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

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A Live Question

One of the big questions on which Canada will have to come to a decision next year is immigration. World conditions, it is contended, have changed radically since our restrictive immigration policy was framed.

There are, points out Canadian Business, numerous restrictions on emigration from Europe but we could obtain the type of immigration we want. Thousands are applying.

There is also the increasing drain of many of our most promising citizens to the United States. Other young countries are making determined bids for new people.

It was once thought that Canada could support a population of one hundred million people. This may prove to have been an exaggerated estimate, but there is no question that our present population of twelve million is disproportionately small.

Expedition To Everest

A new attempt to conquer Mount Everest is being planned by a British party, and the expedition will be the best equipped ever yet organized. An Australian officer in the R. A. F. and a United Kingdom doctor in the R. A. M. C. will co-operate in the preparation of this venture.

A Royal Romance

Despite official denials of the engagement of the Princess Elizabeth, heiress apparent to the British throne, to Prince Philip of Greece, a London dispatch to The New York Times says that their betrothal is accepted as a certainty in circles with close contacts both with the British Government and the Royal Palace.

There can be no formal engagement of a Royal Princess without the consent of the Prime Minister and the Privy Council. This is required by the strict provisions of the Royal Marriage Act, because, under its terms, the husband of the Princess Royal may in due course become the Prince Consort of the United Kingdom.

If the Princess Elizabeth eventually succeeds to the Throne, she will be the fifth "Queen regnant" in English history. The four who have so far occupied that exalted position, excluding Elizabeth the Great, who was never married, were Mary I, who married Philip of Spain, Mary II, who married William of Orange, Queen Anne, who married Prince George of Denmark, and Queen Victoria, who married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

When the first Mary married Philip of Spain, it was decreed by proclamation and statute that she alone should continue to exercise all the powers of the Crown. William of Orange occupied the Throne jointly with his wife, Mary II, having declined to take over on any other condition, after the revolution of 1689. George of Denmark, Queen Anne's husband, was naturalized by act of Parliament, and except for the precedence he enjoyed on state occasions, took no part in the country's affairs beyond that of a private citizen.

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J. Caesar Petillo, getting a favorable decision in Chicago, thanks God for the American Federal Courts and calls them presenters of democracy for all the people. John L. Lewis, getting one he doesn't like, attacks them as ignorant. Which is which?—Hamilton Spectator.

It is of more than passing interest that Canadian growers should win the highest honors on wheat, rye and oats at the Chicago International and make a creditable showing in all departments of this big continental seed show. Back of and beneath it all is the proven fact that this northern climate and these Canadian soils produce a superior seed for use abroad as well as at home.

No, the vendors, though undeniably busy, did not do the most business round Christmas. It was the dry goods merchants—not the wet—that scooped the pool.

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It is an excess of optimism to claim Richelieu-Vercheres as a Liberal victory, though it proved a most welcome Santa Claus gift to the rather disheartened powers-that-be at Ottawa. A constituency that has been represented by a member of the same party for 50 years is likely to vote otherwise, especially when Santa is represented by a member of the same firm that proved a bonanza in days and years past.

For the first time since the Spanish and French wars, a British statesman has had to regretfully declare publicly that Great Britain is now no longer the leading World Power. Mr. Bevin on his return to London from the United Conference had to admit that "the war has left two great powers predominant—the United States and Soviet Russia. Great Britain lies midway in geography and way of life."

Business is booming throughout the Maritimes. According to the Bank of Montreal, wholesale and retail trade continues active with volume somewhat larger than a year ago notwithstanding limited supplies in many lines. Collections are good. Christmas sales are reported to be ahead of last year with more cautious buying in evidence. Woods operations are proceeding satisfactorily under favourable conditions.

Terming Newfoundland a "politically naive and confused country," Leslie Roberts, noted Canadian reporter, declares in the current (Dec. 28) Saturday Evening Post that that island people do not realize that geography is "the one bargaining power they possess" as they seek a return to a democratic form of government.

Already the Argentine plans the admission of 4,000,000 European immigrants over a period of years. A beginning will be made with 30,000 a month and the Buenos Aires Government has already sent an ambassador to Rome to make his headquarters there and select suitable immigrants from among the French, Spanish, Italian and others offering themselves. Brazil, Australia and other countries which lack population as this Dominion does, are contemplating similar robust action to procure settlers.

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In the building of most modern homes, the once familiar fireplace is no more. It is out. It finds no place in modern heating plans; it is too much trouble to keep clean, and so it goes, remarks The Huron Expressor. But it is a pity, because through its history it has proved much more than just a centre of warmth.

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.

SECOND-HAND NEWS

Sir,—On the front page of this morning's issue of your paper is a news story to the effect that I had been advised that the Government of Prince Edward Island had accepted "in principle" the proposal of the Dominion Government for a minimum annual payment of two million dollars for five years in exchange for certain provincial tax rights which will go to the Dominion Government.

In fairness to the Hon. J. Walter Jones, I must state that no such advice reached me. The first I heard of the story was from a friend who had read it in "The Pioneer."

I wish you and your staff a very happy New Year.

J. WATSON MacNAUGHT, Summerside, Dec. 24, 1946. (It now appears that Premier Jones gave the information to The Pioneer in preference to The Patriot.—Ed G.)

WAR BRIDES

Sir,—A few days ago a very appropriate and timely letter from an Old Country war-bride appeared in your correspondence column. This young person, a stranger to our country is undoubtedly for the first year or so, the guest of Canadian friends.

The writer has had the extreme pleasure of serving some of these war brides in business and has found in every case they are kindly, considerate and very courteous. Their accent is particularly pleasing to listen to and their fine manner shows the thoroughness of their English or Scottish upbringing.

A few words of welcome to these guests of a new and democratic country is our duty and should be our pleasant privilege.

Sincerely and with thanks for space. I am, Sir, etc. A. L. WRIGHT.

SCOTTISH COVENANTERS

Sir,—As a Lowland Scot, brought up in the lore of the Covenanters and residing for six years close to Bothwell Bridge where the Covenanters' last battle was fought, I was greatly pleased that Rev. Mr. Bishop had a Covenanter preacher speaking at Cape Traverse.

Quoting from the "Weekly Scotsman", two articles were written on the brutality to which the Covenanters were subjected the following: "What of the shooting of a husband before his wife's eyes? Of the drowning of two women in the waters of the Solway Firth?"

The assertion that the Covenanters formed only one-fifth of the population of the Firth they perpetuated, and north of that river many were to be found. Long years of persecution brought the inevitable falling away. When the event was the fact that the Covenanters were usually thought of today as an historic minority who he would have fresh courage for his work of tomorrow.

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FOR THAT COLD RUB IN... MINARD'S LINIMENT

The Poets Corner

TIERED BUT HAPPY

Put into Port. The long pursuit is ending. Now is the tide of tinsel at the ebb. O'er weary heads the holly wreaths are bending. As waxes the wild December interlude. Despatched, the purple ascot and-and- And the iridescent hose, the feathered mule; Subiding now, the seasonal confusion. The stormy prelude to the feast of Yule. Received, the frock that breathed of Schlaparelli. On impulse bought, when budget hopes were high; The sadly-chosen socks—the set of Shelly. (To be exchanged by stealth and strategy.) The pageantry of packages appronched, Supreme of seal and silver cellophane; The open season of the cheque enclosures. And wraths of ravared wallets walk again!

—Irene Chapman Benson.

Old Charlottetown

EARLY SCHOOLS

Among the earliest schools established in Charlottetown was one taught by Mr. Alexander Richardson about the year 1780. This school was held at St. John's Coffee House, which stood on the corner of Queen Street and Charlotte Street where the Duncanson building subsequently stood.

In 1820 Mr. Creamer, grandfather of the late Mr. Henry Harvey, taught in a house which stood on the site of the present Legion home on Grafton Street. Alexander Brown, before taking a situation in the Central Academy (forerunner of Prince of Wales College) had a private school about 1824. At this time the British Government allowed a certain sum each year to be expended for educational purposes.

In addition to these schools Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard kept in St. Paul's school room what would now be called a kindergarten, then called the Infant school.

In the session of 1829 a committee for promoting classical education presented their report recommending the establishment of the Central Academy.

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I am, Sir, etc. (Rev.) PETER JACKSON, The Manse, Hampton, P. E. I.

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