchen was a son of
his. He directly understood the
reason of my inquiry, and called
out, 'Give over your whistling, sir-
rah, or I'll come and give you a
thrashing.' Soon another of his
sons was playing upon the Jew's
harp. The gentleman now thought
proper to make some apology for
his children's conduct. 'We cannot
bring up children here with the
sober habits you can in Scotland,'
'why?' said I. 'Because,' replied he,
'the children here know that their
parents are dependant on them
for help as soon as they are able
to do anything; and if their par-
ents will not give them a good
deal of their own way they will
go off and leave them altogether
destitute, it being so easy for young
people to begin the world here,
and so difficult to pay the wages
of servants to fill their place.'

—From "Travels in Prince Ed-
ward Island in 1820," by Walter
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