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

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Railways And Freight Rates

Note is taken by the Financial Post of the fact that the "fringe" Provinces — which is Torontoese for the Western Provinces and the Maritime Provinces, have a big stake in any decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners regarding freight increases.

New equipment included 856 box cars and 16 Diesel-electric switchers. Another 3,000 units of various types of freight car equipment are also on way.

A program is in hand to modernize passenger equipment and will include 70 cars to be purchased, plus 37 reconstructed.

Construction of a 350-ft., 5,700-ton ship for the Pacific service.

Construction of an office building and hotel in the Central terminal area of Montreal.

This doesn't look as if the railways are poverty stricken. It is quite arguable that they need more freight revenue. It is also arguable that the asked-for 30 per cent increase in rates would be ruinous to Maritime shippers and importers.

"Before 1947 is many months old, a decision will have to be made on the freight question. No one believes it will be easy to reach that decision but according to newspaper reports a distinctly disturbing note was sounded at last week's hearing.

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children and is receiving a family allowance of \$144 a year he is only \$73 better off. But the man a bit higher up the scale is even more handicapped.

The need for revision and simplification of the present system has been recognized by the Federal Administration in the emphasis it has placed on the elimination of duplicate and pyramided taxes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Citizens Day—Canada a nation.

Week of Prayer opens tonight at Salvation Army Citadel.

The Feast of Epiphany—Twelfth Day. Commemorates the showing of Jesus to the Magi.

Congratulations to Messrs. R. T. Holman Ltd. on entering their ninetieth year of business.

Joan of Arc born this day 1412; French Patriot of Domremy, who was entrusted by Charles, dauphin of France with the leadership of the Army, and set out to relieve Orleans besieged by the English; her courage, faith and extraordinary military gifts swept her to irresistible success; Orleans was saved, the country all but cleared of the enemy, enabling the Dauphin to be crowned at Rheims; she wished to return home, but was dissuaded; disaster overtook her; she was handed to the English, and after a mock-trial was burned as a witch at Rouen; beatified in 1909; canonized in 1920.

The New Year has opened with important business changes, not the least being the transfer of the control of the Exhibition Association from Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., and Mr. J. W. Boulter, O.B.E., to a group of enterprising Islanders determined to carry on the organization on the lines and with the objectives aimed at and attained by their predecessors.

"Atomic piles" now being built up in Harwell, England, will produce materials for treatment of cancer. These materials will act as a supplement to radium. This announcement was made by Professor Cookcroft, United Kingdom Director of Atom Research on 13th December.

Another business change affecting the whole Island is the absorption by Canada Packers of Davis & Fraser. It is regrettable to find a fine old Island business like the latter passing out of existence, for the late Hon. Mr. Fraser was an Islander who made good both here and in Halifax, where the main portion of the business was carried on.

It has become still more obvious that Ottawa's insistence on keeping the provinces apart is creating a tangle of discrimination and re-creation, says The Gazette.

The world's first jet-propelled "Flying Wing" aircraft—British Armstrong Whitworth, AW-52—will make its first test within the next few days.

The new income tax schedules which come into effect at the first of the year are cited by the Globe and Mail as an example of the futility of piece-meal legislation.

The new schedules there has been, of course, some effort to correct inequalities or anomalies. But it does not speak much for this effort when it is admitted that in doing so new inequalities have been created.

Notes By The Way

Lake Ontario levels continue to decline. The monthly mean for January of this year was 247.56 feet above sea level, and for November was 246.02, a drop of more than seven-tenths of an inch.

A new Government order forbids fires in London's public schools unless temperature falls below fifty degrees. Coal is so scarce in England that every lump must be carefully used.

"Dietatorial powers" assumed by the Secretary of State under the National Health Bill for Scotland are resented by the medical profession.

What the ladies will say about Dr. Ivor Griffith, of Philadelphia, can be left to their imaginations. Dr. Griffith says that the reason women primp is because they are trying hard to be as beautiful as the men.

"Play as you play" golf courses are common enough, and "pay as you drive" automobile buying is old stuff; but now the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway is advertising "pay as you travel" for its Pullman coaches.

So Walter Johnson is dead. The news must have been a shock to millions of Americans, for here was the man whom many called baseball's finest and greatest pitcher.

The Preparatory Committee of the International Trade and Employment Conference met for the first time in London.

More than half of the 1,400 girls in Auckland Province who at one time declared their intention of travelling to the United States to marry American servicemen have changed their minds.

It is an old question: Which is the cleverest variety of dog? The poodle, the retriever, the Alsatian, to give a few examples, have their supporters; and some analysts maintained that the spaniel has the biggest brain with most convolutions.

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The Poets Corner

THE MEANS TO ATTAIN A HAPPY LIFE

My friend, the things that do attain The happy life are these, I find: The riches left, not got with pain; The fruitful ground, the quiet mind; The equal friend; no grudge, no strife; No charge of rule, nor governance; Without disease the healthy life; The household of continuance; The mean diet, no dainty fare; Wisdom joined with simplicity; The night discharged of all care; Where wine the wit may not oppress; The faithful wife, without debate; Such sleeps as may beguile the night; Contented with thine own estate; Neither wish death, nor fear it might.

—Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.) COLONIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS

An Act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to superintend the erection of the Colonial (now Provincial) Building was passed by the Legislature in the session of 1842, and under it the following commissioners were appointed: the Honourables Ambrose Lane, Thomas Heath Haviland, James Peake, Edward Palmer, and John Mayne Holl.

The first agreement was made on Oct. 18, 1842, between the commissioners and John Boyle of Charlottetown, to make all the necessary arrangements, and remove the surplus to the low ground on the northern side of the building and on the part of Great George Street immediately adjoining.

This copper was afterwards taken up and replaced by a gravel roof. Before proceeding with the excavations of the building it was necessary to remove the old round Market House that stood on the proposed site, on the centre of Queen's Square.

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Business Libraries Every business place needs a library of serviceable books. The business library is set up with the idea that profit will result, and this may take one or more of several forms.

and where to obtain it, the article continues: "The library needs room to breathe, quarters in which the books may be kept reasonably clean and suitably arranged in filing cabinets so that references do not get so crowded that items are hard to find, and adequate staff. It has been found to work well when the library ranks as a department responsible only to a higher official, with the librarian recognized as a department head. In some firms, the library is under executive direction of the general manager or the company secretary, a person who is interested in and appreciates the possibilities of service the library holds. Independence of the department head, in some firms, the library is under executive direction of the general manager or the company secretary, a person who is interested in and appreciates the possibilities of service the library holds.

Just as the library does not need to be big in order to be useful, neither need the business man's library. In fact, there is hardly a business too small for its executive to require a library of some kind. In small industries it is impracticable to employ statisticians to keep track of current trends, because of the expense of the highly-qualified statistician made available free or at very small cost through pamphlets and periodicals.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

It was a typographical error—when I ordered my Guardian, I didn't say anything about you being included with the washer!