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

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Better Late Than Never

After the exertion of much public pressure, War Assets Corporation announces that there will be an increased flow of building materials from surplus military installations in various parts of Canada...

One wonders why this order was not given a year ago. In the majority of cases these establishments have been lying idle for at least that length of time.

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The price of newsprint is going sky-high. That is a sequel to combines where the demand is greater than the supply.

At the end of this month all special postal rates and privileges to members of the armed forces overseas will be withdrawn.

According to the postal survey all over Canada as to house-accommodation, Prince Edward Island is the only province to report an actual positive shortage.

Mr. Charles E. MacDuff, so well known in religious and political circles, will be greatly missed not only in Brookfield but throughout Queen's County.

Eugene Gladstone O'Neill, American dramatic author; member of the American Institute of Arts and Sciences; his works include: The First Man, The Marco Millions, The Great God Brown, Lazarus Laughed, Mourning Becomes Electra.

According to a recent despatch from Moscow, a new potato harvester which can harvest 25 acres daily, lift two rows of potatoes as it goes along, separate potatoes from the stems and soil, sort them according to size and throw them into baskets, has been designed by the Institute of Agricultural Research in Moscow.

"What use are we?" asks Professor Joad. "It depends on what is meant by useful. Useful, in the modern world, to mean useful for a particular end—perhaps three ends—helps you to make money, two helps you to increase speed and three helps you to kill your fellow human beings more efficiently from a greater distance."

Farm Issue in U. S.

One of the larger issues being fought out in the United States congressional election is that of the Democratic party's policy towards agriculture and its direction of farm affairs.

Stocks of creamery butter in Canada at October 1 totalled 70,665,000 pounds, an increase of 1,854,000 pounds over stocks at September 1 but a decrease of 835,000 from those of October 1, 1945.

Thus, Governor O'Connor of Maryland, Democratic candidate for the Senate, proclaimed to the voters of his state, which is a strongly agricultural one supplying the immense market of the Atlantic seaboard with much of its food excepting wheat, that if elected to the Senate, he would do his utmost to eliminate interference with farming.

agement of the farmers by government. Let me say definitely that I do not agree with some of the proposals that have been advocated in Washington in past years.

"The Federal government has interfered, sometimes unwisely, I believe, in trying to circumvent the law of supply and demand and in trying out fancy theories about farm matters."

"The farmers will make their own prosperity, I am convinced, if they are freed from unnecessary regulation and experimentation by government agencies, and particularly by contradictory price ceilings."

"All too often, regulations made in Washington do not take into consideration local conditions and frequently do great harm in one section even though of benefit in another."

The first U. S. A. Congress met this date, 1774.

When there are two fires there is usually a third. In the past few days we have had nearly double that limit.

Have we all arranged to acquire our peacetime victory bonds? They are now available and merely wait our application.

Today a dozen or so Nazi war criminals pay the penalty of their crimes, unhonoured, unsung and universally execrated.

Troubles, as we know, seldom come singly, but surely it was unnecessary for the railway to add to the troubles of the potato farmers by threatening to add 30 per cent to the already exorbitant freight rates between here and our Upper Canadian market.

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Notes By The Way

We often hear that Canada lacks something in national consciousness. We should lose no opportunity to develop among Canadians a keener consciousness of our Canadian nationality.

The invention of a welded rail for railroad tracks is an excellent thing, but still there is sour to be taken along with the sweet, the sour being that the clackety-clack of the wheels would be less inclined to split into sectional factions and groups.

Rosemary Swarbrick, 23-year-old Preston, Lancashire, girl who has been totally blind for almost a year can now see perfectly.

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How To Hold A Friendly Election

(Winnipeg Free Press) Poland is now preparing to hold the "free" elections guaranteed by Yalta and Potsdam.

The only trouble at the moment is the division of the electoral seats. The Peasants' Party wants for more seats than the Communists and the socialists are prepared to grant it.

Perhaps a deal can be made and then the electors will vote in each constituency for a single ticket.

This is an interesting arrangement perfected in Russia, where the one-party ticket is considered the final expression of a democracy so perfect that it is beyond our western understanding.

But assuming these leaders agree on parceling out the destinies of the nation, imagine the feelings of a Canadian voter who walked into a polling booth in Quebec East and found he must vote for a Conservative, a Toronto Tory, a Liberal or a Social Credit.

On Oct. 21 two by-elections will be held which may have great significance in national affairs.

Portage la Prairie elected a Liberal member in 1946 with the Progressive Conservative second by almost 2,000 votes.

The riding is of interest for another reason, in that Mr. Arthur Meighen won it for the Conservatives in 1908, 1911, 1917 and 1925 though he lost it to the Liberals in 1921.

Toronto-Parkdale is a riding which should return a Progressive Conservative. It was carried by Dr. Bruce in 1940 and again in 1946.

The Progressive Conservative candidate is Alderman M. J. Simmons who has served the district well in the Toronto City Council.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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STREET NAMES AND HOUSE NUMBERS

Sir—As you always have taken an interest in necessary City improvements, I have no doubt that you will agree with me that the City Council has acted very wisely in having the street names, in blue and white enamel, affixed on the buildings at the street intersections.

It is a notorious fact that, while the City Council has acted very wisely in having the street names, in blue and white enamel, affixed on the buildings at the street intersections.

In any event, a city the size of Charlottetown is expected to be updated in this particular as is the case in practically all other cities, both in Canada and the United States.

I am, Sir, etc. CITIZEN

The Poet's Corner

Birds are enchanters. In the laurel, knowing not malice, spleen or hate, How drolly do the sparrows quarrel With flocks of Billingsgate!

The chickadee both gay and witty With only three notes to recite— The wood thrush breaks his heart for pity And loneliness of coming night...

In purest tone, to perfect scansion, His lay... O death where is thy sting? 'T round the new, strange heavenly mansion Larks rise to sing!

—Amarfa Benjamin Hall, in the New York Herald-Tribune.

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