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

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An Islander To Be Proud Of

In labour, business and industrial magazines all over the United States and Canada last week appeared the genial features of a Prince Edward Islander whose success as mediator in industrial disputes has become almost a tradition in the neighboring Republic.

For thirty-two years the U. S. Government has tried to exercise a modulating influence in union-management embroglios. In 1915 the Labor Department inaugurated a mediation service, but this has not worked satisfactorily.

Mr. Ching's career is familiar in outline to most of his fellow Islanders. Leaving this Province for Boston at the age of 24, he enrolled for a night course in law at Northeastern University.

To quote further from Business Week: "Ching was a pioneer of labor-relations work. For years, he was so far ahead of most management thinking on labor problems that certain business quarters entertained the suspicion that he was a radical."

Degenerate Democracy

The meaning of words and phrases is apt to undergo change, with the result current conceptions are quite different from that originally intended. Democracy, for instance was applied to that form of government by which the people directly governed themselves without intervention of middle men.

able, and in this respect there has been realized the condition envisaged by the Whig Henry Hallam, historian, who on the eve of the passing of the Great Reform Bill of Britain, 1832, wrote: "If once the principle of this Bill be admitted, its consequences will extend; change will succeed to change, and the reform of one day will necessitate another one the next."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Death is impartial. It strikes in the air, on the sea, on land and in the bowels of the earth.

There may be a search here for Lauzon robbery loot—it has not been discovered since his escape from Ontario en-rout to Covehead.

Accommodation for college students is at a premium in Charlottetown—so say parents on the outlook for suitable boarding houses.

New Brunswick has substantially increased its returns from the lumber trade by marketing graded spruce. Buyers are always ready to pay more to get the product they want.

H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose, second daughter of Their Majesties, born this date, 1930, at Glamis Castle, Angus, Scotland, the home of her maternal grandparents.

The new organ at St. Peter's is to be dedicated this evening and an organ recital given by Mr. Walter MacNutt, the gifted musician who is here on holiday from Winnipeg.

New Zealand will not enjoy much of a respite from war-time rates of taxation, according to a C.P. dispatch. Social services rendered by government must be paid for, and that, of course means taxes.

Scientific rainmakers could be put to good use extinguishing bush fires. It would mean an enormous saving if, when a fire is detected, a plane could take off loaded with dry ice and cause a shower where it would do the most good.

Australia is at long last preparing to remedy the inconveniences of having almost as many railway gauges as she has states in the Commonwealth. Some of her new equipment may be ordered from Canada.

Toronto is exceptional in many ways—especially in self-esteem. But it has achieved another distinction—it has broken a record of nature. Lightning, we have been led to believe, never strikes the same place twice, yet according to the C. P., on Tuesday it struck a Toronto street car twice.

A serious, although unofficial, effort is now being made in France to introduce the French language into the liturgy. Recently, Vespers have not been well attended and it is felt that the use of French in the complines and evening prayers will make it easier for church-members to participate in evening services.

It is reported from Washington that the U. S. are prepared to deal more favourably with Britain than she has done up till now. One reason is the long sequence of rebuffs U. S. has received from Russia and her satellites and the final proof, presented by their refusal to co-operate on the Marshall Plan of aid for Europe, that Britain is the only major power in Europe that can be depended upon for friendship and partnership in efforts to bring economic order.

A postage-imprinted Canada Air Letter Form will take the place of the one now in use. Effective on September 1st, the new forms may be purchased at Post Offices in the same way as ordinary stamps. They will be sold in the 10 cent (blue) and 15 cent (red) denominations—the former variety being for destinations in the United Kingdom and Eire, and the latter for places beyond the British Isles where Canada Air Letter Service is given.

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Notes By The Way

Give a woman a mink coat and she wants an orchid to pin on it.—Wall Street Journal.

Between Manchuria and Korea, 40,000 Japanese troops are reported to be still holding out. It is not obvious whether these Japs are late for the last war or early for the next.—Toronto Star.

A slum area drags down the value of surrounding districts. A poor slum-like Europe will harm countries like Canada and the United States in the long run.—St. Catherine's Standard.

It is interesting to note that 30,000 young pheasants are to be turned loose from Ontario hatcheries this summer. Also that grouse are making a comeback in the Ontario landscape. Even without the boon for the hunters this would be a good thing because these birds are enormous wild eaters. The licensing and training of fish and game guides is also another forward step. If wild life is to become the tourist attraction it should be, St. Catherine's Standard.

During 1946 American housewives bought 200,000,000 pounds of margarine—and colored it in their own colors, says The Memphis Press-Scimitar. Last year they bought 50,000,000 pounds and did the messy job of coloring it at home. This year they are buying much more—and coloring much more. If the enormous sales so far this year hold up they may buy almost, if not quite, a billion pounds—and go to the trouble of coloring it.

Victoria's charm does not reside in the physical dimensions of its so called "narrow streets." It is inherent in the people who make Victoria, who give it something that visitors do not find in other centres. We can take the risk of looking like any other comparable town that has modern transportation. But we cannot afford to ignore the necessity of maintaining a citizenry's personality to the incomparable scenic attractions which have brought the community fame and good will.—Victoria Times.

Three explosions in three weeks (in motor boats) may indicate a bad cycle of accidents and another may not. In a position to attribute the blame to the boats or the human element, we are inclined to believe that we cannot afford to ignore the necessity of maintaining a citizenry's personality to the incomparable scenic attractions which have brought the community fame and good will.—Victoria Times.

The United States is apparently preparing to intervene once more in Europe as part of its program of resisting the expansion of Communist power. With this objective few will quarrel but it is becoming increasingly doubtful whether it can be secured merely by bolstering up the present fundamental reforms may be needed if Communism is to be stopped in China.—Edmonton Journal.

A young businessman said recently, "I've never seen my driving a lot lately because I've been thinking about what the consequences would be if I were killed in an accident. I have a great responsibility to the business I'm in and I owe it to the men working for me to drive carefully. I owe it to my wife and son to drive carefully. I owe it to my father and my brother to drive carefully and I owe it to any passengers in my car to drive carefully. If all drivers would counsel themselves in like manner and follow such sound advice, there is little doubt but that most highway traffic accidents would never occur.—Brantford Examiner.

Lucky is the man who can walk. He is a rich man, for the world is his, says The Calgary Albertan. Too frequently Canadians forget this fact, especially when they are in a motor car. The best and cheapest exercise for all eyes, if it is indulged in sufficiently, is to drive a car. When you are driving, you are blue and out of sorts, get out and walk. Get out under the blue sky and sunshine and you will feel better. On your vacation or your trip, get out of the car and walk. Get out of the car and walk. Get out of the car and walk. Get out of the car and walk.

WILD LIFE HAVENS. LONDON.—(C.P.)—The Wild Life Conservation Special Committee in a report has recommended that the state assume responsibility for the protection of wild life in Britain. It suggests setting up of 72 national reserves varying from 20 to 5,000 acres, totalling 70,000 acres.

WANT U.S. COAL. STOCKHOLM.—(C.P.)—Sweden has imported some 688,000 tons of coal and coke from the United States during the period from July 1 to Sept. 1. The country's total annual need is estimated at about 10,000,000 tons.

LEG WORK. Burma's stevedores often row boats by wrapping their legs around their short poles.

Minister Of State For Commonwealth

(United Kingdom Information)

The King has approved the appointment of the Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M. P., as Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations.

This appointment follows the announcement by the Prime Minister in his speech on the second reading of the Indian Independence Bill that the conduct of relations with India and Pakistan would from the 15th August fall within the responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations and that a Minister of State would be appointed to assist in this work.

The Offices of Secretary of State for India and of Parliament Under-Secretary of State for India have accordingly come to an end today. In consequence of his new appointment, Mr. Henderson has resigned from the post of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Burma. Mr. A. G. Bottomley, M. P., will continue to exercise the functions of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations in the enlarged department.

The staff of the present India Office will be combined with that of the existing Commonwealth Relations Office and Sir Archibald Carter, K. C. B., K. C. I. E., the present permanent Under-Secretary of State for India, will serve as a Joint Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

The following extract from "Who's Who" 1947 gives details of Mr. Henderson's career:—Henderson, Rt. Hon. Arthur P. C. 1947; K. C. 1930; M. P. (Lab.) Kingswinford, Staffs., since 1925; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, India Office and Burma Office, since 1945; born Newcastle-on-Tyne, 17 August, 1879; son of the late Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M. P.; Education: Central School, Darlington; Queen's College, Taunton; Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Fens for Law and Economics (M. A. LL. B.); Chairman, Cambridge University Labour Club, 1920-1921; called to Bar, 1921; Secretary of the University Labour Federation, 1921-24; contested North Portsmouth, 1922; M. P. (Lab.) South Cardiff, 1923-24 and 1928-31; late Parliamentary Private Secretary to Attorney General; late Standing Counsel to the Labour Party; Member of the Royal Society; Hardwicke Society and Cambridge Union Society; War Service, 1914-18; served on General Staff September 1929-March 1942; Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War Office 1933-45; Publications: Trade Unions and the Law (with Sir Henry Slesser) Treatise on Industrial Law; just author of Trade or Hiring Law.

It's Made Too Easy To Rob A Bank

(Toronto Telegram) Bank robberies will continue until bank managements take practical measures to prove to the criminal population that they cannot be made to "pay off."

Soon after the practitioners of bank robbery are caught but in recent months these crimes have been productive of big hauls of cash which have dizzied cautious, criminal youths and encouraged them in an epidemic of bank robberies. The sure way to put an end to them is for the banks themselves to take protective measures so that even the most self-confident thief will realize that the odds are heavily against him.

The old-time practice of keeping a gun in a teller's cage is outmoded as a means of stopping present-day robberies. It was a good slow-pace when there weren't many robberies. Now the bank's guns frequently end up with the cash in the bank robber's bag, as occurred in the hold-up at Pickering this week.

Since it is impossible to detect a potential bank robber prior to the commission of a crime, the logical alternative seems to be for the banks to install equipment that will make it impossible for bandits to get into the compartments occupied by the staff, or devise an alarm system capable of being quickly triggered off by the foot of a manager or clerk when a hold-up is attempted.

Robberies in recent months indicate that the bandits operate quickly and make their getaway before an alarm can be spread. If this type of criminal was aware that whenever they attempted a bank hold-up an alarm bell might sound in the street or in the local police office and that they would be cornered in the bank they would think twice before setting out on an unlawful expedition. If they did attempt a hold-up the chances of their being caught would be greater, if by some means a general alarm could be immediately given by the bank staff.

As the purpose of law enforcement ought to be directed to the prevention of crimes as well as the apprehension of the perpetrators when they do occur, it would appear that the provincial police have a responsibility to make bank robberies less successful. The police should make suggestions to the banks on the installation of alarm systems or other equipment which would discourage attempts at robbery.

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The Poets Corner

FAR HORIZONS

His eyes held far horizons; no walled room Could keep his restless mind cooped up within it; No loving woman, careful with her broom, Could claim his heart, for every wistful minute. Was an adventure for his questing soul. That with a challenge shouted back at Fate; For through the treadmill-year his days must roll Behind a picket-fence; a small white gate. Yes, he was half-content; half-pleased to find That sunlit moments in his own backyard Yielded an open gateway in the mind; While frosty nights revealed a broad sky starred With strange, bright worlds whose dancing silver fed His dreams to face the long, lean days ahead.

—Pauline Havard in New York Times.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

ROUGH JUSTICE

Though Justices of the Peace had from the earliest times been commissioned in this Province, a most (the only recorded trace of their early a tivity is to be found in brief notes contained in the minutes of the Superior Court showing that appeals were frequently taken from their decisions. A missionary named Walter Johnstone travelling through Prince County in 1820 tells a pointless story which nevertheless at least someth upon the conditions under which the magistrates performed their part in the administration of justice. The statement can best be made in the words of the narrator:

"I took my journey through the woods, twelve miles. A few miles before I reached the settlement I came to a small public house—what they call a tavern. It was then the only house all the way between the two settlements in the county. Finding a great number of horses with saddles and bridles fastened to a fence at the roadside, I turned in, anxious to see what was going on. The house was small, consisting of one apartment only. A shower of rain at the time had caused the company, who were numerous, to take shelter under its humble roof, so that I could scarcely get room to enter without stepping on the feet of those who were already seated at the table. I saw some drinking rum, others considerably affected with what they had drunk. On the opposite side were three magistrates seated in a row. When I got near the centre of the apartment I saw one of the defendants, who also was without a coat, often clinched his fist behind him ready to give the prosecutor a blow when he could not carry his point by minor argument; and every moment I looked for this method of overcoming his antagonist being resorted to."

But the man of peace was unduly alarmed. The "defender" with his fist clenched behind him was not in a dangerous attitude. He was probably using all his energy to hold himself together. The court gave its judgment which may have fitted the case more closely than if rendered by the highest in the land.

—From an article by the late Chief Justice J.A. Matheson.

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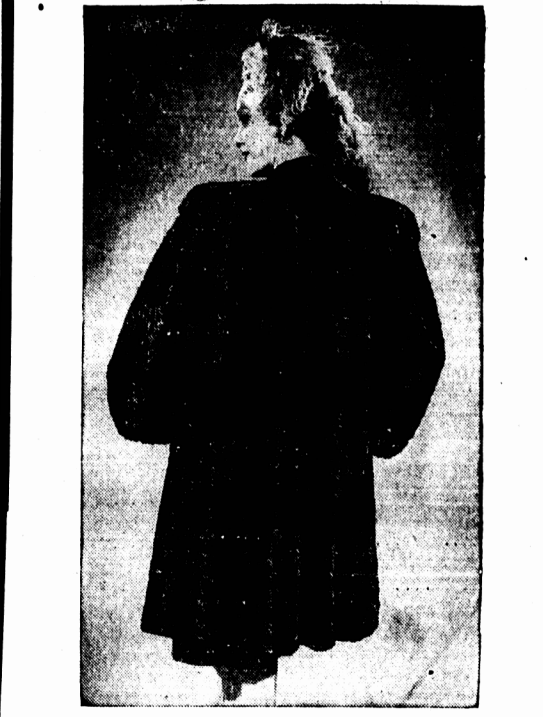
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