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

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Liberal Resolutions

Premier Jones was justified in expressing
satisfaction on his return from the National
Liberal Convention at Ottawa, particularly in
view of the convention's indorsement of numer-
ous resolutions submitted by the Maritime dele-
gates. Now that the dust of the convention
has been laid, it is worth underlining and re-
membering this fact. Of special importance
was the passing of a resolution supporting the
demands of the seven Provinces opposing the
freight rates increase, and calling for a Royal
Commission of inquiry. A Government which
has been adamant in its refusal to grant this
request to the heads of the respective Provin-
cial Governments, has thus faced what amounts
to a vote of censure from its own party on this
issue.

On one point, however, the Convention
took a stand which could hardly be described as
satisfactory to Maritime spokesmen. As the
Saint John Telegraph-Journal well says, it is
ironic that the same platform which offered "a
program aimed at bolstering the economy of the
Maritimes," and also offered "aid to agricul-
ture and the fishing industry," did not in-
clude permanent freight subventions on feed
grains.

Such subventions were inaugurated during
the war, to equalize the feed costs of farmers
throughout Eastern Canada, and have been a
boon to the Maritimes. They are still being paid,
but there is no assurance that they will be con-
tinued, with the result that our livestock and
poultry breeders are doubtful about the future.

Maritime representatives at the Liberal
Convention drafted a resolution urging that
feed grain subventions be made permanent, but
this was killed by the national resolutions com-
mittee, and was not submitted to delegates for
a vote. It is to be regretted that it met such
a fate, as this will only add to the uncertainty
among our farmers and tend to reduce farm
production.

If these subventions should be cancelled, as
our Saint John contemporary points out, it would
be a crushing blow to Maritime agriculture, and
would turn "a program aimed at bolstering the
economy of the Maritimes" into a bitter joke.

Are Milk Prices Too High?

Increases in prices of milk seem to have
led to more consumer reaction than increases
in prices of any other food product. This com-
plaint, says an exchange, may well be largely
related to government policy with respect to
milk prices. A consumer subsidy of two cents
a quart was paid from late 1942 until 1946,
with the result that consumers tended to think
in terms of inexpensive milk. Increases in the
farmers' costs of production during the war led
to the introduction of a one and one-half cent
producers' subsidy. In June, 1946, the two-
cent consumers' subsidy was discontinued and
the retail price of milk rose two cents. In
October of the same year the producer subsidy
was also removed, and the price of milk to the
consumer rose from one and one-half to three
cents a quart. The added rise over and above
the amount of the producer subsidy was due to
increased production and distribution costs. The
net result was that, due to removal of subsid-
ies and increases in production costs, the
retail prices of milk rose sharply in 1946. Con-
sumers found it difficult to understand the
necessity for these rises. By the end of 1947
the cost of production had risen still further
and sales had fallen off.

If farmers are going to produce milk the
returns from milk production must be at least
as great as from other commodities that they
can produce. What is the actual position?

Mr. B. A. Campbell, dairy economist with the
National Dairy Council of Canada, has done
considerable research on the problem. Based on
the assumption that the situation in Ottawa is
typical of most areas in Canada, he found that
the average basic delivered price to producers
shipping to Ottawa had increased from \$1.95
per cwt. in 1939 to \$3.90 in December, 1947.
During the same period the distributors' spread
increased by 12 per cent, an increase that may
well be absorbed by increased costs.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, using
1935-1939 equal to 100, as of October, 1947,
finds the index of Class I wheat (U.K. contract)
equal to 165.8, and Class II wheat, 336.8. Using
the Canadian composite average, oats, 191.3;
barley, 210.4; rye, 641.6; steers, 224.3;
hogs, 183.1, and fluid milk 171.0. Milk has
gone up since this time, and as of December 1,
1947, the index was close to 200 making it more
comparable with other farm products.

The farmers' costs have also risen. The
same source indicates that the monthly cost of
farm labor has risen from \$27.76 in 1940 to
\$82.75 in 1947. The cost of grain and feeds
used in feeding for milk production has also
increased.

A break-down of fluid milk costs per quart
for the fiscal year next preceding October 1,
1946, indicates payment to the producer was
seven cents (56.86 per cent of consumer price),
processing including bottles and supplies was
1.77 cents (14.37 per cent), distributing and
jelling was 2.65 cents (21.53 per cent), adminis-
tration and general expenses were 0.68 cents
(5.33 per cent); and the net profit per quart
was 0.21 cents (1.71 per cent).

EDITORIAL NOTES

Today the great day at the Exhibition.

The Governor-General in residence here.

Bank of P. E. I. founded this date 1856.

All roads still lead to Charlottetown where
Old Home Week is in full swing.

Jumping to conclusions can sometimes lead
to embarrassment as where a Washington lady
hearing the words, "hold up," "money" and
"cars" hastened to summon police to arrest a
pair who were discussing the latest prices.

The Prices Commission continues its futile
way. A session on industrial inventory re-
serves provided some lessons in accounting prin-
ciples but seems to have uncovered little else
of note.

Notwithstanding the shortened day for the
Exhibition, the stores are doing an enormous
trade, several interviewed declaring more cash
had been taken in than on any day at Christ-
mas. The large influx of Americans has added
zest to shopping.

More than three times the usual numbers
will graduate from Canadian Agricultural Col-
leges this year, according to Labour Minister
Mitchell. There will be stiff competition for
known posts but agriculture and the country
generally should benefit from some of their
number taking up practical farming or other-
wise making use of their training.

The visit of the Minister of Fisheries and
party, (the Hon. R. W. Mayhew), is one of the
most important, and no doubt will be fully
taken advantage of by the local powers-that-
be and others vitally interested in the industry—
likewise in freight rates so closely bound up in
our marketing facilities.

George Stephenson, English engineer; in-
ventor of the locomotive, which he built when
an engineer in Killingworth Colliery in 1814.
Fifteen years later his "Rocket" proved the fast-
est and most reliable locomotive on the Liver-
pool-Manchester railway where he was chief
engineer. His centenary is being celebrated
in England this year.

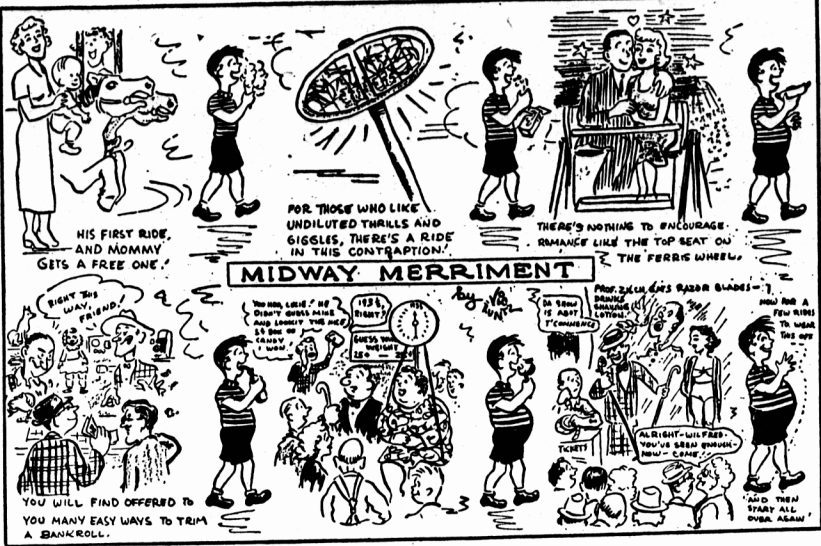
The great drawback to the helicopter as a
commercial carrier and private vehicle has been
its relatively high cost. A Connecticut firm
has brought in modifications, drastically re-
ducing the cost of the high priced rotors and
doing away with the need for a tail rotor. A
helicopter in every garage is far from being
realized yet, but the handy machines should be-
come more plentiful.

It is claimed that the selection of a leader
for the Conservative Party is to be "a free-
for-all and uncontrolled." This may appear
very democratic and an improvement on the
procedure of the Liberals, but really it is
neither. Leaders are born not made, and a good
leader usually makes his presence felt, draw-
ing his sheep around him and impressing his
personality and power upon them. His follow-
ers then know his strength and vision, his
enemies fear and respect him; while he speaks
and acts as one having authority whether in
power or in opposition. It is for the elders of
the flock in assembly gathered to see that the
choice is rightly directed and the crown bestow-
ed on one worthy of the honour and reason-
ably certain to make good use of it. Many
may consider themselves called, but only one
be worthy of choice.

More than usual community regret is felt
at the passing hence of Mr. F. S. Reeves, South-
port. He was an outstanding horticulturist and
recognized as such by Federal authorities.
Though not a native, he was next door to one,
having married an Island lady. To his, and the
Island's credit, he chose this as the best place
in Canada in which to settle and develop his
horticultural bent, after having tried out West-
ern Canada and Ontario. Of a quiet, studious
disposition, Mr. Reeves did not appear much in
the public eye, but his advice and assistance
were greatly sought and valued by those who
had the best interests of fruit and small culture
at heart.

According to the Canadian Press Senator
W. D. Euler, Liberal member from Ontario, the
country's No. 1 crusader for margarine, intends
himself, apart from the Government, to carry
his battle into the Supreme Court. He will have
legal counsel at the court's full deliberation
on the question of whether the ban against
the butter substitute is legal under the consti-
tution. The government recently asked the
court for a ruling. Senator Euler obtained Sen-
ate approval of a request to the government to
do just that. He also tried three times without
success to have the Senate recommend an end
of the ban. Now he is himself going to see that
the law courts do what he wants.

General congratulations will be extended to
our Deputy Minister of Education upon having
the honorary degree of LL.D. bestowed on him
by his Alma Mater, Mt. Allison. Dr. Lloyd
Shaw has climbed a long way since first being
discovered by the late Premier J. A. Mathieson
teaching school in Georgetown, and in the
evenings conducting of his own accord evening
classes for children who had left school before
having passed through the early grades. It was
this enthusiasm over "education for education's
sake" that impressed the late Premier who took
occasion to praise him in the Legislature and
hold him up as an example for other teachers
to follow. After that, climbing the ladder in the
educational world was a comparatively simple
matter for one so studious and ambitious for
the success of others besides himself.



PUBLIC FORUM

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

COURTESY AND EFFICIENT

Sir,—A letter recently publish-
ing the disgruntled tourist criti-
cising the Travel Bureau has
come to my notice. Times
when I have been in the Bureau
I have listened and wondered at
the amount of patience and
courtesy that the staff have
shown when dealing with tour-
ists. One instance I remember
particularly, some Americans
wanted information on prac-
tically everything possible, trains,
ferries, roads, accommodations,
and so on. The answers were
given most efficiently and cour-
teously and this group of tour-
ists were loud in their praise of
the information and the charm-
ing way that it was given. It
would be difficult indeed to find
a more pleasant staff than those
at our P. E. I. Travel Bureau.

Canada Grows Up

(London Free Press)
Canadiana is a very modest
folk, not prone to boast. But
they will derive some satisfaction
from the remarks of Bernard
Baruch, America's elder states-
man, on a visit to Montreal. He
described this country as "the
brightest unit of the British Em-
pire."

Mr. Baruch may not be too
far from the truth. The constitu-
tion of the Commonwealth, which
formed the British Empire into
the Commonwealth, and his in-
formation may not be strictly up-
to-date regarding Canada's
price controls, which he praised
warmly, if he lingers around in
Canada he may hear other views
on that. But we are grateful for
his kind words.

They add somewhat to the
weight of what Gen. A. G. L. Mc-
Naughton, Canada's delegate to
the United Nations, said at the
New School for Social Research
where a United Nations summer
school is being held.

Gen. McNaughton declared that
Canada has "both the capacity
and independence to press vig-
orously for the principles we be-
lieve in." That, of course is true,
although sometimes it has not
been easy to see exactly what
principles we stood for. However,
the general is correct in point-
ing out that Canada generally
stands out for support of the United
Nations, even though we realize
that it is inadequate at the mo-
ment to bring the security it was
hoped to provide.

The role which Gen. McNaughton
outlines is a difficult and
exacting one. Canadians in world
affairs as in internal ones are
perhaps too prone to expect more
than they are prepared to con-
tribute. But, as both Mr. Baruch
and Gen. McNaughton point out,
Canada is growing up. This is
not always an exclusively pleas-
ant progress and it involves adult
responsibilities.

Churchill Still Right

(Vancouver Sun)
Winston Churchill is at it
again. The wartime prime
minister of Britain tells his Essex
constituents that the western
Allies risk war if they yield to
Russian pressure in Berlin. From
the early 30's onward, this same
Winston Churchill was the Cass-
andra of British politics, con-
tinuously sounding his dire warn-
ings, in Parliament and in priv-
ate, of the dangers of war with
the dictators, Hitler and Mus-
solini.

The wiser heads in Britain
then were those who knew better
than Mr. Churchill. There was
Mr. Baldwin and Sir Samuel
Hoare; there was Neville Cham-
berlain and Lord Halifax. The
former pair knew better than to
upset any apple cart by getting
tough with Hitler; the latter
pair thought they could fix up
"deals" with Italy and Germany
and everything would be all
right.

Notes From Another Island

BY ANSON
LONDON, England: Always a
very cosmopolitan place, London
just now is taking on an even
more international look than usual
thanks to the Olympic Games. At
the moment of writing this, we
are only a few days from the
official opening ceremony, to be
performed by the King, and
preparations have been going for-
ward for weeks. The visible pre-
parations, that is, for of course the
intending competitors will have
been training for months.

The famous streets of the West
End of London are well decorated
with streamers and flags bearing
names like Canada and Cuba. Mal-
ta, Spain and Syria and South
Africa and all the other sixty-one
competing nations, and groups of
use competitors themselves are
seen around the city, taking in the
sights of the capital.

There are posters up on the
walls in a variety of languages in
the railway stations and public
buildings all over London. The
saying "Welcome to London," and
telling foreign-speaking visitors
where to get information about
what to see while they are here.

We have had pictures in the
papers for quite a time now, show-
ing teams arriving in England
from all over the world. There
have been pictures of Italian
carrying their own bottles of wine,
and pictures of the Americans.

Incidentally, I hear that the
"New York Herald Tribune" has
planned the promotion of a
feature from a publicity viewpoint
is unbelievably bad" and that they
are causing "not so much as a
ripple on the surface" in this way.

The Berlin crisis which I wrote
about a couple of weeks ago has
apparently become no more or less
intense than it was then. If there
has been any change at all, we
haven't noticed it. What has been
said has been the arrival of the
sixty U.S. Superforts on what are
called "exercise," and setting
aside any possible political or mili-
tary implications, the average
Englishman and woman — is
simply curious to see if these Amer-
icans are the same as those who
"occupied" us during the last war.

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tried to date the canteen girl who
served them with coffee when they
arrived at one aerodrome!

There might be a few readers of
this column, ex-R.A.F. or other-
wise, who remember Sammy Wood
— A.C. Wood as he was at 31 G.R.S.
I ran into him quite by chance the
other day; he is quite happily
back in civvies at his old job in a
wholesale tobacconist's office.



COUNTRY ROAD

Carrier of an immemorial load
Of mortal traffic in joy or duty
And human travellers, this coun-
try try road.

Runs a gauntlet of lonely beauty,
Through wheat or corn field or
meadow
It weaves, over hills; curves out
the largest of its own.

Of Summer twilight and shadow,
Cooling mottled, a huge snakekin.
Chipmunks scamper in roadside
furrows.

Or clicking, tracer a wall of stone;
Moles and woodchucks dig and
burrow:
The landscape claims the road for
its own.

Spring and Summer. Fall and
Winter lean
To snare it where the birds con-
verge.

In quiet flight and minute epi-
sode.
No one owns beauty in a country
road.

—Amy Bonner in The New York
Herald Tribune.

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)
BLACK BEARS

"The Bear known here is the
black species, though they are dis-
tinguished by their manes, some
having them red, others white; the
latter are said not to do any mis-
chief, living upon berries, ants,
small fish which they catch in the
creeks, and a large insect, which
they obtain by tearing the old wind-
fallen tree to pieces. The former
are sometimes very destructive
among the cattle, and will attack
the largest ox or cow; the quantity
of black cattle, sheep and hogs de-
stroyed by them annually on the
Island is very considerable, but
like other evils which settlements
in new countries are subject to, it
will lessen rapidly, and in less than
half a century, I have no doubt but
that the bears will be entirely ex-
terminated. When we compare the
mischiefs done by them, to the
ravages of the wolf, in the new
settlements on the Continent, it is
trifling indeed. The bear, unless
murdered by a closely attacked,
almost always runs away from a
man, and except it be the she bear
with her young cubs, is very
seldom dangerous. In upwards of
twenty years' residence on the Is-
land, I do not know a single in-
stance of any person losing their
lives by a bear."

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Notes By The Way

Flares are now made to go faster
than sound. Money has been doing
that for some time — Port Arthur
News-Chronicle.

North Carolina has given the
nation three native sons who be-
came President. They are Andrew
Jackson, James Polk and Andrew
Johnson.

Bacon has played an important
role in the history of England.
There was Roger Bacon and
Francis Bacon, and now there is
Canadian Bacon.

A "wide-open Sunday" no longer
will be tolerated in Ontario Sum-
mer resorts, says the Attorney
General's Department. Nor should
it be. The law does not carry
exceptions for any times or places.
—Ottawa Journal.

The white man boasts about
progress but the truth is there was
good fishing and no taxes when
the Indians managed this country —
and women did all the work. —
Farmers Advocate.

A woman in France failed to
commit suicide when she jumped
from a window of her third-floor
apartment because she landed on
her husband who died of a skull
fracture. The moral, if any, seems
to be that even in suicide one
should look before one leaps. —
Brantford Expositor.

A resident of the outskirts of
Brockville who keeps watch on
wayfarers' departures that about
150 hitch-hikers of both sexes,
most of them young and quite
able-bodied, pass westward over
No. 2 highway daily soliciting
transportation from those they
think should provide it for them.
Most of these transients are be-
yond school age and are capable
of performing work. — Brankville
Recorder and Times.

Canada is a young country and
it is getting new people in increas-
ing numbers. True, we need ex-
perience in leadership; but what
we need most is action and an
understanding of the problems a.d.
and aspirations of the younger
generation. Canada can afford not
to take better than she can afford
to stand still. The job of leading a
major political party in the coun-
try is one that demands the
energy, mental and physical that
can be offered by a younger man.
— Vancouver Province.

Pigeons get ornithosis. For them
it means what amounts to running
nose, and a bit of tummy trouble
—but if humans get it the result
is a kind of virus pneumonia in bad
cases and general feeling of ill-ness
infection is less intense. Provincial
virus experts tell us that of the
large sample of live pigeons sent
to their laboratory in Toronto, al-
most half had at one time been
infected. A fair proportion of those
could still be carrying the disease
hence the move to kill at least
some of them off. — Hamilton
Spectator.

Whether people work or play on
the water there will always be
death through accident. But such
accidents can be avoided. We all
face the risk, unless we deny our-
selves the pleasure, the exercise and
the sport that our rivers and lakes
offer. It is well for us to take up
arms against a fresh-water sea of
troubles. All should swim—but al-
ways should swim too far. Courses ar-
ranged for children which parents
cannot afford to ignore. Those
who sail for sport should know
their craft—and their weather too.
It is not enough to learn passively
by experience. Error of judgment
is no excuse, and too often it can
be an obituary. — Hamilton Sp-
ciator.

Thrift is taking a bad beating
these days. Hence it is encouraging
to note that the Kitchener Public
School Board is considering adop-
tion of a school banking system
such as that recently approved by
the Windsor Board of Education.
This system, known as the Ontario
Penny Bank scheme which was
discontinued some time ago.
Never have children needed a les-
son in thrift so urgently as now. A
few decades ago a nickel a week al-
lowance for the small fry was
humble. They usually earned it as
some menial task and took their
own sweet time in spending it. To-
day, a youngster without little or
more than "folding money" allow-
ance is a sulky individual. Parents
reflected in their largesse prog-
ress of the adage, "Easy come, easy go."
The young buck of today can
"shed" millions of dollars as easily
as a molting bird sheds feathers.
And what does he have to show
for it? A comic book, a bag of
chocolates, a wad of gum, a few
sodas and a stomach ache in
morning after. This community has
always prided itself on the thrift
of its citizens. In order to retain
this commendable quality as some-
thing traditional we must keep an
eye on our youth. —
Kitchener Record.

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