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

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Christmas

"This is the month, and this the happy morn.
Wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King,
Of wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born,

This is the season of sacred festival among
Christians, dedicated to the hope and promise
of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

Not the recurring Christmas festival, but
the spirit itself of Christmas. Can we carry
that into our daily lives? Can we make it
dominant in our life as a nation and in our relations

"The aged earth, aghast,
Shall from the surface to the centre shake."

We should be able to hear more clearly
now, in the silence of the guns, the song of the
angelic host proclaiming the birth of the Prince
of Peace, and of His reign for evermore.

For if such holy song
Inwrap our fancy long,
Time will run back, and fetch the age of gold;

Yes, Truth and Justice then
Will down return to men,
Orbed in a rainbow; and, like glories wearing,

Employment And Farming

The Committee of Economic Development
in the United States has just revealed the
results of a careful study of agriculture as it may
be affected by the expanding economy of the
next few years.

The great honour bestowed upon Archbishop
McGuigan in his appointment to the exalted
office of Cardinal is a signal tribute to his
outstanding qualifications, and a very high
compliment indeed to Prince Edward Island.

Man's Third Brain

Maj. A. R. Lawrence, executive director
of Associated Technical Consultants Limited,
discussing the "three brains" which, according
to him, govern man's relation to his surroundings

untary action. That brain lies in the forehead
part of the skull." Assuming that the theories
of evolution developed by Darwin and Huggings
Jackson are correct, he said, what may we
reasonably conclude? Answering his own question,

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow Christmas Day—the Hope of
the World.

The footpaths and crossings require a little
personal attention from both householders and
city officials alike.

During the war years, 1939-1945, 90,000,000
tons of food were shipped to the United
Kingdom.

The lessening of the restrictions crossing
the border probably will be appreciated more
here than anywhere else, as so many Islanders
have located in the States, and would like to
travel frequently between their new and old
homes.

The enterprising youngsters who went
joyriding at car-owners' expense, and ultimately
landed in the hands of the police, were severely
admonished in the city Juvenile Court, and,
together with their parents and guardians,
warned that any resumption of such
misdemeanor would result in dire consequences.

To meet the many inquiries of clients for
information about succession duties, the Eastern
Trust Company has prepared a handy folder,
containing figures and information on this
subject in easily located form. This is a real
service to the taxpaying public, and should fill
a long felt need.

During the war 27,000 public clocks
throughout Great Britain were destroyed, or
damaged, by air raids. Britain's eight
Historical Societies are now urging that it should
be illegal for any public body to exhibit a clock
which is not accurate by Greenwich time. What
would happen if that were law in Charlottetown?

It is significant that the property vote in the
1943 general provincial election in Fifth Prince
was: Liberal (Liberal) 714, Strong (Conservative)
802, total 1582; whereas in the recent
by-election the vote was Bell (Liberal) 509,
McFarlane (C.C.F.) 51; total 620. This would
indicate not only that the Conservatives
refrained from voting, but that the Jones Government
candidate did not succeed in polling even
the normal Liberal vote.

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at a recent N. B. agricultural convention at
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One cannot but marvel at the political
sagacity of Mr. Macdonnell King; for instance
his timing of the lifting of the embargo on
dehydration, and delaying the announcement of
the closing of the airport at Summerside until
after the by-election; then when that was safely
past calmly announcing there was no coal for
dehydration, and only a skeleton crew would be
left at the airport. The Tories were fooled all
right, though not the First District ones.

Christmas Eve, when waits are supposed to
conclude their three weeks of itinerant
promenading; formerly they used generally
wind-instruments, and played any tunes which
happened to be popular at the time, calling at
the homes of the citizens on this day or Boxing
Day for Christmas donations. Down to 1820,
waits had official recognition and appointment
in the city of London and other municipalities,
but nowadays there is nothing to prevent
any number of such itinerant minstrels
from plying their midnight calling, so long as
they do not create disturbances.

Among the most important and successful
war weapons of the Allied Armies, the British
mine-locator has played an outstanding role.
Whereas, however, many weapons become so
much scrap-iron in peace-time, the mine-locator
can be adapted to useful peace-time service. It
will be used to locate nails in wood planks
before the wood goes to the saw-mills, and the
presence of metal wires and pipes in walls and
floors can be easily determined. Police and
Customs officials are using the locator with great
success in their search for hidden metal articles,
such as gold coins, which might be smuggled
out of the country.

Notes By The Way

The man who pokes fun at a
woman trying to drive through a
foot garage door usually sobers
up when she tries to thread a
needle.—Montreal Star.

The Scottish Crown Jewels,
which were brought back from the
hiding-place where they have been
in safe keeping during the war,
are once more on view to the public
in the Crown Room at Edinburgh
Castle. The Edinburgh
Scottishman reports included among
the jewels shown with the "Honors"
is the Jewel of St. Andrew—
which has on its reverse side a
miniature of Maria Clementina
Sobieski, the Polish princess who
was mother of Prince Charlie—
which is the Sovereign's Badgem
of the Order of the Thistle and has
been worn by the present King
George V on ceremonial occasions
at Holyrood House. The total intrinsic value
of the metal and jewels has, as far
as paper parables can be computed,
but some years ago the Crown
was valued at \$5,000.

Lord Beaverbrook has given to
the Rev. Dr. R. F. V. Scott, minister
of St. Columba's Church of
Scotland, London, a cheque for
\$25,000 for the rebuilding fund
of the church, which was
destroyed during a bombing raid
in 1941. This gift makes the
rebuilding fund to \$105,000. The total
required is \$150,000.—Edinburgh
Scottishman.

Extensive use of paper
parachutes in Sweden to distribute
mail, unbreakable merchandise,
and newspapers is predicted for
the future. Such parachutes have
been used successfully here during
the last two years for various
purposes, including the delivery
of provisions to Norwegian near
the Swedish border and the
transportation of military goods. The
paper parachute can support a load
up to 132 pounds.—Foreign Commerce
Weekly.

When the scientists gathered in
New Mexico to test the first atomic
bomb, they weren't entirely sure
just what would happen, says
Time. A few suspected that the
nuclear chain reaction might
spread from the bomb's uranium
flash around the world in the air
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crisp. One enthusiastic physicist,
named Enrico Fermi, casually
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From the great mass of figures
presented to the food production
commission, one thing stands out—
that Canadians are eating today
more of almost everything than
they did before the war, and this
despite rationing. In other words,
considering the country as a whole,
rationing is no hardship but it is
an effective means of even distribution.—Ottawa Journal.

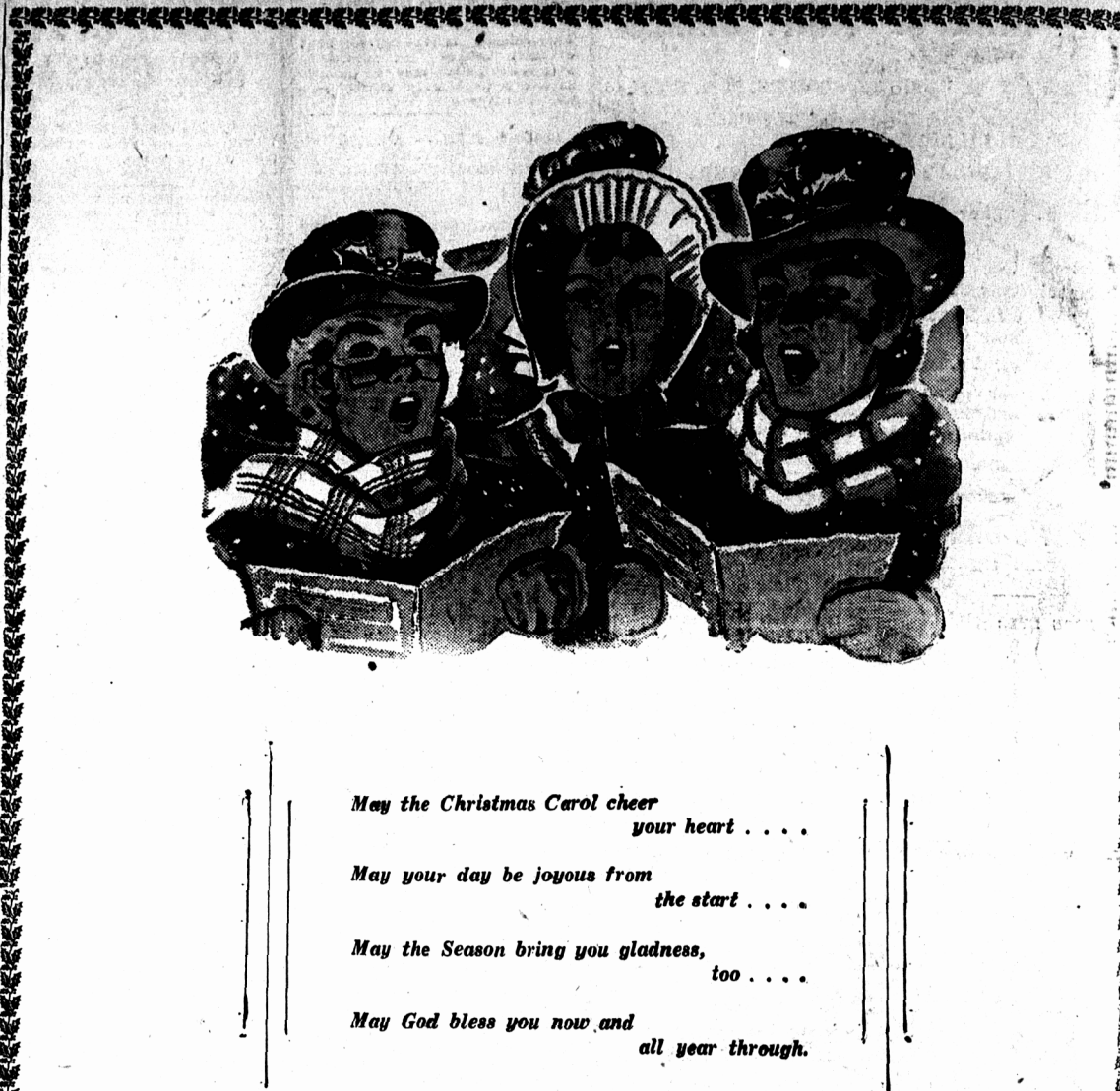
Lord Baldwin, many people will
be glad to hear, is beginning to
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A railroad company in England
runs what is called a "whitewash
special." It carries no passengers,
and every time a bump is hit, a
splash of whitewash is dropped to
mark the point where a broken
piece of machinery was put on
some of our war-neglected
highways, there'd be one lost to
the nation's highways. Kingston
Standard comments.

No man can become a skilled
workman in a few months; a
carpenter who has had four years'
apprenticeship in his trade,
to be capable of good work, and
bricklaying takes just as long to
learn. Boys and young men now
writing for spring training
to learn trades, at low wages;
they do not like the discipline
of the pleasant release when
they wait for spring. Fainting
skilled workmen who are always
sure of jobs.—Peterborough
Examiner.

The farmyard holds a friendly
welcome as day ends. The
countryman, in his repair of a broken
fence or cutting timber in the
woodlot, is reassured by his
clucking, the chirping of the
birds of the fields, the barns and
sheds have a comforting quality.
To the north, the trees of the
windbreak, their stark skeletal
beauty beneath the darkening sky.
Patiently, like a horse in the
rain, they wait for spring. Fainting
steers move deliberately about
their feedlot. Their shaggy coats
give them a contented, almost
satisfied appearance. A
percentage of cattle on a harsh Scottish
island. The stack of straw looms
huge behind them. Inside the barn,
where the farmer stops to see
that all is well, the warmth from
animals envelops him. The dusty
smell of rich clover hay, the
sharp aroma of silage bespeak
the homogenous plenty of the place.
At the chicken house, activities are
still in full swing, for the lights
have gone on with sunset. Chickens
scratch the bright straw
litter and warily watch the visitor.
Near the house, newly saved fire-
wood is piled haphazardly. The
kitchen range and the hot air
furnace will be well supplied.
Soul-warming light shines out from
the old-fashioned windows, following
the snowy path to his door,
the farmer is lulled by thoughts
of the pleasant release when
he removes his heavy boots. He
anticipates the aroma of new pork
and fried apples which he knows await
him. Evening is the kindest part
of the day.—Minneapolis Star-
Journal.

Such women (as Dorothy Dix)
render a distinct service to
humanity. Many may be inclined
to smile in tolerant amusement at
those who seek guidance in
romantic affairs from such authorities,
but the problems presented to
them are real to those who ask
for advice. Who can say how much
help and comfort have come to
the thousands who have
been entrusted to their
kindness? Truly, they
have done it nobly.—Windsor Star.



May the Christmas Carol cheer
your heart . . .
May your day be joyous from
the start . . .
May the Season bring you gladness,
too . . .
May God bless you now and
all year through.

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Christmas in Other
Times And Climes

Generations come and go...
one Christmas follows another...
seemingly rapid succession...
the same Christmas hymn, the oldest
Christmas hymn in the world,
is sung year after year by Christians
throughout the world. This
"Corde Natus Ex Parentis"
which was written in the fourth
century, and translated into
English by the Rev. John Milton.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "HYMN ON THE MORNING
OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY"
It was the winter wild
While the heaven-born child
All meanly wrapt in the rude
manager lies—
Nature in awe to Him,
Had doffed her gaudy trim,
With her great Master so to sympathize;
It was no season then for her
To wail with the Sun, her lusty
paramour.
Only with speeches fair
She wakes the gentle air
To hush her guilty front with innocent snow,
And on her naked shame,
Pollute with sin,
The saintly veil of maiden white
to throw.
Confound'd that her Maker's eyes
Should look so near upon her foul
deformities.
But He, her fears to cease,
Send down the meek-eyed Peace,
She, crimson with olive green,
Came softly sliding
Down through the turning sphere.
With ready harpinger,
Within her wings the amorous
clouds dividing;
And waving wide her myrtle wand,
She strikes a universal peace
through sea and land.
—John Milton.

Dim down behind the tamarisks—
the sky is saffron-yellow—
As the women in the village grind
the corn,
And the parrots seek the river-
side, each calling to his wife,
That Day, the starting Eastern
Day, is born.
O the whitest dust on the highway,
O the stanches in the byway!
O the clammy fog that never o'er
the earth?
And at Home they're making merry
'neath the white and scarlet
berry—
What part have India's exiles in
their mirth?

It is not the Christmas atmosphere
as we know it. Even to
these who find themselves still
further south—in Australia—
Christmas Day will seem just as
strange. For with the seasons
"reversed" they will probably go
swimming.
"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will to
ward men."
Christmas Day has not always
fallen in December. For while we
celebrate the twenty-fifth as the
anniversary of Jesus' birth, it appears
that we do so by accord and
that the real anniversary of the
birth of Christ was not at that
time of the year at all.
The early church, as a matter of
fact, used to celebrate Christmas
Day at no fixed period. Sometimes
it was in May; sometimes in
January; sometimes concurrently with
Epiphany. So any congregation
which dreamed of a "white Christmas"
could easily arrange that
event—in accordance with the
weather.
"A good conscience is a continual
Christmas."

and was widely used for decoration.
The lighting of the Yule
Log, once such a common custom
in England, is an inheritance from
Lithuanian mythological lore. The
custom of giving gifts dates from
the Roman days. Even the actual
date of Christmas, it is believed,
was chosen because of the Roman
festival of the Winter Solstice,
celebrated on Dec. 25.

O little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep
The silent stars go by.
Christmas, so generally regarded
as a happy season of the year,
has not always been a festive one.
In the third century, Diocletian,
on learning that a number of
Christians were gathered together
in a particular building "celebrating
the anniversary of the Founder
of their religion," had the church
ignited, and all the worshippers
perished in the flames.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED
LEWES, Sussex, England, Dec.
19.—(Reuters)—Gen. Sir Claude
Auchinleck, commander-in-chief in
India today was granted a divorce
decreed against his wife, Lady
Auchinleck, and awarded costs
against the co-respondent.—Air
Chief Marshal Sir Richard Pierce,
now retired. The case was
undecided.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—(CP)—
Eisel Harris, 19, charged with the
murder of 83-year-old Aideric Bro-
deur who died following an at-
tack with a baseball bat in the
shed of his northern home here
last month, was committed by
Judge Omer Legrand today for
trial before the Court of King's
Bench when he appeared for vol-
untary statement.

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