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EDITORIAL NOTES

Massacre of Lidice, 1942.
Nineteen more days till the election.

The Nova Scotians did not make much stir
over their provincial election: like the British
Columbians, they concentrated more on anti-
Communism than on anti-Liberal, or anti Con-
servative.

The new M.V. Newfoundland freighter is
now all ready to start on her service provided
freight is available. It is a little too early for
summer shipments, and in between cargoes re-
quire developing.

The St. John's Evening Telegram, Newfound-
land, is performing a good service for its readers
by running a series of articles on each of the
Provinces of Canada. Recently it published an
interesting sketch of Prince Edward Island.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of
Princess Elizabeth born this date 1921. Is a
grandson of H.R.H. Princess Alice, Duchess of
Hesse and of H.R.H. Prince Andrew of Greece,
is lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and Personal
A.D.C. to the King. Has one son, H.R.H. Prince
Charles Philip Arthur, born November 14, 1948.

Fisheries Minister Mayhew evidently isn't
aware of the Prime Minister's assurance to the
P. E. I. Fisheries Federation, dated May 31, that
their brief would receive "immediate attention
and careful consideration," otherwise he wouldn't
have repeated at Shediac on Wednesday his
disparaging reference to their proposal.

The report of the Dominion Bureau of Sta-
tistics that U. S. investment in Canada probably
exceeded \$2,700,000,000 in 1948 makes our dol-
lar situation seem considerably less bright. If
gold transfers to the United States were also
deducted our adverse actual trading balance
with that nation would be enormous.

According to the Rev. Dr. Dudley, the elo-
quent acting minister of Trinity, we are a God-
fearing, church-going tolerant people, and for
this, thanks are largely due to the fine type of
clergy who have successively filled our pulpits,
and directed the young in the way they should
go. As soon as a people begins to neglect the
House of God its character deteriorates, and it
becomes a prey to all sorts of delinquencies,
both juvenile and parental.

This is advice from the Federal Dept. of
Health, which we pass on to whom it may con-
cern: "Big waistlines have a habit of develop-
ing behind big desks. For many office workers,
recreation consists of walking from the street-
car stop to the elevator and from the elevator to
the desk. All sedentary employees need some
form of exercise to keep their muscles from be-
coming weak and flabby. Walking to work in
the morning is often a good way to keep in
trim."

We are apt to imagine that the divorce
problem is worse in Canada and the United
States than elsewhere. Evidently this is not the
case. Sheriff Philip, K.C., chairman of the Scot-
tish Marriage Guidance Council, commented upon
the "astronomical rise" in the divorce rate. With-
in little more than a generation in England it had
risen from 1000 to the region of 50,000. In
Scotland, while the percentage increase was not
quite so great, it was still somewhat appalling.
Unless they recovered a higher standard and a
deeper sense of the sacredness of marriage, he
said, Great Britain would not solve its marriage
problem.

Referred to as "the brain-child of the Fish-
eries Research Board of Canada", a mechanically
refrigerated railway car which may revolutionize
the transportation of fresh and frozen foods will
have its first real trial this month. The car will
leave the Pacific Coast on June 23 for a cross-
country test trip with a full load of commercial
frozen fish for the Eastern Provinces. It will
pick up a return load of frozen
fish from the Atlantic Coast for Western Can-
ada. Both the Canadian National and the Can-
adian Pacific Railways are watching the tests
closely. If the car is as successful as fishery
engineers hope, it will introduce new means of
improving service for perishable commodities.
The test car has two mechanical refrigeration
units, each powered by a small gasoline engine.
The refrigeration is applied by a blast of cold
air thermostatically controlled and circulating in
a "jacket" surrounding the load. A flip of
a switch turns the refrigerating units into heat-
ers.

According to the Telegraph-Journal a new
division has been set up in the New Brunswick
department of health and Dr. Ruth McDougall,
B.A., D.P.H., has been appointed director. The
new branch is that of maternal and child health
services. Nutrition services have been merged
with the new division, said Hon. Dr. F. A. Mc-
Grand, provincial minister of health and social
services, in announcing the change. The work
of the provincial nutritionists deals with children
in the field, the minister explained, and Dr. Mc-
Dougall will correlate the program with the
work of the public health medical officers and
nurses in the province. She took over new du-
ties May 1. Dr. McDougall is a graduate of Mc-
Gill University, from which she received her de-
gree of M.D.C.M. She served her internship at
the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, as
well as a rotating internship in medicine, com-
municable disease, obstetrics and gynecology at
the Montreal General Hospital. She obtained her
diploma of public health at the School of Hy-
giene, University of Toronto. She carried out field
work for the department of public health, City
of Montreal health department; entered the
Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, London, Ont., for
training in tuberculosis work. Prior to coming to
New Brunswick she was medical officer at the
Red River Health Unit in Manitoba.

Another Macdonald Victory

The result of the Nova Scotia provincial
elections yesterday means that the Liberals will
have been in power for two decades in our sister
Province by the time their next term is up. This
is Premier Macdonald's fourth electoral victory
and he has been returned with his full cabinet
and a still stronger majority. The Conservatives,
however, who were eliminated in the last Nova
Scotia Legislature, have come back strongly as
the official Opposition with eight elected mem-
bers. Their numbers, represent gains over either
Liberal or CCF candidates and in the words of
their leader, Mr. Robert Stanfield, who was per-
sonally successful in the dual constituency of
Colchester, they can look forward to still greater
success in the next general election.

Premier Macdonald is one of the oldest and
most popular men in public life in Canada, and
his Government's victory yesterday bears striking
testimony to this fact.

By all accounts, the campaign caused very
little excitement. The Halifax press practically
ignored it, and it seems to have been treated
generally as but a prelude to the Dominion con-
test. The Government appealed largely on its
record, which until recent months was one of
strong championship of provincial rights as
against the encroachments of centralized power
at Ottawa. It is not likely that Premier Mac-
donald has changed his views in this respect,
though the present occasion would have been
inopportune politically to have given them ut-
terance.

The Soft Answer

The Easter Convention issue of the Prince
Edward Island Teachers Federation Newsletter is
at hand. It contains among other things a sum-
mary of Premier Jones' address in which he is
described as having thrown all caution to the
winds in halting the teachers for continually
harping on the salary question.

Appended to the Premier's declaration that
the average daily school attendance last year
was by far the highest in the history of the Pro-
vince is the following footnote by the Federation
secretary: "He forgot to state that this attend-
ance is due to the Family Allowance, not to in-
creased care by the Education Department over
which he has jurisdiction."

Included also is the text of a resolution
passed by the Summerside Home and School As-
sociation recording its "complete disagreement"
with the sentiments expressed by the Premier,
"from whom by reason of his office the teach-
ing profession should receive inspiration and
guidance towards the advancement of education
on Prince Edward Island."

Mr. Pearson's Faux Pas

Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for
External Affairs, told a Liberal party election
meeting last week that twenty years in the civil
service had brought him to the conclusion that
the Liberals were "far superior" as administra-
tors. This statement raises a grave question in
the opinion of the Ottawa Journal.

The question is not whether Mr. Pearson in
the four years during which he served as a jun-
ior civil servant under the Bennett administra-
tion (1930-1935) and without any previous ex-
perience, was qualified to judge of the efficiency
or lack of efficiency in Mr. Bennett's ministry
as a whole. What is important, the Journal sug-
gests, is what is implied in his attempting to
use information which he may or may not have
gained in the confidential position of a civil
servant to promote his political career. As there
are others in a similar category, and as the issue
is by no means confined to Parliament Hill at
Ottawa, the point is worth considering.

"The position of civil servants," the Journal
points out, "is one of trust. If they are going to
use such positions of trust to spy on governments,
with the information thus obtained to be used
later on for their political gain, or for the gain
of some political party, then obviously the re-
lationship between the Government and the civil
servant, and indeed between the public and the
civil servant, must be gravely affected."

A Minister of the Crown is the last person
who should set an unethical example to civil
servants, for who knows what result such a
precedent might have on the fortunes of the present
party in power?

Timely Precaution

New Brunswick, as a heavily-forested Pro-
vince, is particularly subject to fire hazards in
summer weather and the Chief Forester has
taken time by the forelock in summarily can-
celling all brush burning permits in that Pro-
vince. Concurrent with this order he has appealed
to everyone frequenting wooded areas at the
present time to observe scrupulously all the rules
laid down to prevent any fire from igniting the
tinder-dry underbrush, trees or grass.

We might follow the same advice advan-
tageously in this Province. Everyone who goes in
to the woods to work or on pleasure bent, or on
fishing jaunts to streams in close proximity to
our forested lands in the coming weeks of dry,
summer weather should always take especial care
to be very guarded in their actions with fire—
be it a campfire, a lighted match or a cigarette
or cigar butt. It should be kept ever-uppermost
in mind that the heritage of the forest once lost,
cannot quickly be restored. We should, there-
fore, be ever-vigilant in putting forth every ef-
fort to preserve our valuable woodland domain
—not, by any careless action, bringing about its
wanton destruction.



THE BELLS OF HEAVEN

'Twould ring the bells of Heaven
The mildest peal of years,
If Parson lost his senses,
And people came to theirs,
And he and they together
Kneel down with angry prayers
For tamed and shabby tigers
And dancing dogs and bears,
And wretched, blind pit ponies,
And little hunted hares.

—Ralph Hodgson.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

STEAM BOAT CO. SHARES

In the year 1842, which saw the
incorporation of the Prince Edward
Island Steam Navigation Company, the
Legislature authorized the ap-
pointment of Hons. Charles Hensley
and Joseph Pope as Commissioners
to make a report on the expediency
of an order organization
known as the Prince Edward
Island Steam Boat Company. The
following details are from a report
by the Commissioners to the Gov-
ernment, dated Feb. 3, 1848:

In the Session of 1843, it having
been found necessary to make some
alteration in the previously ar-
ranged route of the steam boat
("St. George") employed by the
Company, and the shareholders of
Georgetown and vicinity represent-
ing this alteration to be an infrac-
tion of the understanding by which
they were induced to become share-
holders, the Government listened to
the plea, and purchased their shares—
nineteen in number, at the
original cost, allowing them 4 per
cent interest per annum, from the
time of payment. At the same time,
the Government purchased other 29
shares, which remained undisposed
of by the whole number of share-
holders held by the Government to
be 198.

For the encouragement of private
shareholders, the Government made
a special provision "that in the
event of the profits of the Company
being found insufficient to make a
dividend of 5 per cent per annum,
upon the whole number of shares of
the Company, that it should be lawful
for the directors to apply the said
profits to the redemption of the said
dividend of 5 to the private share-
holders only."

In 1845, upon the representation
of the directors of the Company
that the traffic between the ports
of Pictou, Charlottetown and Miramichi,
had been found unprofitable, and
altogether unproductive of profit,
it was deemed advisable (as the
machinery and boilers of the steam
boat required certain repairs, and
that the sale of the vessel, and the
Commissioners were empowered
to concur in the sale, and to apply
the proceeds to the purchase of the
other steam boat in conjunction
with the other directors of the
Steam Navigation Company.

Accordingly, in the fall of the
year, the said vessel was disposed
of to certain parties at Quebec,
and the directors entered upon en-
quiries and correspondence for the
purpose of procuring a suitable
vessel to be substituted in its place,
and the general purpose for which such a vessel was
required.

The result of their inquiries proved
very unsatisfactory, and it was
resolved at a general meeting of the
shareholders, held at the Court
House on Tuesday, July 28, 1847—
the directors having reported that
they had been unsuccessful in their
endeavour to obtain a suitable
steam boat and that they had no
expectation of being able soon to
procure one—that public notice be
given by advertisement in the
Island papers thereof; and that hav-
ing ascertained by the sale of the
stores belonging to the Company,
that the present value of each
share was \$8 1/2, all shareholders
wishing to withdraw from the Com-
pany would be permitted to do so,
upon application to Hon. T. J.
Haviland, treasurer of the Com-
pany, any time between the date
hereof and the first day of October
next; that parties not applying
the aforesaid notice, would be con-
sidered as willing to give their aid
and support to the further prosecu-
tion of the objects of the Company,
and that the Government should
present itself, and would be expected
to give a ready compliance with
any further calls of the Company,
and that the Government should
withdrew the amount of their
shares, whereby the Company was
virtually dissolved.

Universities Under Fire

(Ottawa Journal)
In the evening edition of The
Journal of Saturday was a shrewd
and discerning article, "What's
Wrong With Universities?" The
writer was Miss Joan Finnigan, a
senior student at Queen's, but with
the additional background of a
year of school-teaching, periods of
reporting for The Journal in her
summer vacations.

That there are things wrong with
the Canadian universities nobody
who knows them, or knows their
product, will question. Miss Finnigan
puts the blame largely on the
system, on professors who have
lost touch with reality and have
little interest in their students.

A professor would retort, we im-
agine, that this is far from being
the whole story. He would say, we
think, that the admitted over-
crowding of universities since the
war has made a condition in which
any close relationship between in-
structor and student is almost im-
possible and in which the student
has to sink or swim as his (or her)
own industry and intelligence direct.

Our Religious Instruction



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Notes By The Way

The hired man is said to be
wending his way back to the farm.
The certainty of three square meals
a day and steady employment is
given as the chief reason for his
doing so. These rural employers
left the farms in large numbers to
take work at higher wages in war-
time industry. Many others were,
of course, absorbed by the armed
forces. But the trend back to pas-
tures green has been observed in
some Canadian provinces and the
more northerly areas of the United
States. Former hired men are glad
to get back, too. Oddly enough, also,
many of them do not care whether
a farm is mechanized or not. They
yearn to get a grip on the handles
of a plow, which has been the good
earth and leave their furrows
straight and clean. A team of
horses to take care of adds an-
other human touch that has been
missing during their years in the
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Now they're whipping up a ma-
chine that will play chess. It isn't
finished yet, but we don't doubt
that it will be a real competitor
for human opponents at the game,
and we don't doubt that it will
shame even the most expert, with
scarcely a pause to collect the good
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The magnitude of the flow of
immigrants from Europe to this
country may be seen in figures
recently released by the Federal
Government. More than 128,000 men
and women arrived during the fiscal
year ending March 31, an in-
crease of nearly 60 per cent over
1947-48. The statistics show that
immigration from Britain declined
from the previous high rate, while
that of persons of central Euro-
pean origin, many of them refugees,
showed an increase. Farmers, un-
skilled and semi-skilled laborers,
miners and domestics accounted for
most of the new arrivals. It need
not be repeated here that this
country is well able to absorb these
thousands and many more. Those
who would halt all immigration
"until everyone in Canada has a
job" would impose a long wait—
perhaps unto eternity. The fact
is that the newcomers themselves
create more work. It is our oppor-
tunity, as well as our good fortune,
to welcome them. — Victoria Times.

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