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

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The Premier At Ottawa

Premier J. Walter Jones has not been long in getting in spade work at Ottawa, for which he is to be congratulated. He has taken up with the different Ministers and deputies the question of our transportation, insisting upon our rights and privileges as a Province being respected. The tendency on the part of Government members and officials generally is to look upon Prince Edward Island simply as an annex of Nova Scotia, and to be treated as such. Too much stress cannot be laid by our Federal representatives and Provincial Government on the fact that we are a province, equal with the other provinces, though, alas, severely handicapped by the fact we possess no crown lands, and practically no natural resources except what may be obtained by hard manual labour from land and sea. We were invited to enter Confederation, and we did so under certain guarantees regarding transportation which have been fulfilled only in part. We claim that we have an unrestricted right of access to the mainland, and resent attempts on the part of the National Railway Company and others to obstruct such entry by charging us heavy tolls on our produce. As Premier Jones declared, in his interview with our representatives at Ottawa, we can export all the necessary agricultural produce, as well as that of the sea, to feed our neighbours on the mainland which would be to their advantage as well as ours. But we cannot do so at a profit if we are to be held up by excessive freight rates, which the railway claims they must impose in order to provide a profit or prevent a loss. Profit and loss have nothing to do with our transportation problem. The Federal Government are in duty bound to provide this, irrespective of cost to them. It is the bond, and we claim it must be observed both in letter and spirit.

Mr. Jones explains to our correspondent that the reason he submitted no brief prior to his present visit, was because he had laid Prince Edward Island's case before the Conference at its previous sitting. This is true, and a splendid job he made of it. But in the interim, Ontario threw a sort of monkey wrench into the machinery, and Mr. Jones made no public statement regarding his reaction. Other provinces did, including both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, but we are still at sea regarding whether our Premier is aligned with the Federal proposals or those of Ontario. We think, on consideration, Premier Jones will admit he has been negligent in this respect, for we are all very much concerned about the outcome of the Conference, and hope it will not be necessary to abandon it, though, as Mr. Jones says, we would be delighted should this so happen to have the delegates here for any subsequent Conference.

Re Spain, Strictly Neutral

In connection with the United Kingdom Government's decision to grant a transit visa to the Spanish Pretender, Don Juan, (says a London despatch), to enamble him to fly from Switzerland to Portugal without entering Spain, London commentators point out that this decision, reached after mature consideration of the circumstances, is in conformity with the United Kingdom's policy of not interfering in Spanish internal political affairs. To have refused a visa to Don Juan might have been construed as placing an obstacle. Don Juan is generally credited with the intention of discussing in Portugal the question of the restoration of the Spanish Monarchy on a constitutional basis with leading Spanish supporters of this solution of the problem of the Spanish Regime.

In granting a transit visa to Don Juan, the United Kingdom Government stipulates that he must pass through Britain as quickly as possible.

At the same time, in line with its attitude of impartiality as between the different Spanish political parties aspiring to popular support, the United Kingdom Government has agreed to grant a transit visa through Britain to Senor Giral Head of the so-called Spanish Republican Government situated in Mexico. Corresponding conditions are attached to the grant of Senor Giral's transit visa.

Meanwhile attention is called in London to the forthright statement in the House of Commons recently in which Mr. Bevin made it clear that the United Kingdom Government's attitude towards General Franco's Regime remains unchanged.

Replying to a question as to whether he had any further statement to make in regard to the policy of His Majesty's Government on Spain, Mr. Bevin said: "The situation of Spain is under constant consideration by His Majesty's Government, who are in consultation with the United States and French Governments on the subject. His Majesty's Government has on all relevant occasions displayed their dislike of the present Regime which abetted our enemies, and have formally enunciated their anxiety that the present Regime should, by the activities of the Spanish people themselves, be superseded by a Regime popularly supported. His Majesty's Government have in no way modified these views." In reply to further questions, Mr. Bevin added: "I announce this policy to the House and propose to pursue it to the end."

Our National Debt

How and where the Federal Government debt of Canada is held—who owns the bonds and receives the interest on them—is revealed in a study just published by the Bank of Canada. It covers the period ending May 31, 1945 and, while the debt has increased since that time, its distribution probably has not changed substantially.

The study shows a direct funded debt of $15 billions. This is almost five times the 1938 debt of $3.3 billions and represents largely the cost of the war. By borrowing from its own people and reducing its borrowings abroad, the government now owes most of its debt to Canadians. Of the fifteen billions, $14.7 are payable in Canadian funds, only $333 millions are payable in United States funds and $12 millions in British. United States obligations have been reduced from $449 millions before the war and British obligations from $406 millions.

Of the total of fifteen billions the Bank of Canada holds $1.5 billions and the chartered banks $3 billions. All the rest is held by individuals, either directly or through such collective investors as life insurance companies. The insurance companies own $1.6 billions on behalf of their policy holders. Other investment interests hold $2 billions. But the huge sum of $5.4 billions is held by private individuals, the army of Canadian Victory Loan purchasers. The remainder is held by investors outside Canada and in Federal government accounts.

How rapidly the ordinary Canadian has invested in the securities of his government is shown by the fact that in 1938 individuals held only $885 millions of the debt as against $5.4 billions today, and life insurance companies $349 millions as against $1.6 billions today. Individuals have increased their stake in the Federal debt six times and insurance companies, representing individuals, nearly five times.

—EDITORIAL NOTES—

The City Council invite intending candidates and the public generally to attend their annual meeting in the City Council chamber tonight.

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Sir Alexander Clutterbuck K. C. M. G., M.C., an Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Dominions Office has been selected to succeed Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald as High Commissioner and will assume duties in the early summer.

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The Canadian military and diplomatic mission accredited to the Allied Control Council has been established in the British sector of Berlin. Headed by Lt.-Gen. Maurice Pope, formerly military adviser to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the delegation will deal with questions affecting Germany's post-war trade and German holdings in Canada.

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Is there to be a Minister of Housing? Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Veterans' Affairs, predicts one Federal agency, responsible to one minister, would assume direction of all Federal activities concerning housing. Observing that three Federal agencies—Wartime Housing, National Housing and the Veterans' Land Act Administration each responsible to a different minister—now were concerned with housing, Mr. MacKenzie says Federal officials were "working hard" on the matter of establishing a single organization. Perhaps the action of some of his Legion constituents in seizing an empty hotel in Vancouver may hasten the event.

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A kindly act! Six hundred service and ex-service men and women and their families of King's Lynn, Norfolk, England, attended a free matinee performance of the pantomime "Dick Whittington"—(guests of an unidentified benefactor who bought all seats for the showing.) Two weeks ago an elderly, bearded man paid 146 pounds seven shillings sixpence (about $658) to reserve all seats in the Pilot Theatre for the show. Later the theatre manager received an unsigned note instructing him to admit men or women who were or had been in the services, with their families. The tickets were distributed by town shop keepers.

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Field Marshal Alexander will have British aides when he assumes his post as Governor-General. Sqdn.-Ldr. A. H. H Tallemache, R. A. F., a winner of the George Cross, and Capt. David Lloyd Thomas, British Army, have been chosen for the posts, while Maj. Mark Milbank, M.C., has been appointed comptroller of the Governor-General's household. Lady Margaret's lady-in-waiting will be Miss Bridget Vesey. The post of secretary has not been filled as yet. There has been some speculation that a Canadian (Group Capt. Ronnie Stewart) might be chosen for the job but discussions still are in progress. Field Marshal Alexander, elevated to the peerage in the King's New Year's honors list, plans to leave for here in April.

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George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, reached the New England States from Maryland en route from England, this date 1672; in his diary, "a tedious journey", he calls it, "through the woods and wildernesses, over bogs and great rivers." From January, 1672, to March, 1673, he travelled among Red Indians and the English settlers, preaching to great meetings, sometimes sleeping out in the open and getting soaked to the skin. "Having sounded the alarm," as he puts it, "to all people where we came, and proclaimed the day of God's salvation amongst them, we found our spirits began to be clear of these parts of the world and draw towards old England again." His great disciple William Penn, founder of the North American colony of Pennsylvania, wrote of Fox: "He had an extraordinary gift in opening (that is, expounding) the Scriptures. He would go to the marrow of things. But above all he excelled in prayer. The most awful, living, reverent frame I ever felt or beheld, I must say, was his in prayer." He was "so meek, contented, modest, easy, steady, tender, it was a pleasure to be in his company." Perhaps Fox's life can be summed up in a phrase of his own: "He walked cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every man."

Notes By The Way

Chatham city council is to be highly commended for its action in barring all children under the age of 15 years from soliciting public subscriptions on tag days. —Chatham News.

Scotties are pretty good people. On the whole, they obey the law, pay their taxes, don't indulge in bull-fighting or bear-baiting and never rob babies' banks, except maybe sometimes around the ninth or 24th of each month. But danged if they'll move down to the back of a bus. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Over and above its utilitarian merits, the marvelous new plastic nose that moves like a natural one also has the virtue of timeliness. As even a busy inventor would notice between vigils in the laboratory, there are plenty of things these days for a nose to wrinkle at. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia coined a word during the sessions with the British and American representatives in London. He had observed the way they indicated approval by nodding and saying "Okay." Later, when Molotov wanted to indicate disapproval, he shook his head from side to side and declared "Nokay." —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A few years ago, William Allen White, of the famed Emporia, Kans., Gazette, was standing in line at Columbia University to receive an honorary degree. The man in front of him asked him where he was from. He replied, "I guess I don't belong here; I'm just a country editor from Kansas." To this the other said, "I guess I don't either; I'm just a country doctor from Minnesota." The "country doctor" turned out to be William J. Mayo, of Rochester. —David Hinshaw in "A Man From Kansas."

Some fears that widespread use of DDT for killing insect pests might "upset the balance of nature" are being set at rest, as a result of extensive tests by the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Newsweek reports. For one thing tests show DDT is less harmful to bees than arsenical sprays. In combatting forest pests, the bureau says, DDT is found to bring about a faster return to the "balance of nature" by cleaning out the harmful insects speedily and allowing the birds and beneficial insects to return to healthy forest areas.

It may surprise a good many people to know that whereas Ontario has had no fewer than 17 bank robberies during the last two years, the state of Michigan, with a much larger population, has had only five of them. The city of Detroit, with a population of 1,800,000 has not had a single bank robbery since 1938 and only five of them since 1930. But the neighbouring Ontario city of Windsor, with only 120,000 people, has had five such robberies since 1942. — Brockville Recorder-Times.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal complains that a U. S. general has called the Detroit Airport "lousy" and that Actor Charles Laughton lately used the same adjective in reference to one of his films. "When educated, intelligent men use 'lousy'" says the Times-Journal primly, "they set a bad example to others". With all due respect, fiddlesticks! J. B. Priestley had the right of it when, asked about certain Americanisms, he said: "I think 'swell' is lousy, but 'lousy' is swell." —Brantford Expositor.

Another milestone in aviation history was recorded when the first refrigerator 'plane with a full pay load completed a cross-country flight and set down a cargo of fresh vegetables, flowers and live lobsters at LaGuardia Field. The 'plane left San Francisco Thursday night with 8,000 pounds of perishable items. It picked up and took on other merchandise at Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Denver, including a floral piece, a replica of a float for the Tournament of Roses, for delivery to Mayor LaGuardia. Celery, corn on the cob, gardenias, orchids and other produce and flowers as well as some serum, also were carried on the 'plane. — New York Times.

It is curious ... note that Ralph Waldo Emerson "the Sage of Concord," who foresaw so many things, foresaw atomic energy also. And it is interesting to note that his confident optimism made him certain that it would mean the end of war. In a lecture on The Fortune of the Republic, delivered in the Old South Church on March 30, 1878, he spoke these words: "Our sleepy civilization.... is very scornful about bows and arrows and reckons Greeks and Romans little better than Indians and bow-and-arrow times. As if the earth, water, gases, light and caloric have not a million energies, the discovery of any one of which could change the art of war again, and put an end to war by the exterminating forces men can apply." —From the Gazette.

Rarely are people deliberately rude to a handicapped person. Street-car riders usually make way, or give up their seats to those who are on crutches or are otherwise obviously handicapped. Street-car operators often lead a blind person to the curb. There is often, however, little to indicate that a person is blind. To bring unobtrusive attention to this misfortune the idea of the blind carrying white canes was evolved. In order better to acquaint the public with the significance of the white cane, the Interprovincial Council of the Blind have been giving it some publicity this week. There are many who, not knowing the meaning of the white cane, have jostled a blind person, or have not provided him with the help that would otherwise have been offered. It is a tactful, yet unmistakable, sign that a friendly hand would be appreciated. It is hoped that during the week more Canadians will become familiar with the meaning of the white cane. When it is generally understood, the dark way will be made a little lighter for those whose eyesight is gone. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

It would be a high illumination of modern law enforcement to find out just what is meant by "major crime"—and better, to what definite limit is confined our so-called "petty crime." We mean this in the light of what many seasoned veterans of the law are saying. And not a few people are wondering what they mean. The reason they are wondering is that they feel that too much stress is laid on whether or not a gun is fired in a holdup, and not nearly enough on the blunt truth that a man with a gun is a potential killer, and just as much a menace to law-abiding people as the one who ultimately kills. There is no dividing line that sets off one from the other—save that of personal tragedy. In the eyes of the law it is hard to see why a great sigh of relief should go up because some one narrowly misses being shot in a holdup or the incident is too soon forgotten while the comparative hue and cry of public indignation concentrates solely on a more glaring outrage. The same thing is noticeable in housebreaking, where the cash value of theft is taken as a measuring standard, and the violation of a citizen's property—on the protection of which our whole system of law is fundamentally based—is in a much dimmer and more secondary light. Crime can hardly be measured by a yardstick or by statistics. It is an easy way of doing it, but not an assuring way. The dividing line between "major" and "petty" crime is not such a gaping one in the eyes of the public as might be supposed. Between the criminal threat and the actual deed there is too frequently a no-man's-land of indifference and self-satisfaction.—Hamilton Spectator.

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.

ISLAND PHEASANTS UNLIMITED

Sir,—Island Pheasants Unlimited do not look on the scheme of artificial stocking of pheasants in the Province as a gamble, as it has been proven that the pheasant has made good progress, since being introduced here. The interest shown in respect to game birds being artificially stocked is great, as is amply shown by the response to the appeal made to the sportsmen to help finance this project. To date, we have 172 members who have contributed the sum of $712, and we also have a recommendation from the Fish & Game Association to the Department of Agriculture, to grant us the balance of the money allotted to the said Association for the year 1945, but, we maintain, our scheme should be financed on it's own merits and supported by every gunner by the means of the introduction of the Rod & Gun permit.

The benefits derived from the monies received from the permits would result in the introduction of prairie chicken, quail, and yearly stocking of pheasants to a degree where consistent shooting of pheasants will be a reality. Then the Tourist Bureau can, and will, advertise our ability to provide pheasant shooting, second to none in Canada.

The money spent here by outside gunners in hotels, cabins, gasoline, and oil can grow to a tremendous amount, becoming a very profitable business, if we can give these gunners the kind of shooting that surpasses other provinces, besides the sport that we, the Island gunners, would also enjoy.

In speaking of revenue, you have to think of what they have done in other provinces and in the U.S.A.. In South Dakota, they first introduced the pheasant to that section in 1911, and during the next five years released 10,000 pheasants, and today, the kill during the five month's season is over 3,000,000 birds, with a license revenue of over $900,000, spent by those 40,000 outside gunners for the time they are visitors in hotels, cabins, and also for gas, transportation, ammunition, etc. This year, they are looking forward to a license revenue of over $2,000,000 from outside gunners, and a revenue of $85,000 from resident gunners at $1.00 per permit. The non-resident license in our own Province is $10.00 and in Dakota it is $20.00.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan are going right after artificial stocking so as to be able to attract the tourist gunners and to also give the resident gunners a full, and assorted game bag. Pelee Island is an example of what we could have here. They started in 1931 to stock the Island, and today the kill of pheasants is 4,000 a day, with an average of 800 gunners, all non-resident, out every day. The hotels are jammed on the mainland and every available accommodation is booked for weeks in advance, and they are trying to keep Pelee Isle the "Pheasant Paradise", in which light it is now held the best place to go for your pheasant hunt in Canada.

Sportsmen of P.E.I.: in requesting this permit for rod & gun, your dollar will be well invested and everyone will be contributing the same amount, and the benefits will be tremendous to everyone. We would appreciate letters as to your attitude re rod and gun permits, either mailed to us, or in the press, or to give your member of the Legislature your views on the matter.

I am, Sir, e'c.
E. FRANK ACORN
Sec'y. Island Pheasants Unlimited.

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Second Export Bacon Show
Charlottetown, February 19th.

A second Export Bacon Show, sponsored by the P. E. I. Swine Breeders Association and supported by the Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture will be held in the Market Building, Charlottetown, on Tuesday afternoon, February 19th. The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Swine Breeders Association will be held on the evening of the same day at eight o'clock.

All Island hog producers are invited to make entries in this Show with one hog constituting an entry by each producer. Each entry must be delivered to Davis & Fraser Limited on February 12th or February 15th. Truckers and loading agents are invited to solicit entries from their patrons. All hogs entered in this Show will be slaughtered promptly and the selection of twenty-five carcasses nearest the ideal export weight of 150 pounds will be made from the total entries. The twenty-five carcasses thus selected will be eligible to compete for prize money.

Producers intending to enter hogs at this Show should promptly secure application forms which should be completed and returned as soon as possible and preferably not later than February 9th.

This show is sponsored to present a clear picture of the suitability of Island hogs for the Export Market. This Show should be of distinct educational value and producers who have market hogs of suitable type and approaching desirable market weights are invited to support this important event.

Application entry blanks as well as additional details pertaining to this Show may be obtained by writing to S. D. Irvine, Secretary, P. E. I. Swine Breeders Association, Box 489, Charlottetown.

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