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

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A Provincial Museum

Among the resolutions passed at the recent annual convention of the Women's Institutes was one dealing with the establishment of a public museum at Green Gables, in the National Park.

Some years ago, on the establishment here of a National Park, The Guardian suggested the desirability of a provincial museum, and considerable interest was taken in the suggestion at the time.

Years ago there was an antiquarian society in Charlottetown, and some of our older readers will recall the great interest taken in the proceedings of that organization.

Prince Edward Island is the only Province which has not a public museum, a fact which has occasioned a good deal of surprise among our summer visitors, who wonder that we should be so indifferent to our own past history.

Once the museum movement gets under way, it may be possible to obtain Federal assistance in view of the fact that it will be situated at the National Park.

Many Canada "Firsts"

Most people are aware that the invention of the telephone, the discovery of insulin, and the construction of the world's first transcontinental railway were the accomplishments of Canadians.

The idea of standard time zones, 24 zones around the world, was originated by Sir Sandford Fleming, a Canadian railway engineer.

Credit for the world's first successful electronic microscope is given to Professor E. F. Burton, of the University of Toronto, who also pioneered with Professor J. C. McLennan in first proving the existence of cosmic rays.

The peacetime use of magnesium for industrial purposes was made possible by Professor L. M. Pidgeon of Toronto.

Built and launched near Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, the steamship Royal William was the first vessel to cross the Atlantic between the continents entirely by steam power.

Among the many other Canadian achievements mentioned by the Globe and Mail is the Linotype machine, the invention of which is generally credited to Ottmar Mergenthaler.

Died in Raids on Britain

More than 400 Canadian Army officers and men were killed or wounded during air raids directed against Great Britain in World War II, figures compiled by the Army's Historical Section reveal.

First loss of life suffered by the Canadian Army as a result of an enemy raid was on July 6, 1940, when three soldiers were killed and one officer and 28 other ranks wounded in the daylight bombing of Aldershot.

The staff at Canadian Military Headquarters in London suffered its first casualty on September 24, 1940, when a sergeant was wounded, and its first fatal casualties in March 1941, when two soldiers employed at C.M.H.Q. were numbered among the four Canadian dead

in the bombing of the Cafe de Paris, near Leicester Square.

Twenty-two Canadians died in a heavy, all-night attack directed against London on the night of 16-17 April, 1941—ten of them in a service club which was totally destroyed.

Hit-and-run raids on the south coast also took a number of Canadian lives. Ten members of the 17th Duke of York's Canadian Hussars were killed and 31 admitted to hospital as a result of a sneak raid on Hastings in May 1943, and eight members of a Canadian Field Ambulance were killed and three injured in a similar attack on Eastbourne, in August, 1942.

EDITORIAL NOTES

British and Canadian troops stormed into the outskirts of Caen this date 1944 on a seven-mile front following a heavy raid on troop concentrations by Bomber Command.

It all depends as usual on whose ox is gored. The powers-that-be primarily responsible for last Friday's water main mishap and consequent inconvenience and loss to citizens generally, and business men in particular, are significantly silent on the subject.

Now that all our representatives are satisfied with the progress made at Ottawa, it remains only for Premier Jones to capitalize on it in the event of a Fall Provincial election.

A well-known business executive, addressing a meeting of colleagues and other business heads in the Royal York, Toronto said: "We have not made clear enough to ourselves and then to our employees and agents that advertising is a dynamic force, almost starting in its power to develop business and expand net profits.

Henry Hallam, English historian, born this date 1777; a most careful and painstaking investigator into things past, he produced work incisive, judicious, and accurate; his chief works include View of the State of Europe During the Middle Ages, Constitutional History of England from Accession of Henry VII to Death of George II; Introduction to the Literature of Europe in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries.

The C. C. F.'s are believers in the old-fashioned and most serviceable way of preaching their gospel, viz., by word of mouth facing those they want to convert or otherwise inform.

The International Emergency Food Council has called a special Cereals Conference to be held in Paris on July 9th. Passing through the French capital on his way to Germany, Mr. Fitzgerald, the American President of the I. E. F. C., conferred with French officials and notably with M. Jean Monnet on the technical organization of this conference.

Trying to federalize Ireland on the lines of Canada. In Dail Eireann Premier Eamon De Valera put forward a plan for ending the thorny problem of Ireland's partition which he hopes may yet lead to a solution.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of the interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

ROAD CONDITIONS CRITICIZED

Sir,—In last Sunday's Globe there was an advertisement inviting New Englanders to Prince Edward Island. I think that ad was wasted and did the Island more harm than good.

Once a motorist arrives on the Island and sees the terrible roads, unless he has family connections, he will leave as fast as he can, and perhaps never will come again to see the beauty of this Province.

I have been coming to the Island for many summers and when I leave, underneath my car is coated with three or four inches of mud that is hardened on like cement, which decreases the tire tread and leaves a new car this summer and I hate to think what it will look like when I leave in September, as the roads are in the worst condition in years.

What is the Government doing with the heavy tax that is being collected on gasoline?

On several occasions I have been almost blinded with dust from a passing car, and which could cause an accident, and many a time I have seen cars that skidded off the road in a very deep ditch after a rain.

Instead of advertising for tourists the Government should tell motorists to stay away from the Island until roads can be made that will be safe to drive on.

WAKE UP, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, and demand that this road business be attended to immediately, and quit playing politics.

I am, Sir, etc.

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Potato Bugs

(Judith Robinson in the Fort Erie Times-Review)

A gentleman named Eaton who lives in Castlerock, Co., Londonderry, Ireland, had found comfort in historic quotes and is spreading them through the press.

Samuel Wilberforce (about 1800): I dare not marry, the future is so dark and unsettled.

Lord Shaftesbury (1848): Nothing is more to be feared than the British Empire from wreck.

Benjamin Disraeli (1849): In industry, commerce and agriculture there is no hope.

Benjamin Franklin (dying in 1791): Thank God I shall be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us.

The London Times reports that a Colorado beetle was found on June 2 on the main deck of the ss. Whitstable of the Folkestone-Boulogne service while the vessel was crossing from Boulogne. It was a second attempt at illegal entry by the same means. Only three days before a Colorado beetle of French birth was found on and removed from the lower deck of the ss. Whitstable while she was in the quayside in Boulogne harbor.

Whether it was the same Colorado beetle or another, that tried again the attempt, like the first, was discovered. So all is well.

The discovery was reported by wireless from mid-Channel and an official of the Ministry of Agriculture met the ship at Folkestone and took possession of the beetle. England stands therefore where she did. As long as the official from the Department of Agriculture in England has managed to miss in the seven years last past. The thought of what might have happened if the Colorado beetle on the main deck of the ss. Whitstable had been smart enough to get his legs open and through customs before the official from the Ministry of Agriculture arrived is dreadful.

On the same day the unwelcome tourist from Boulogne was taken into official custody at Folkestone, an official government source in London released a statement about another. The statement said an immigrant potato bug had been identified near Banbury, where the Cross used to be and the cakes used to come from, eating potato plants in the garden of Mr. George Bosworth of Manor Farm Cottages.

Horley. So far as was known when the statement was released this Banbury invader was the only potato bug at large in England.

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Notes By the Way

The only sure way of ending accidents at level crossings is to abolish level crossings or, as an alternative, abolish motorists. — Ottawa Journal.

Some day a halt may be called by the American people to the psychopathic fear of Communism which afflicts a large section of the present United States Congress.

A Chicago policeman seized 50 tickets of admission to the ball park from ticket speculators. When he later was fined in court, the judge wanted to know how he had become of the tickets. The officer blushed and said he had given them to kids who didn't have tickets. We think we would like that policeman. — Fort William Times-Journal.

In swearing proclivities men fall into a number of classes. There are those who swear occasionally and those who swear continually. The largest class is composed of those who swear only when they hit their thumb with a hammer or in cases of such accident and sensitive to hearing at mishaps is a habit which will grow in a subtle manner unless strict watch is kept. — Chatham News.

Those of the older generation who remember Mae Marsh, star of the silent movie, The Birth of a Nation, will be interested to learn that in addition to being a grandmother, she has just come into fame as an artist. Her collection of oil paintings is now on exhibition in California and is drawing a great deal of favorable attention. Some 33 years have passed since she was the talk of the continent. — Fort William Times-Journal.

Bicycles and motor cars are not the best companions on the highway. They were not built to get along nicely together. On a light and sensitive, the other so heavy and rough in its contact. Riders on bicycles and drivers of cars do not seem to get along particularly well either.

The cyclist thinks the motorist is trying to hog the whole road, and most drivers of automobiles are sure that the cyclist tries to use all of the road. — Fort William Times-Journal.

In any clash between the two greatest world-powers of today, the United States side of the scale is a good deal of favorable attention. Some 33 years have passed since she was the talk of the continent. — Fort William Times-Journal.

We note a trend. Someone in Hollywood has speculated, started what might be called the dagger peak stretch, by which the points of a collar now run almost to the lips and allow full scope for the Malayana sunsets and microscopic reports of bacteria that compose so many of our new neckties.

It hasn't quite the straggling qualities of the more orthodox collar, for it dips considerably below the neck's apple and reveals new spaces chestwards. Soon the trend should reverse. Those high white collars may return, and they had a lot to recommend them. You should always rest your chin comfortably in listening to a speech about the Empire. — Hamilton Spectator.

For some years the British population of working age will become smaller, and within it the proportions both of younger people and of women of all ages will fall. Detailed estimates in the probable changes in the next five years are made in the current issue of the "Ministry of Labor Gazette."

Between the end of 1946 and the end of 1951 the number of people aged fifteen to thirty-nine will fall by 500,000 or 5 per cent. The increased number of older people will not offset the whole of this decline.

The total number of people aged fifteen to sixty-four for men and fifteen to fifty-nine for women will fall by 124,000. According to the Ministry not only will there be fewer women of working age but a smaller proportion of them can be expected to work—because the higher birth-rate now means that more will have domestic ties. There will, therefore, have to be a considerable substitution of men for women in a number of industries. Moreover the way in which work is organized will have to be adjusted to allow for the fact that a larger share of it will fall on the older men. — Manchester Guardian.

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Glass Milk Bottle On Its Way Out

(Vancouver Province)

There is an ancient proverb about the pitcher which goes so often to the fountain that it comes back at last, if it comes back at all, minus its handle or its spout damaged beyond repair.

So, because of its defects, the milk bottle is going out and the milk carton is coming in. It is light, cheap, sanitary, impervious to sunlight which is harmful to milk. It does not have to be collected or washed and there is no deposit to be made on it. It is used only once and then goes into the discard.

The milk carton is coming into use in Vancouver and its advent will make practical some changes in milk distribution. It might even make milk cheaper for the family that buys milk in quantity.

A large part of the cost of milk is due to distribution. The milkman calls every day and for that service must be paid. But with containers of flexible size and refrigerators or ice-boxes in most homes, daily delivery will not be necessary. It costs more to deliver two or three or four quarts than to deliver one. The milk controller might take this fact into consideration.

FIERY EVICTION

AUCLAND, N. Z. — (CP) — An aged Maori has his own method of ejecting unwanted tenants. When the tenant refused to leave, the Maori set fire to the house, burning it to the ground. When he appeared in court for destroying the tenant's furniture he told the magistrate he was sorry and was willing to make restitution.

Old Charlottetown

PROTEST FROM BELFAST

From the Parliamentary Reporter, April 1, 1974: Mr. Welsh wished to draw the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Government to the neglected condition of his district. There were thirty miles of roadway without any harbor, while in the Railway arrangement no provision had been made in any way for Belfast. Yet to keep up the costly undertaking, the people of Belfast are taxed at the rate of \$17,700 per annum. They required bridges, wharves and improvements upon their roads. The leader of the Government (Hon. L. C. Owen) was the last man he would go to to ask for anything for his district. The hon. member had never been in that part of the country. If he had, he would have found it a larger and more important district than he represents. It was all very well to say they had no money to spend, but he wished the Chancellor would bring down a sum in the Estimates for Belfast. Hon. John Yeo, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he could not make any promise just then to the hon. member. He moved that the House go into committee of the whole to further consider Supply to Her Majesty.

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