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

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Our Departing Governor

General regret has been expressed on all sides, and by all classes of the community, at the departure of His Excellency Lord Athlone and his gracious partner, Princess Alice, who have so well served Canada at a difficult and critical period in our history.

which in the end has brought us only trouble and shame. For this country, through the medium of the second session of its Twentieth Parliament, to stress again the trappings of its 'sovereignty' and to allow purely local issues to turn that session into a barnyard of provincial bleats would bring up a serious challenge. And it could not be sidetracked.

"If Canada is to take its place as a responsible leading power, as many of our more articulate politicians are forever insisting that it is, then how will it advertise its sincerity to the world?"

"Surely not merely by selecting a new emblem from a pile of 1,500 flag designs now cluttering up an imposing room in Parliament; surely not in making the desperate cry from starving Europe secondary to local price juggling and domestic agricultural planning by enlightened collegians; surely not by pompously brushing off the fact that we could not keep a baker's dozen of troops in the occupation zones of Europe because we were not 'obliged' to; and certainly not by cutting down our permanent forces to a point where on a per capita basis they drop far below those of Great Britain and the United States. Nor can it be helped by a peremptory rebuke to those Europeans who wish to come out to this country to rebuild their lives.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The buildings at Beech Grove are being disposed of.

An official investigation is to be held in the city in connection with the auto car rates at Borden and Wood Islands respectively.

Campbellton, N. B., is the latest to invite the R. C. M. P. to assume policing within the town. The Chief of Police is to be retired, and other jobs will be found for those members of the force who fail to gain admission to R. C. M. P. ranks.

The number of cattle on Canadian farms on December 1, 1945, was estimated at 9,960,800, a decrease of three per cent compared with the estimate of 10,257,900 for the same date in 1944, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report.

Another Islander making his way to the front in the Church, is Rev. E. J. White of Charlottetown, now minister of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Montreal. He has just been elected Moderator of Montreal Presbytery in succession to the Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, who recently visited here. Mr. White is an earnest, aggressive Presbyterian who has "gone places" since commencing his ministry here at Tyne Valley.

Evidently what is wanted more than a business manager for Charlottetown, is a business manager for Prince Edward Island. We have no Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, Meat & Milk Inspector; and an excellent prospect of supplying Newfoundland with pasteurized milk is likely to be lost, because we cannot guarantee the necessary minimum of bacteria. Why should this be, and what hope is there of developing new industries when those within our grasp are allowed to drop?

David Livingstone, missionary and African explorer, born this date 1813; intended for the medical profession he obtained the diploma of the Glasgow Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, but afterwards decided to devote his life to missionary labours, and was appointed by the London Missionary Society to a field in Africa; he settled in the centre of heathendom, Bechuanaland, in 1840, and from there began his explorations which resulted in geographical and ethnological discoveries opening up the vast "Dark Continent" to Christian civilization; he was the first European to travel the whole length of Lake Tanganyika: "Men are immortal till their work is done"—their work lives after them.

Here we are on the eve of what promises to be the greatest summer for tourists in Canada's history, and we are not in a position to share in it. There is no indication of the new Abegweit, or of the additional auto boat for the Borden-Tormentine route, and not a word about the additional steamer absolutely necessary to handle the traffic at Wood Islands-Caribou. It is true the Northumberland Ferries have repossessed themselves of the Sankaty, but no move has been made by the Government to provide the necessary subsidy for its operation. Those in charge are evidently asleep at the switch, and require rousing up lest something serious happen to our all-important tourist traffic and export and import business. Is there a "nigger in the woodpile", and is it because the Government owned railway are afraid to lose freight patronage that there is this hold up? The Government should make immediate endeavour to have our provincial interests protected at whatever cost to the Dominion.

One of the most unusual associations in the world is the Louisiana Live Oak Society, whose members all are trees, says Natural History Magazine. Each member must have a high sponsor, and must be 100 years old or more. Members pay dues of 25 cents a year. These scores are planted in the live oak nursery at Southwestern Louisiana Institute. The sponsor, or "attorney" of a member of the society rouses for the tree collects and remits its dues, and guarantees its preservation. An interesting provision of the society's constitution states that "members shall not be white-washed." The society's membership now numbers hundreds of venerable trees. A junior branch has been formed for trees that have not quite reached the century mark.

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Notes By The Way

The Soviet Embassy in the only diplomatic building in Ottawa which does not employ any United States citizens as household help. —Newweek Magazine.

Henry VIII of England once found a particularly succulent loin of beef which he dished off to his guests. Coronet relates that he drew his sword and impulsively knighted the meat "Sir Loin." And the cut has been referred to as a loin ever since.

An instructor at an airfield in Florida had to fly down the line on business and took one of his students along as pilot. Coming back he dazed off the controls when he awoke, nothing below looked familiar. Picking up the intercom, he said to the young pilot: "Are you the instructor?" "Yes, sir," the pilot replied. "How soon do you expect to land?" "In ten minutes," the instructor replied. "How soon do you expect to land?" "In ten minutes," the instructor replied.

It is fairly amusing, by the way, that a nation which in 1939 and in 1940 was associated with Herr Hitler in a non-aggression pact, which was little short of an alliance for aggressive war should make it a major charge against Mr. King that in 1945 he called to recognize the Fuehrer as a threat to world security. We do not think there is anything wrong with that. It is making war between Russia and the British Commonwealth inevitable, or even more probable. It shows, however, that the military effect in checking the Russian campaign of intervention in the affairs of unsettlement countries is certainly no time to talk about local sovereignties. Whatever the Dominion, with its great natural wealth and geographically strategic position can do, it can do only by looking to more hopeful vistas than those of a noisy "nationalism." Our role in a lead to a new world outlook—a real world outlook—calls for more than that.

A break with tradition has already been made by the importation of wooden houses from Sweden. If the views of experts in other countries where timber houses are common are not belied by the variable Swedish climate, we have every reason to regret that home timber is no longer available in any great quantity. Mr. Thomas Anderson, who speaks with knowledge as a former Scottish Secretary, has suggested that the German State forests should be donated to help in the building industry.

Peterborough building contractors have started a school for bricklayers and 13 young men are now busy learning the art of laying bricks, says The Fort William Times-Journal. The young men are 21 years of age and about half of them are ex-convicts.

The school has been made possible by the action of the Bricklayers' Union in waiving apprenticeship regulations. The city council and the citizens have extended financial help to the committee sponsoring the move to educate men to help in the building industry.

Spies are one nation's answer to another nation's secrecy. They are highly valued by the military men who have to be ready with plans for the defence of the nation. Of course, other people's spies are reprehensible. But one's own are not. They are largely won by clever intelligence work that "broke" the Japanese code. There has been considerable clamor for the United States to expand its peacetime "cloak and dagger" organization. As Japan is now seeking a right to "cloak and dagger" in military power and security we shall have spies. The answer is to build the larger number that employes of the tree, and guarantees its preservation.

So much that is of importance to Scotland is being taken out of Scottish hands for management from London that the right of ability to look after her own affairs is being seriously challenged. Scottish men of foresight and initiative cannot but be concerned that their future be imperilled by the elimination of men on the spot, nor can they lightly consent to a larger number that employes of the tree, and guarantees its preservation.

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Sir. Wm. Macdonald

(Edgar Andrew Collier in the Montreal Gazette.)

The business offices of Sir William Christopher Macdonald were those of one of the wealthiest men in North America. So it was that persons visiting them for the first time could hardly believe that the number was 340 Notre Dame street. The building was dingy and very old. A pair of glasses set over a narrow doorway, bore the words in small black letters: "Office of Sir Wm. Macdonald." No other clue was given as to the identity of the occupant or the nature of his business.

Having passed through the narrow doorway with his brief before him, the visitor saw before him one of the steepest and narrowest stairways in the city. Sir William's offices were on the first landing. They consisted of three or four plain rooms, without rugs or carpets, without filing cases, or any other furnishings to serve the aims of efficiency and economy. At a few tables a few old men sat working over old-fashioned ledgers.

At a roll-topped desk sat Sir William Christopher Macdonald himself. He was a small, sturdy man in speech, unassuming, sharp-eyed, doing vast business with absolute independence and a million-dollar desk. When he arose from his desk to attend a directors' meeting of the Bank of Montreal, the largest shareholder—he would wrap up in his plain cloth coat, and a woolen muffler about his neck. He would lead with an old cloth peak cap. Sometimes he wore a cap while seated at his desk, from draft.

The visitor might well be justified in wondering how the manufacture and sale of tobacco could be carried on from offices so small and so simple. Macdonald had found that a certain relationship, provided that one is impertinent to one's neighbors, is plain dealing upon one's customers.

He conducted his business entirely upon cash basis, no part until he had received payment. If payment was made by cheque, it was certified, if uncertified, the cheque simply went into the wastepaper basket, without comment or acknowledgment. The non-delivery of goods they would be countered by enquiries concerning the non-certification of cheques.

As to the success of such methods, it is perhaps sufficient to say that from his fortune Sir William gave more than twelve and a half million dollars to McGill University, and to his provincial "succession duty" (even in those days of gentler taxation) amounted to nearly three and a half million dollars.

A P. E. Islander Sir William Christopher Macdonald, a Highland stock in Prince Edward Island in 1831. His father was Hon. Donald Macdonald, a member of the House of Commons, the Legislative Council.

His grandfather was Capt. John Macdonald, eighth in descent from the Macdonalds of Glensdale, who after founding the Island settlements of Tracadie, Scotch Fort, Glen Finlay and Fort Augustus, fought during the American Revolutionary War as an officer in the 8th, or Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment. Sir William has most Highland traits, including the Highlander's tendency to boast that he never forgets nor forgives.

Montreal about 1854. After engaging for a time in business as an importer and general commission merchant, he became a manufacturer and distributor of plug tobacco. The foundation of his fortune was laid during the American Civil War. With shrewd foresight, he had seen farther than other men, that when the war broke out, he cornered the tobacco crop. From that time onward through half a century he directed the manufacturing methods a rapidly expanding business.

As Sir William's wealth increased, so did his benefactions. In his business dealings, he was never indiscriminate or scattered in his aims or methods, but maintained an unending simplicity. Apart from gifts to a few institutions such as the Montreal General Hospital (which is, in a way, affiliated with McGill University), he gave very little except to a few well-defined educational projects.

The very princeliness of his donations to these projects encouraged many individuals, not ill fitted with education, to mount the narrow stairs of number 340 Notre Dame street to work with him. He represented, though many called, few were favored. In philanthropy as in business, Sir William did not believe in diversification.

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be able to make good the loss. In answer to their inquiries he said: "We will wait until the ashes cool." Further inquiries from all sides and angles failed to elicit any more precise statement. In the end, however, the building was reconstructed and equipped even more liberally than before.

So it was, again, when the Government of Ontario wished Sir William to give sittings for a portrait which it had commissioned J. W. L. Forster to paint and which was to be hung in the Ontario Agricultural College, which Sir William had greatly aided. The request of the Government, received no acknowledgement, and Sir William was no more successful in obtaining any commitment. At last Forster, one of the most eminent Canadian portrait painters of the day, visited Sir William and came down to Montreal. He went to number 340 Notre Dame street. Finding that Sir William was out, he determined to wait for his return.

When Sir William came in and found that he had been caught he smiled and graciously capitulated. The sittings were given in the Windsor Hotel, where Forster was staying. Forster said that he found them "thoroughly agreeable occasions." But he noted that his sitter had a way of frequently slipping him up, if he used a careless original humor. Not long ago he asked how early in the winter, one might cross the river. "You mean across the ice," Sir William corrected.

But this rigidity in Sir William was not incompatible with a certain original humor. Not long ago the Rt. Rev. John Crag Farthing had commenced his administration of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. Sir William paid a visit to Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. He was received with an ovation, and a little cluster of flowers. Sir William stooped down and thanked the children. "What is your name, dearie?" he asked.

"Halfpenny," she answered. "Oh, Halfpenny, she was good as two Bishops," was the quick response. (To be concluded)

'Progress' Means End of Ancient Village

(From the London Express)

The centuries-old hamlet of Charlton, five miles outside Bristol, will be wiped off the map by the three-quarters of a mile extension of the Pillon airfield runway described by Lord Addison as necessary to enable the 110-ton Bristol bombers to take off.

Charlton has been warned that the runway—built with other work, says Lord Addison in Parliament, will cost millions of pounds—will cut a 100-yard-wide swath through the heart of the village.

The villagers know that this will mean the disappearance of buildings on ten farms—all of them under cultivation, able to produce 100,000 gallons of milk in Bristol.

They know that between 20 and 30 17th and 18th century houses, the village inn, hall and post office will vanish.

They know that the £200,000 Gloucester-Bristol by-pass, completed in 1938, will be cut in two by the runway.

Another road, several miles long, will have to be built to take its place.

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