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

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Further Consideration Advisable

The proposal of the P. E. I. Federation of
Agriculture to ask the Federal Government to
assist in the reclamation of low lying land in
this Province should receive further considera-
tion before being finally presented.

Large sums are about to be spent in New
Brunswick for a somewhat similar purpose, that
of bringing former marsh lands under cultiva-
tion, and as Prince Edward Island has shared
little in Federal expenditures our farmers are
to be commended upon their initiative in sug-
gesting schemes under which a portion of
such spending will be done here.

Generally speaking such a proposal would
indicate a scarcity of farm land, also that the
land under cultivation adjacent to these low
areas must be of very high value. The ex-
pense involved in increasing the number of
acres of such land would be more than offset
by the value of the new land.

It is doubtful if all the land at present
ready for cultivation is being used. Many farm-
ers have been forced to limit the production of
their farms because of the shortage of help.
Others have found it inadvisable to make full
use of their land because of uncertain mar-
kets.

In view of these factors at a time when
farmers were never more prosperous it would
seem doubtful as to the economic propriety of
developing more farm property at what will un-
doubtedly be enormous cost.

This Province has many claims upon the
Federal Government because of the favouritism
shown the other parts of the Dominion—
but land reclamation does not appear likely to
win approval.

The Reds Unmasking

If the United States isn't finally awake to
the machinations of Communism, it isn't the
fault of a fate which staged the amazing es-
cape of the Russian school mistress from Sov-
iet diplomats in the heart of New York City.

Conan Doyle never dreamed up anything
more startling than the case of Mrs. Oksana
I. Kosenkina.

But maybe it was necessary to learn the
truths of life by seeing her hurl herself to
grave injury from the third-storey window of
the Soviet Consulate where she says she was
imprisoned.

Perhaps it was necessary to witness the
drama of Michael I. Samarine, another Rus-
sian teacher, who fled to asylum with his
family, rather than be returned to the Soviet
Union.

If anything was needed to cross the t's
and dot the i's, it was the brusque demand by
Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia that both
teachers be surrendered immediately to Soviet
authorities. This was before the Consulate had
taken Mrs. Kosenkina away from the White
Russians by whom she had been given refuge
near New York. She now is in hospital, closely
guarded by city police.

The most shocking aspect of these cases
is that Soviet officials should dare to ex-
hibit such brazen effrontery in a foreign coun-
try.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with
Moscow for less than this back in the early
days of the Soviet Union. And the U. S. with-
held recognition of the Moscow government
until 1933 for smaller sins.

However, the Russians have been taking
advantage of their allies' tolerance since the
war. They even have gone to the extent of
carrying out wholesale spying in Canada, Brit-
ain, and the United States, as was brought out
by Canada's exposure of the great Red spy-
ing.

Camping Days

Hundreds of boys and girls throughout the
Province are returning daily from summer
camps refreshed for the fall and winter months
ahead. The value of such camps from a
health standpoint cannot be overstressed, but
the educational and social are almost just as
great.

Fortunate we are in this Province to have
so many capable leaders trained in the art of
camping who have been able to provide inter-
esting camp programs which give every boy and
girl an opportunity to display their talents, and
enjoy themselves to the full.

Such opportunity for boys and girls at the
age when they long for adventure ensure bet-
ter citizens.

Taxation To Please The Theorists

Taxation is too high in this country. That
is a plain fact obvious to everyone not obsessed
by pet theories about taking "surplus money"
out of circulation. The P. E. I. Farmers' Fed-
eration recognized that fact and although their
particular suggestions would probably not meet
with the approval of a parliamentary drafts-
man they are basically right in considering that
the tax gatherer is taking too large a share of
the farmer's hard earned income.

The high tax theory is that by taking money
out of circulation the Government will pre-
vent people from bidding up the price of scarce
consumer goods but what is happening is that
the wage earner needs more money to pay his

taxes as well as supply his family with the nec-
essities of life. When he gets more money his
employer must charge more for his product to
pay the increased wage bill and so the vicious
spiral goes up and up.

It is high time that the Dominion Govern-
ment went back to the principle of imposing
taxes only to meet necessary expenses rather
than indulging in such ill-advised schemes of
economic scholasticism.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Princess Margaret born this date 1930.

Welcome to the U. S. S. Fresno.

Tomorrow, 13th Sunday after Trinity or
14th Sunday after Pentecost.

The Oyster Growers Association have
taken a step in the right direction in recom-
mending to the Federal Government the com-
pulsory grading of oysters.

A ceiling of 14c is placed on our 24 oz. loaf
as against 12c to 13c on Nova Scotia's 20 oz.
loaf and 10c to 15c on Ontario's 16 oz. loaf.
Our bakers supply larger loaves at less cost
to the consumer.

The Governor-General believes that all
holiday and no work is by no means the life
ideal—hence his anxiety to get back into har-
ness at Ottawa after his swell holiday in our
midst. By-the-by how many of our citizens
would even think of rising early to enjoy a
swim every morning at 7 a.m. as their Ex-
cellencies did while in residence here?

It is that uncertain and unreliable "if"
that gets us. Mr. Douglas Joy, economic sec-
retary to the British treasury, says that if the
price of Britain's exports had risen "by as much
as the price of our imports since before the
war, there would be no gap in our over-seas bal-
ance of payments today."

American government research need not
deprive Canada of any substantial part of her
newsprint trade. Experiments show that wheat
straw is the most satisfactory alternative to
wood pulp in large scale paper-making, and
wheat straw is something that that country can
supply in very large quantities indeed.

Summerside's Mayor Arnett went right to
the root of accident prevention in calling for
rigid enforcement of traffic rules, particularly
as to speeding. Drivers being human tend to
be careless. The certainty of punishment is the
most effective cure.

Britain is planning to take the offensive
against the Colorado Beetle. After the experi-
ence of finding great numbers of the pest
crossing the channel V. E. Wilkins, of the Min-
istry of Agriculture has called for a meeting
at Geneva in October to try to check the pest
on the continent.

Here is a sample of how the United Na-
tions spend money on an investigation that
could very well be carried out by correspondence
with the powers-that-be. "In Geneva, the
Economic and Social Council has adopted a
resolution calling for the dispatch of a Com-
mission of Inquiry to Peru to investigate the
effect of the chewing of coca leaf, and the
possibility of limiting its production and con-
trolling its distribution."

The Federal Government might do much
worse than provide a summer residence for the
Governor-General in this Province. According
to His Excellency no better place anywhere
could be found for restful refreshing holiday-
ing, and that being so, the Federal Government
would be conferring a boon and blessing to
succeeding Governors-General in providing them
here with a comfortable, unpretentious summer
home where they could relax and build up
health and strength for their return to their
arduous duties.

Warren Hastings, British administrator, died
this date 1818; entered East India Co.'s
service in 1750, and rose to be president of the
Company and Governor of Bengal The con-
solidation of the Indian Empire was largely due
to his administrative genius, having been ap-
pointed Governor-General in 1773. He returned
to England in 1786, and was impeached by
Burke in a famous speech for oppression, mal-
administration and corruption. The trial lasted
for seven years after which he was acquitted.
The costs of the trial swallowed up his en-
tire fortune, but he subsequently received a
pension from the East India Co.

Not only is the United States over-
whelmingly Canada's largest source of supply,
furnishing in recent years three-quarters or
more of all imports (says the Canadian Bank
of Commerce Letter) but Canada is the United
States' best customer. During 1947 the United
States sold to Canada over \$2,000 millions
worth of goods—more than combined sales to
her second and third largest customers, Brit-
ain and France. It is obviously important to
both countries that this flow should be main-
tained. The present emergency reduction of
Canada's U. S. dollar expenditures is a matter
of necessity rather than choice. A permanent
solution satisfactory to both Canada and the
United States involves a substantial further ex-
pansion of Canadian exports to that country as
well as an expansion of the exports of overseas
countries to the United States which would,
among other things, assist them in settling their
accounts with Canada. The exchange-saving
program emphasizes the need for increasing
sales to the United States, and contains a
strong implication that freer access to the U.
S. market is needed.



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the
discussion by correspondents
of questions of interest. The
Guardian does not neces-
sarily endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

A SUNDAY BALL GAME

Sir,—Because of criticism levelled
at me by the public
for allowing a full Sunday
ball game, on my field Sun-
day last, and to put myself
right with that portion of
the public who still reverse Sunday
as a day of rest and quiet, I wish
to state publicly that the Kin-
kora ball players not only staged
their Sunday show on my clover
field without my consent
but actually pulled off their Sun-
day stunt after I had refused them
permission to do so. Perhaps the
public can picture my surprise on
returning home last Sunday evening
after being away for the day
to see before my eyes the re-
nants of what had been a well-
stocked Sunday canteen service to
keep my field open to the shamel-
ling throats of a mighty gather-
ing of ball fans whose noise
continuing throughout the after-
noon was heard by residents of
the Seaboard road, one mile
away, and to learn that the Kin-
kora ball team had challenged my
refusal for a Sunday ball game
and had actually staged an for-
bidden picnic on the most shame-
ful Sunday rendezvous ever known
in the history of Chelton.

Good intentioned people who
had come to my beach to spend
Sunday in quiet and rest refused
to be associated with the shame-
ful affair and out of respect for
themselves, for me and my pre-
mises piled into their cars and
coloured away. It is only common
sense for people going into a
distant community, particularly on
Sunday to respect the established
customs of the people or stay
away.

I am sure the Kinkora ball
players were taught those impor-
tant things of life, but have ap-
parently seen fit to discard them
and throw them away. Their
countless car tracks through my
clover hay field, perhaps survey-
ing and marking locations for an-
other Sunday ball game and can-
teen service, their utter disregard

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

THE FIRST CAR FERRY

An important event in the year
1918 was the inauguration of a
car-ferry service between the two
nearest points of land—Port
Burden and Cape Tormentine—
a distance of 11 miles. Practically
this connected the Island with the
mainland by rail with a standard
gauge track constructed so that
fridge-trucks could be conveniently
transferred from the smaller Is-
land cars to the larger ones in
use on the Government Mainland
Railways. The success of the
steamer placed on this service in
its first winter was marked: it
overcame the heaviest iceflows
and made two trips daily with
an excellent refrigeration-car
service for the fruits, dairy and
farm products of the Island. The
cost, however, of transferring
fridge-trucks, or to the narrow
gauge of the P.E.I. Railway from,
or to, the broader gauge of the
mainland was about \$60,000 a
year, and the Government pres-
ented the Dominion authorities at
this time for a share in the cur-
rent appropriations of \$40,000,000
for rails and rolling stock in Na-
tional Railways so that the Is-
land gauges might be widened. A
delegation went to Ottawa in
April and pointed out that, in
1911, 2,465 steamers and sailing
vessels had cleared from Char-
lottetown, while in 1917 this was
reduced to 1,664. The old time
fishing vessels had ceased, and
the famous fleet of coasting ves-
sels had vanished. They declared
that the only solution was stan-
dardization of the gauge.

The Canadian Annual Review.

The Royal Loaf

(Christian Science Monitor)

What, no butter, or even oil?
But the King in this case prob-
ably won't mind. For he isn't the
king who called to the queen "and
the queen called to the dairymaid"
—the famous merrit of Mills
without which no modern nursery
could be called really well fed.

The King in this story is George
VI, familiar enough, no doubt, with
butterless bread, as what Briton is
not? Britain's George has or should
have by now (it was sent to him
by overseas plane), received a loaf
of American bread. This was
specially wrapped and decorated
with the Swedish King's
Los Angeles bakery. It is the same
kind of bread flown daily to the
American contestants in the Olym-
pic Games, the reports say.

By a coincidence it descended on
Britain just after the bread tra-
dition there had been lifted, so did
not make quite the stir it might
have formerly. At the palace, how-
ever, it probably will be received
with due ceremony. Then pre-
sumably it will go to the chancellor
of the exchequer's office, and be
entered on the ledger for Lend-
lease, or E. R. P., or goodwill gifts.

After that, some Foo-Bah and
Lord High Everything Else will
doubtless present the loaf to the
King with the assurance that his
steak has already dutifully
asked the dairymaid, and the
dairymaid dutifully asked the
cow.

"Could we have some butter for
the Royal slice of bread?"

for the Sunday observance and
comforts of nearby neighbors, say-
ing nothing of the contempt with
which they have treated me, their
utter disregard and disrespect for
the people of a district not their
own, their apparent disregard and
carelessness for the fair name of
their own community and for all
that is in it, and for all that it
stands for as a reeled off by this
defiant Kinkora ball team on my
clover hay field last Sunday, could
not be outstripped by the abor-
iginals of Kinkora parish.

I am, Sir, etc.,
LOUIS W. PEARSON,
Pearson's Beach,
Chelton, P.E.I.

LIGHTNING'S POWER

Every lightning flash or elec-
tric spark is an atom-splitter,
knocking electrons out of the
atoms of air through which it
passes.

AT LAST

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Notes By The Way

An old codger came right out
the other day and admitted he
wished he were young enough to
be a juvenile delinquent. — Kitch-
ener-Waterloo Record.

The office of Fourth Lord of the
Admiralty—which Rear Admiral
H. A. Packer has just resigned—
used to entitle the holder to an
acceptable perquisite, which, how-
ever, seldom came his way. It
used to be the rule for warships
touching at Ascension to bring
home a turtle for each of the
Sea Lords. Lord George Hamilton
told how he was appraised of this
soon after his appointment as
First Lord of the Admiralty when
a messenger came to his room and
announced, "I regret to inform
your lordship that the turtle of
the First Lord of the Admiralty
has died." "adding, "I must inform
your lordship that this is the first
occasion on which the First Lord's
turtle has ever died. Previously, if
a turtle has died, it has always
been the Fourth Lord's." — Man-
chester Guardian.

As the world advances, it brings
many advantages; also, alas, some
disadvantages. Over the week-end
some boys were chased away from
the Thames River, where they
were swimming in the nude. They
must have thought that it is dif-
ficult to have fun, nowadays, with
somebody always telling them they
can't do this or must do that. In
the pre-automotive era, wherever
there was enough water there was
a place to swim. Usually a spot
could be found with enough pri-
vacy that one didn't need a bat-
hing suit. Most of the boys then
didn't have a bathing suit any-
way. With the automobiles, and
the tourists and city folk going
for week-end drives in the coun-
try, looking for a quiet place to
picnic, few of the old swimming
holes now guarantee any privacy.
Some one is apt to come along
and be shocked, or pretend to be
shocked, at the naked body of a
boy enjoying himself in the cool
water. — Windsor Star.

A young American architect has
just come home from Stockholm,
with the prize, the Swedish King's
medal and a new idea in architec-
ture that ought to please Ameri-
can housewives no end. This fellow
wants to build houses that "really
fit the human scale." One charac-
teristic of such a house, he says
is that it should be possible to
change its interior entirely when-
ever new needs develop, or any
time you simply get tired of the
old arrangement. In his house the
walls and ceilings would all be
prefabricated. The ceilings could
be raised or lowered, at will, and
the walls, stairways, kitchen, bath,
rooms switched around. The
floors he would offer would be
just empty floor space or volume.
The owner or tenant would decide
what he wanted to do with that
volume. He could put up or tear
down walls, expand or contract
space, raise or lower ceilings. The
advantages this would offer to
the housewife who now delights
in moving the furniture in her im-
mobile apartment or house should
be obvious. And what fun it will
be shrinking your six-room home
to a four-room home when an
unwanted in-law is coming to town!
—Minneapolis Tribune.

The Poet's Corner

HOPE

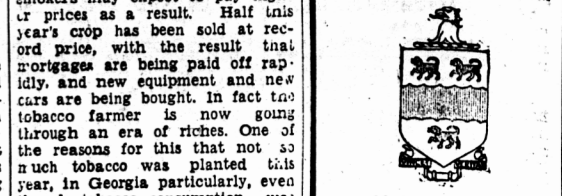
Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the
words,
And never stops at all.
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And softest when the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chillest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

—Emily Dickinson.

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