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

Mon. Mr. Bridges, Minister of Fisheries, is to be the guest of honour at a banquet to be given by the Fisheries Federation Friday evening.
Prime Minister King interviewing President Truman would be quite different from interviewing his predecessor. In the old familiar days it would be "Halloo Mackenzie, welcome," and "How do, Franklin, glad to see you again."

The Provincial by-election in Summerside will be held a month before Christmas. The Progressive Conservatives or C. C. F.'s have not yet been heard from, but the Liberals have their standard-bearer in the field in the person of Mr. Carrol Delaney.

A renewed missionary and church spirit is developing in our midst, evident by increased church attendance, giving, and baptisms in church. The Christian advance movement is catching on, and soon will have spread effectively all over the Island.

A sign of the times. Washington produces a stream of reports, to the effect that next month's elections will give the Republicans a large majority in the House, and most observers now concede a Republican majority in the Senate.

Canadian exporters should be very cautious in making forward commitments for sales of goods to the U. S., except in terms of Canadian, says a Toronto exchange. To take an order now for several thousand dollars worth of goods for delivery to the U. S. some months from now, at a price fixed on present exchange, is actually quite dangerous.

Evidently the Federal Government is determined to make a Tourist success of our National Park. If a lessee for the Dalvey Hotel cannot be found they will run it themselves in the same way as the railways run tourist hotels elsewhere. And why not? It would tend to make the powers-that-be more concerned about the transportation facilities to and from the Province.

Here we are worried over the abundance of our crops and the means of disposal and distribution. Unless the unexportable surplus of potatoes reaches the potato factories by the end of this month, the farmers without efficient storage will be out of luck. It is all very well to argue that farmers should have planted less; in the Spring the general advice was to increase production, not diminish it.

Almost half the men still in the Canadian Army are members of the new Canadian Army (Active Force), according to figures recently released by Army Headquarters. These figures reveal that the strength of the Army last week was somewhat less than 32,000, of which total some 14,000 are now members of the post-war Canadian Army (Active Force). This is a far cry from the Army's war-time peak of more than 481,500, at the end of 1943, or from the 4,500 members in the Permanent Force at the end of August 1939.

What about our teachers? The Australian Teachers' Federation has been invited to select a representative to join the Australian delegation on the United Nations education, scientific and cultural organizations. The teachers representative will be chosen from nominees from all the States after the nominations have been received. The first general conference of UNESCO is to be held in Paris next month.

The kiddies on Hallowe'en will be making their wants known by shouting "shell out, shell out" as they go about collecting tickets sold on behalf of the Kinsmen Clubs. The proceeds of the shell-out tickets will go towards further community enterprises for the kiddies themselves. During the summer the local Kinsmen Club provided the city squares with playground equipment at a cost of over \$2,500. The Club is at present engaged in equipping city schools with radios. Their gigantic Hallowe'en Party in the Armories will be well worth while if only from the stand-point that it will keep many little ones out of harm's way by providing innocent amusement.

Hon. Mr. Justice Thibodeau Rinfret, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, will visit France shortly at the invitation of the Minister of Information. He will give a series of addresses on Canadian topics at Lyon, in Normandy and in the Poitiers district. On November 21 he will attend an impressive ceremony marking the re-opening of the University of Caen when he will receive an honorary doctor's degree. Hon. Onesime Gagnon, Quebec Provincial Treasurer, will accept a similar degree on behalf of Premier Maurice Duplessis. The University of Caen was almost destroyed during the war and the partial reconstruction of its library was made possible by Canadian help, particularly by a generous contribution from the Quebec Government. Mr. Justice Rinfret will return to Canada via London and New York at the end of December.

All Hallowe'en tomorrow. Here is your Burns' poem:
The auld guidwife's well-hoordit nits
Are round and round divided,
And many lads' and lassies' fates
Are there that night decided:
Some kith and some kin,
Some start aw' wi' saucy pride,
And jump out ower the chimly
Fu' high that night.
Jean slips in twa wi' tentie e's;
Wha twas, she wadna tell;
But this is Jack, and this is me,
She says into hersel;
He bleazed ower her, and she ower him,
As they wad never mair part;
Till, fuff! he started up the lum,
And Jean had e'en a sair heart
To see 't that night.

Notes By The Way

Militarism catches 'em young out in Illinois, where the Rochelle News announced: "Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Atchinson are the parents of a boy, born last Thursday. He is serving in the armed forces" — Ottawa Evening Citizen.

From a town in New York State comes a report of a young wife and mother who, according to the police, shot her husband in sequel to a radio drama. The account has it that, after the man had listened to a murder thriller, he remarked: "That would be a good way to go away with someone you don't want" whereupon his wife started shooting. — Bradford Expositor.

Pienkling is moderation in one of life's greatest joys if you can steer clear of swindlers and gamblers, remarks the Minneapolis Star Journal. One is the fastidious person who abhors picnics because he — more also may be used to get his pants wrinkled or he may stand an occasional snafu in his coffee. The other is the fiend whose outdoor fireplace has all the complexity of an atom's bomb factory — because pit, swinging cranes, warming oven, place for wood place for charcoal, place for pepper. He wears asbestos gloves and apron, the latter covered with them. He hums. He fries his hamburgers with all the mumbo-jumbo of a Senegalese witch doctor.

Paint has been none too plentiful all Summer, but if it can be obtained there are a few paint jobs around most farms that may be done in the fall. It is a good plan to protect the farm buildings with a good coat of paint against the severe conditions of winter. Paint also may be used to extend the life of farm machinery and other equipment. Wooden parts should be given a coating of good paint while the metal parts should be painted or greased and being thoroughly cleaned. — Farmers' Advocate.

The Duke of Windsor is to call on Mr. Atlee during his visit to England. The meeting may take place this week and has prompted a good deal of speculation about the Duke of Windsor's future. It is believed that the Duke himself suggested the meeting, and it is reasonable to assume that he may discuss the possibility that he should frogs or toads. Several varieties of Governor General. The fact that the Duke of Gloucester will shortly be returning from Australia, to visit his country, is also being discussed. The King to South Africa, has promoted the guess that the Duke of Windsor might succeed his brother. The Australian Labor party is also being mentioned as a possibility. — Manchester Guardian.

Anticosti, a large island off the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, is over a hundred and twenty miles long and thirty or more miles wide. The island is rocky, heavily forested, and in spite of its name, in condition it remains almost uninhabited. It was once the property of Henri Menier, a wealthy chocolate manufacturer of France, but he never visited the island. The island is now owned by a paper company. For some reason Anticosti has neither reptiles nor amphibians of any kind no snakes, frogs or toads. Several varieties of black ducks visit the island, and water on both the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence, but somehow they have never established themselves on the island and have never been seen there. An attempt was made to supply this lack by importing a large number of frogs to the island ponds. It was hoped that these might help diminish the swarms of flies that plague the Anticosti forests during the Summer. The experiment failed, however, because flies devouring all the tadpoles and baby frogs as fast as they appeared until they had exterminated them again. (Now published in the Canadian Department of Lands and Forests).

If a few brides did not find happiness in Canada, it is not for Canada that they are in. There are hundreds of thousands of people who love Canada better than anywhere else in the world. In particular we are people who have been outside the bounds of Canada should restrain their criticism, for their standards of comparison are necessarily limited. Most of the war brides it is clear will have the gratitude of all for their taste and are happy here. — Peterborough Examiner.

The news from toy makers that more and better toys are to be available this Christmas must send whoops of joy ringing throughout most households. Electric trains, meta wagons, building sets and the like of the sturdy toys missing during the war years are being back again. It means the stores will take on a brighter appearance than of old. The toy makers will have the gratitude of all for a happier Christmas. — Boston Post.

The cause of juvenile delinquency is lack of real discipline in early years—the neglected spankings from ages of two to six and a stout strap later. We wonder why teen-agers have no respect for morals or society because we forget that they have been permitted to win every clash with their parents and have had their own way in earlier years. When mothers abandoned the habit—brush to become amateur psychologists they lost the means of enforcing discipline. When their children are put to the test they turn out to be egotistic neurotics or moral passers. — Letter in New York Herald-Tribune.

A hearing expert said at an Ottawa meeting recently that what is wanted is a concerted effort to teach housewives the fine points of furnace tending. That is an opinion which will be endorsed without reserve by a great many husbands. — Post, Arthur Non-Chronicle.

The Poets Corner

ON THE VANITY OF EARTHLY GREATNESS

The tusks that clashed in mighty brows
Of mastodons, are billiard balls.
The sword of Charlemagne the Just
Is ferric oxide, known as rust.
The grizzly bear whose potent hug
Was feared by all, is now a rug.
Great Caesar's bust is on the shelf,
And I don't feel so well myself.
Arthur Guiterman.

Parliamentary Reporting

(BBC London Letter)
The Press Gallery of the British House of Commons is a historic political institution. It is a self-governing body, with its own conventions, code of behavior and traditions resting like everything else on the strength of memory or imagination. Reporters had not actually a special gallery to themselves before 1835, but long before then Parliamentary debates were "reported," usually from gossip memory or imagination. E. R. Thompson, speaking to overseas listeners to the BBC, recalled recently that the great Samuel Johnson, as a starving young scholar, was employed as a hack-writer to work up rough notes and jottings on the Parliamentary debates into full reports for a newspaper. At the most he had a few jottings, but from those he produced magnificent, rolling Johnsonian oratory. Years afterward, at a dinner party given by Foote, the actor, in 1770, some one was praising a great oration delivered by the older Pitt thirty years before. Johnson, who was with the guests, sat silent for a while, then growled out: "That speech I wrote, in a garret in Exeter Street."

Another famous reporter was "Memory" Woodfall, who was born exactly two hundred years ago and became a celebrity, almost a Parliamentary institution. He used to sit by the hour through the debates with his eyes closed and his hands clasped over his stick, taking never a note. All he ever ate was a hard-boiled egg, the shell of which he peeled off into his hat. Then, at the adjournment he would walk to his newspaper office and there produce a report of the debates entirely from memory. Many other distinguished writers have been Parliamentary reporters but the greatest of them all was Charles Dickens, who was incidentally an expert shorthand writer and one of the first of the new school of reporters who took their notes in shorthand instead of longhand.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

FIRST GRAIN FOR BRITAIN
On Saturday, the Adelaide, Captain Barret, sailed for Bristol with a full cargo of wheat and oats. The departure of this vessel may be reviewed as an event of no ordinary interest, when it is considered that ever since the first of the new school of reporters who took their notes in shorthand instead of longhand.

INDIAN WOMEN SEEK EQUALITY

OALOUTTA, Oct. 29 — (CP) — Equality of opportunity with men in the sphere of public employment is demanded by the All India Women's Conference, whose standing committee met here recently. A charter of rights for Indian women was drawn up which states, among other things, that there should be social, political and economic equality of man and woman.

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3. Doors open at Armouries at 7 p.m. Children will deliver tickets at table marked for their school.
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