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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Planning For Growth

Charlottetown's population is given in
the new Everyman's Encyclopaedia, now being
published, as 14,500 which is probably
close to the actual figures. It represents a
healthy rate of growth for this city, neither
the stagnation of a practically constant
population nor the growing pains of too
rapid expansion.

Those Tax Tentacles

Economists of Tax Foundation Inc., as a
result of an exhaustive inquiry in Indian-
apolis, recently came up with the astonishing
conclusion that a loaf of bread in that
city was affected by no less than 151 levies
paid to government in stages between the
grocer and the processing point where seven
basic ingredients entered the picture.

The same foundation identified 100 Federal
and State taxes in a grocery store egg
sold in Chicago. A woman's spring hat in
Connecticut was subject to 150 government
levies and a man's suit in New York City
to 116. A newly-built house on Long Is-
land, which sold for \$10,000 involved in con-
struction, development of site and purchase
financing no less than 639 hidden taxes.

The illusion persists, however, that there
is some painless way of attaining and main-
taining the so-called welfare state. It is
fostered partially by a simple calculation.
While everyone realizes that social security
measures cost money, many assume that
they stand to gain more in the way of bene-
fits than they will lose through taxation.
The fact is that few people have any real
conception of how much of their income
is actually absorbed by taxation.

Scottish News

The recent opening of the Massey-Har-
ris factory at Kilmarnock was an event
accompanied by ceremony and pageantry
perhaps without precedence in the industrial
history of this Ayrshire town. On the in-
dustrial Estate on which the factory is sited,
flags of all the nations lent colour to the
grey skies, while the skirl of the pipes was
supplied by the City of Glasgow Police
Band. Inside the factory a brass band
played familiar Scottish airs, and through
the lines of newly-assembled tractors and
harvesters walked Mr. Dana Wilgress, High
Commissioner for Canada, and Scots dis-
tinguished in business and public affairs.

It was a proud day for Mr. James S.
Duncan, President of the parent Company
and a day not without significance for Scot-
land. For here was a man of Scottish
blood returning to the land of his forebears
reversing the movement so long associated
with Scots of leaving their native land to
employ their talents overseas. Mr. Duncan
shares the middle name of Stuart, but as
one speaker observed at the opening cere-
mony, it could not be said of him as it was
of the first Stuart King of England "and
he never said a foolish thing and never did
a wise one."

Certainly in his address Mr. Duncan,
who is Chairman of the Canadian Dollar-
Sterling Export Board, spoke hard common
sense on the question of British production,
expressing the need for achieving competi-
tive status with the rest of the world,
coupled with a profound expression of belief
in Britain's ability to win through. As for
doing a wise thing, progress up-to-date in-
dicates that in coming to Kilmarnock, Mr.
Duncan will bring benefits both to his Com-

pany and to the town he has chosen for his
second British factory. Already the 420
employees are producing 200 tractors and
270 combines a month. And in time it is
hoped that nearly 1,000 men will be em-
ployed.

A Fine Citizen

The largely attended funeral of the late
Mr. Arthur F. McQuaid, K.C., at Souris,
bore eloquent testimony to the esteem and
affection in which he was held throughout
the community and Province. Mr. Mc-
Quaid's long experience in the legal profes-
sion included a period in which he served
very competently as Magistrate of his
County. In all his activities he was known
for his upstanding character and integrity,
as well as for his kindly disposition and in-
variable courtesy. For many years he was
closely associated with political affairs, giv-
ing invaluable service in many ways to the
Conservative party. But he was by no
means an extreme partisan, and numbered
a host of friends among all classes who
will join in extending sincere sympathy to
his bereaved family.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The current issue of "Time" magazine
contains a splendid illustrated write-up of
Britain's general election campaign and the
issues involved.

There is something about a breakfast
table and a newspaper that is singularly
complementary. They go as naturally to-
gether as do bacon and eggs.

Political parties are non-existent in civic
affairs, but the principle of public spirited
citizens determining the candidates of their
choice and working together for their elec-
tion holds good nevertheless.

Canada's proposal to shift about 123 ves-
sels to British registry is an expedient
which will keep the ships in operation and
prevent loss to the owners, but is an admis-
sion that we cannot now operate shipping
with Canadian crews and paying Canadian
prices for fuel and maintenance.

The problems of our Island fishermen
were capably presented at the East Coast
Fisheries Conference at Moncton this week
by Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry
and Resources, who "beat to the punch" the
Newfoundland Fisheries Minister, Hon. Mr.
Keough, in extending an invitation for the
1951 Conference to be held in Charlotte-
town.

John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, died
this date, 1399. A son of Edward III he
served in Spain and France, and after his
second marriage, with Constance of Castile,
he assumed the title King of Castile. To-
wards the end of his father's reign he at-
tained great power in England, supporting
Wycliffe. After Richard's accession to the
throne he supported the King. He unsuccess-
fully invaded Castile in 1387.

Canada has found a way to keep its
high-cost merchant fleet in operation—with-
out subsidies. In a deal with Britain, some
130 Canadian ships will sail under the Brit-
ish flag. Canadian owners will keep title
to their vessels. Thus, Canada can get back
its fleet in running shape in case of emer-
gency. "British operators will get the ad-
ded tonnage without any capital outlay,"
comments Business Week, "and Canadian
owners will get a return in dollars from
their leased-out properties."

Estimates of the losses through absence
of snow for all concerned in the Laurent-
ians skiing business ranged up to \$3,500-
000. However, Mr. C. B. Postill, president
of the Laurentian Resorts Association, says
most estimates are exaggerated. He said
\$1,000,000 would be a generous guess on
Laurentian losses. January was always the
worst month for winter resort business and
that business was down only 10 to 20 per
cent. Meanwhile some hotels reported
heavy bookings for February and March—the
most popular ski months.

The boot and shoe men are in for a
great frolic at their annual convention in
Montreal next week. Mayor Don MacKay
of Calgary will head a Western delegation
of nine railway carloads of shoe men and
their wives who will whoop into Montreal
Sunday for the four-day convention of the
Canadian Shoe Retailers Association. In-
cluded in the Western delegation will be a
horse, specially flown by T.C.A.; two full-
blooded Indian chiefs; and a 20-year-old
Calgary girl, Marion Burchall, named at a
former gathering "Miss Footwear from the
Foothills." Although the convention offi-
cially represents the retailers' association,
it will actually represent all sections of the
Canadian shoe industry. It will feature a
nation-wide program of foot-wear health for
the Dominion.

The Poets Corner

MANY ARE CALLED

The Lord Apollo, who has never
died
Still holds alone his immemorial
reign.
Supreme in an impregnable
domain
That with his magic he has fortif-
ied;
And though melodious multitudes
have tribed
In ecstasy, in anguish, and in vain.
With invocation sacred and pro-
fane
To lure him, even the loudest are
outside.

Only at un conjectured intervals.
By will of him on whom no man
may gaze.
By word of him whose law no man
has read,
A questing light may rift the sul-
len walls,
To cling where mostly its infre-
quent
Fall golden on the patience of the
dead.

—Edward Arlington Robinson

Old Charlottetown

BACKWARD CITY SCHOOLS

"While the country districts have
progressed remarkably since the
passing of the Free Education Act
in 1852, the City schools, I re-
gret to say, have not. This re-
proach will, I trust, be wiped
away ere long. I understand the
Board of Education have moved
in the matter. I trust they will
not slacken in their efforts till
the City school-boys become
what they should be, a pattern to
the whole Island.

"At present the capital lags
shamefully behind. I have reason
to believe that in some instances
the school registers are falsified
in order to make up the average
daily attendance required by law.
I would, therefore, suggest that
the Education Act be so amended
in this particular as to require
all teachers to attest the correct-
ness of their returns upon oath."

"As Summerside is now the cap-
ital of Prince County, I would
recommend the establishment
there of a Grammar School sim-
ilar to the one in Georgetown. By
removing the present school-house
to a drier site, and adding to it
a large wing, the carrying out of
my recommendation could be ef-
fected at a small cost to the
Colony."

"Speaking from an experience
of thirty years, my opinion is
that the attendance of the scholars
was, on the whole, more regular
formerly, when their parents had
to raise the schoolmaster's salary
by subscription than it is now,
when the Government pays it all.
This being the case, I would sug-
gest that the Legislature provide
a part, say £40 of the teacher's
salary, and that each district be
required to make up an additional
£15 or £20. This would relieve
the Colony in part of a burthen
which it can no longer bear, and
at the same time directly impose
on the people themselves an
amount sufficient to induce them
to take a deeper interest in the
education of their children."

—From the report of John Ar-
buckle, Visitor of Schools, March
18, 1863.

The Age-Old Story

Be of good courage, and He
shall strengthen your heart, all ye
that hope in the Lord.

WOULD QUIT YUGOSLAVIA

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Feb. 2 —
(CP) — Three young Yugoslavs
today returned to New Zealand
and said that less than 10 per cent
of those repatriated to Yugoslavia
from New Zealand, Canada and
other countries since the war want-
ed to stay. People were desperate
for short of food. Butter cost more
than \$7 a kilogram (about one-half
pound) and eggs cost almost 40
cents each. They added that many
repatriates were seeking permis-
sion to leave.

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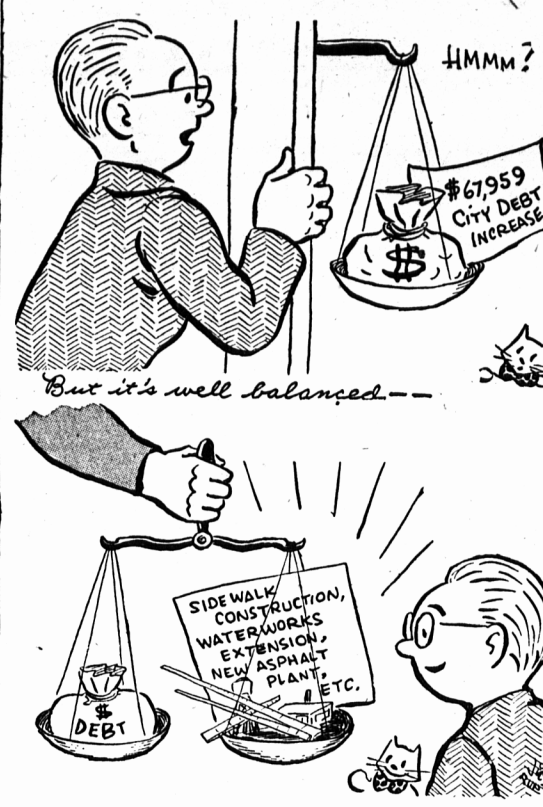
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where.

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The Whole Picture Tells The Story



Notes By The Way

Our explanation of Dr. Ein-
stein's new theory is held over owing
to curvature of space.—Punch.

Moscow yields to feminine in-
sistence that more cosmetics go
on sale. Like the rest of her sex
the Soviet girl feels that while
love is blind a girl has to be
sure.—Winnipeg Tribune.

An elderly Midwestern lady
who had never enjoyed many of
the comforts or pleasures of life
recently saw the Pacific Ocean
for the first time. She stared at
it silently for several minutes
and finally remarked wistfully:
"Is the first thing I've seen that
there's enough of."—Chicago
Daily News.

The youngsters' age-old game
of "Who can spot most" on the
way to school has acquired a new
topicality with some Manchester
schoolboys. On the bus into town
these mornings a group of these
"spot" objects have forgotten in the
rush to identify the march of pro-
gress. Punctuating the journey
are cries—in the idiom of the
game—"I bags that television
aerial!"—Manchester Guardian.

One of Unesco's most valuable
services is the promotion of
knowledge and mutual under-
standing among the people of the
world. To this end the organiza-
tion publishes a yearly list of
facilities available to citizens of
many countries for visiting and
studying abroad. This year's list
is imposing. It has grown from
15,000 opportunities offered by 37
countries in 1948 to 22,000 offered
by 72 countries in 1949-50.
Three thousand teachers are tak-
ing part in exchanges between
18 countries, and in 1949 between
30,000 and 40,000 workers were
enabled to pay visits abroad for
vocational and cultural purposes.
—News Chronicle (London).

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The Puritanism for which Can-
ada has long been remarkable is
breaking down, as larger popula-
tion, quicker communication, and
a greater concentration of people
in urban areas makes itself felt.
And let it be said that the people
who oppose that Puritanism, ac-
tively or passively, are not aban-
doned creatures, nor are they
what their opponents call "secu-
larists." Many of them, indeed,
are deeply religious without be-
ing puritanical. The majority are
very decent folk, who do not in-
tend to submit to dictation from
a minority which adheres to a
code which has not, at root, very
much to do with Christianity. —
Peterborough Examiner.

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According to a Yale scientist,
traces of a 1,000,000-year-old ape
"civilization" have been found in
Southern Rhodesia. An authority is
quoted to the effect that the man-
like apes were about four feet tall,
lived in caves, and knew how to
use fire. Such reports make in-
teresting reading in these days.
Against them may be placed some
of the more imaginative concepts of
civilization of the future.—A civi-
lization which may come to know
inter-stellar travel and all manner
of developments not even sug-
gested to twentieth century man.
But a disturbing idea intrudes. In
the light of some forecast of atom-
ic destruction, we are led to wonder
whether the Yale scientist was
looking into an unknown time to go
lost, or an unknown time that lies
ahead.—Victoria Times.

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City Council Procedure

Sir, — Mayor MacDonald, in his
letter on Civic Affairs, accuses me
of committing an act which he
terms "high-handed and most un-
constitutional" why did not the City
Clerk immediately report this to
I do not wish to minimize in any
way the seriousness of the charge.
The only explanation I have to
offer is that it was done with the
best of intentions.

However, I feel that the citizens
should have full details regarding
this action. The particulars of the
case are as follows: In November
1948, a resident of Ward Four called
at my office and told me that his
tax arrears amounted to about
\$300, and that the City was taking
action against him for the full
amount. Claiming inability to pay
the amount in full he asked that I
present the matter for him by
submitting the following statement
signed by him: "As the present
time is a bad time for me to raise
money I would like to have the
following consideration given. I
will pay \$35.00 at the present time
and an additional \$150.00 before
September 30, 1949. I am not look-
ing for any special consideration
could be expected. Furthermore we
were both of the opinion that if
action was pressed by the City this
man's assets might not be suffic-
ient to cover the full amount of the
tax arrears. Councillor Farmer then
added to the man's proposal this
statement: "This settlement has
been approved by the Tax Com-
mittee," and we both added our
signatures. This was received by
the City Clerk without comment,
and the execution was withdrawn.

The man paid his \$35.00 and I am
confident would have paid the
\$150.00 promised in September had
he lived.

I do not wish to shift the blame
to Councillor Farmer, although it
might seem that he should assume
the greater share in view of the
fact that he is a lawyer, a more
experienced Councillor and the
chairman of Tax Arrears Com-
mittee. But surely Mayor MacDon-
ald if he has any sense of fair-
ness at all will admit that he
shared equally with me in the
"unhappy and most unconstitu-
tional act". Aware of this, why,
then, did he write, "In the files in
City Hall is a letter signed by Ed-
win C. Johnstone ordering the
execution withdrawn, a ten per
cent payment being promised," —
knowing also that over ten per

cent had been paid and over fifty
per cent promised?
Furthermore, if our action was
"most unconstitutional and high-
handed" why did not the City
Clerk immediately report this to
His Worship? Or did he? In which
case why did the Mayor fail to
bring this serious charge to the
attention of the Council? Surely he
has sufficient regard for his duty
to do so.

Be that as it may, this incident
clearly differs from the rank dis-
crimination admitted at the Octo-
ber meeting when Mayor MacDon-
ald requesting the press not to
quote him, informed me that a
case had been withdrawn because
of a man's influential position.
I would like to say that this was
the only instance when I made a
recommendation for special con-
sideration with respect to the pay-
ment of taxes. Would the Mayor
be bold enough to call this an iso-
lated incident, or to say that he
knows of no similar cases?

In commenting on the Civic
Pension scheme Mayor MacDon-
ald said that he did not know that
I had sought outside help from a
notary actuary. This is indeed un-
derstandable as it was not known
to the Council until published in
my first letter. However, readers
will note it was necessary to seek
authoritative advice from outside
our Province to prove to the Mayor
and Council that the act is not
actually sound. The people of
Charlottetown no doubt would be
interested to know why the Coun-
cil objected to obtaining such ad-
vice in the first place.

On the subject of the by-elec-
tion, required by statute in Ward
One, Mayor MacDonald, in his
usual manner, has talked around
the subject and said nothing. The