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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink." WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1947

Want Express Rates Boosted Too

It is important for the people of this Province to note that not only are the railways appealing for a 30 per cent flat increase in railway freight rates, but they are asking for permission to make the same increase in express rates as well.

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platform four years ago, that up to last year we were assured that "a particular study" of the subject was proceeding, and that Government action of some kind was right in the offing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Provincial Legislature gets down to informal business today.

Eggs will now have a chance to meet their level in the market, and price fixing being off, competition will be the life of the egg trade.

If the mail carriers do not get their deserts it will not be for lack of advocacy at Ottawa, for Mr. McLure assures them that "my good friend Douglas would take care of them" on behalf of the Grits.

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Notes By The Way

Canada, has a merchandising job to do in the United Kingdom, and we ought to start now. — Farmer's Advocate.

Canada needs an immigration policy attuned to present conditions in the Dominion and in the world. There are plenty of good workers who would come and help develop our resources besides becoming good Canadians. — Lethbridge Herald.

Life goes along as usual here in the frozen north, with a mere 33.5 inches of snow to show for the entire season while Ottawa is blanketed by 32 inches in a single wet-end storm which deposited two feet of the stuff over all but a couple of small areas of Southern Ontario.

A Frenchman with a liking for curious figures has been counting up the time that a man ordinarily devotes to common occupations of life, says The Guelph Mercury.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

TO LET

Sir,—An add appeared in The Guardian—"To Let", etc., Write box 248. After the house was let twelve more letters were received from The Guardian office with the following address: "Box 248 Guardian Office". We did not receive these letters until the 18th, and The Guardian is not responsible for this error.

I am, Sir, etc. LANDLORD. P.S. The advt. should have read "P.O. Box 248". Ed. G.



SPARROW PERCHED

Bewildered by another snow. That changes everything below. He is much puzzled how to go;

And little comfort to recall. It never help arrive, at all. That One there is will mark his fall.

So let me strew along the sill some crumbs of the perishing Will That, surely, is presiding, still . . .

And it may be—just may be—then, (I pray it may be) . . . if . . . when . . .

He'll say a word for me. Amen.

—David Merton in New York Herald-Tribune.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

THE YEAR 1899

"The year 1899 will long be remembered as one of great importance to this Province. New industries have been established, important public works have been started. The new winter steamer Minto freight and passenger service as per-arrived on the scene. The mail, formed by the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company was the best factory to the public. The fast mail in its history, and entirely satisfactory, with the aid of a lightship stationed at Point du Chene, as suggested by this Board, was commenced between Point du Chene and Summerside under the able and courteous command of Captain Cameron, with faultless regularity, while the S. S. Princess gave us a service extending far beyond the usual closing date, having made regular crossings up to and including the 2nd of January, and which for regularity and efficiency has never been equalled in any year. Some preliminary work has been done towards the construction of the bridge to span the Hillsborough and the railway to Belfast and Murray Harbour, so that we may now look forward to the early completion of this great work. . . . The Charlottetown Condensed Milk Company are to be congratulated upon having within the year organized a strong company with a capital fully paid up, and erected a building fully equipped with the most modern machinery and having their goods on the market as the old year closed. . . . The wonderful expansion of trade now going on in Sydney, C. B., opens up to our people opportunities which should be readily grasped. Arrangements should at once be made to place a small steamer on the route between Charlottetown and Sydney in early spring, thus affording a means of disposing of large quantities of meats, eggs, cheese, butter and farm produce."—From the report of President Horace Haszard at the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, January, 1900.

AUSTRALIAN OIL

CLYDE, Australia. (CP) — In three months, six shipments of oil, totalling 62,720 tons, worth approximately \$390,000 (\$1,440,000), were shipped from fields in this New South Wales district.

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Misrepresenting—CBC Variety

(Sydney Post-Record) Premier George Drew charges the CBC with "deliberate misrepresentation" by broadcasting a newscast on Ontario's Speech from the Throne. The Ottawa Journal, in commenting on the newscast, says that at best it was "certainly loose, but reporting."

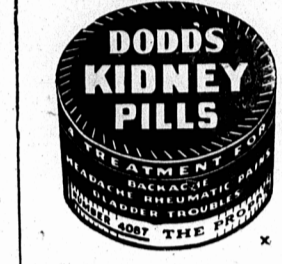
"Because of the refusal of the Dominion Government to reconvene the general conference which adjourned last May, there will be no new agreement between the Government of Ontario and the Dominion Government to replace the wartime tax agreement which expires on March 31."

The CBC's newscast, given hours later, said: "The highlight of the speech was the statement that Ontario would not enter into a new tax agreement after the wartime tax agreement ends this month."

Thus, by deliberately ignoring the opening words of this readily understandable paragraph, the CBC newscast threw the onus of blame on the Ontario Government by saying simply that "Ontario would not enter into a new tax agreement." No mention was made of the reason so plainly stated in the Speech from the Throne, why no new tax agreement would be entered into by Ontario. For the average listener,

if he were concerned with the truth, this omission made quite a difference.

The Ontario Speech from the Throne, stating that Ontario was being compelled to take a certain course because of the Dominion Government's action may have been wrong. But whether it was right or wrong was no concern of the CBC newscasters, whose job was simply to report honestly and accurately what the Speech said. The Ottawa Journal treats the matter kindly when it says it was the work of amateurs in news reporting. It has a far uglier tinge than that; certainly no amateur would slither over the important feature in Ontario's Throne Speech, so conveniently from the Dominion Government's point of view. It could not have been that casual, even for an amateur. It was, as the Journal says, "loose, bad reporting." It was also, as Premier Drew says, "deliberate



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misrepresentation." To the intelligent listener, it was far worse than that, coming from the Dominion Government's own broadcasting system.

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