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

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## A Strong Indictment

The letter addressed by the Summerside Town Council to their federal representative, Hon. J. L. Ralston, puts the car ferry situation in a nutshell. The Council associates itself with the outspoken criticism made in the Legislature by Premier J. Walter Jones, which goes farther than any Opposition comment in indicting the Dominion Government for laxity and disregard of our transportation interests. To this the Summerside Council adds:

*"There is no question in any of our people's minds, of whatever political leaning, as to the reason why this Province of the Confederation is today enduring such hardship; simply the indifference, delay and neglect of those entrusted with the duty of government. The construction of this new car ferry was a necessary war effort and the old arguments of scarcity of material, money or men cannot stand. It was expressed in Council that no other section or province of this Dominion would have countenanced or received such treatment."*

Col. Ralston's two-column reply appeared along with the Summerside Council's letter in yesterday's issue. It is an unconvincing attempt to excuse the inexcusable. One fact of which it fails to take note is that a huge $10,000,000 icebreaker was recently completed in the United States. It had been started a year and a half ago. There was never any real attempt made to ascertain whether our car ferry could not also have been built across the line. Col. Ralston in his letter does not claim that there was; and this ommission, on the part of such an able counsel for the defense, speaks for itself.

## A Wise Dicision

Many citizens, gloomy because of their conviction that they could n't meet the income tax payments by April 30 and buy Sixth Victory Loan bonds at the same time, now rejoice to find that they will not be barred from joining their fellow countrymen in the most important war effort to date. The time for payment of 1943 income tax balances has been extended to Aug. 31.

Most people have discovered that the purchase of Victory bonds gives them a tangible feeling that they are actually backing up Canadian men in uniform. To have taken away from a portion of these the opportunity of participating again would have been regrettable. There is ample proof that throughout the rank and file of Canadian citizens there is far more than enough ready cash to pass the minimum objective of $1,200,000,000 for the Sixth Victory Loan campaign. With the income tax snag removed, sales to individuals should surpass all previous records.

The income tax announcement was made a month before the Victory Loan opening instead of the eve of the campaign. Time has thus been allowed for a readjustment of personal budgets, and a spirit of buoyancy has been injected into the pre-loan period which should prove invaluable in creating the enthusiasm necessary to the success of any campaign.

## A Battle Long Ago

Sir Cyril Fox, Director of the National Museum of Wales, has described one of the most remarkable finds of pre-Roman antiquities that have yet been made in the principality or, indeed, in all the island of Britain. The tale of their find, says the London Times, cannot yet be fully told; it is enough to say that military activities were the occasion of the discovery of a great number of objects of peculiar antiquarian interest and often of great artistic beauty which might otherwise have remained in the depths of an Anglesey peat-bog until the end of time. Apart from their unusual character and diverse origins the circumstances in which they had been cast into a shallow lake which became silted up by the encroaching peat aroused abundant speculation. This was no hoard. The mass of ornaments, weapons, parts of war chariots, trappings of horses, and slave chains, extracted from beneath many feet of peat, had been thrown into the lake. Snapped blades, twisted spearheads, helmets marred by stroke of sword or hammer, and the absence of gold or silver ornaments told their tale. They had been flung into the lake by some victor resolved to leave the conquered nothing on which they might look with pride.

The Times concludes:

"The blow had been final. At Maiden castle, where the Legionaries had stormed the ring fortress and massacred the Britons who could not escape in time, Dr. Wheeler found abundant evidence that a period of transition marked by the use of Roman and British goods had followed the storm, until the dwellers on the hill had been compelled or persuaded to descend to Roman Dorchester. In this part of Anglesey the new Roman order clearly made a complete breach with the past. Something more than military repression must be invoked in explanation of the unusual destructiveness of the conqueror and Sir Cyril Fox connects the spoiling of these household treasures with one of the most savagely picturesque incidents in the story of the British struggle against Rome. Tacitus has described with all his concise, dramatic power how the troops of Suetonius Paulinus who had crossed the Menai Strait were opposed by a host of islanders, their numbers swollen by diehard refugees, their fanaticism excited by women "in robes of deathly black with dishevelled hair" brandishing torches, and by Druids invoking the vengeance of their gods on the invaders. For an instant they quailed, then rallied, cut down all who opposed them, "enveloped the enemy in his own flames," and made an end of Druidism and human sacrifice in Mona."

## — EDITORIAL NOTES —

Tomorrow, Good Friday.

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The Easter week-end will see many happy reunions, but, alas, there also will be many empty chairs.

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Victory Bonds as Investment in Democracy: Preservation of our "way of life." Help to win the war and get loved ones home.

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A firm identified as the "M. and C. Aviation Company" has been paid $2,490,319 for repair and overhaul work on aircraft at a Prince Albert, Sask., plant erected and equipped by the Federal Government at a cost of $206,971, Munitions Minister Howe told the House.

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In the Khyber Pass district, where British Empire troops are training for action against Japan, a common sight is the American-built, British-designed Vengeance dive-bomber, often flown by an Indian pilot. Flying with the Indians are trainees from all parts of the Empire —Australians, South Africans, Rhodesians and men from the United Kingdom.

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Today, Maundy Thursday, from the 4th century ceremonial foot-washing has been regarded as a necessary rite to be performed by the Pope, all Catholic sovereigns, prelates, priests and nobles; in England the King is supposed to wash, personally or by deputy, the feet of as many poor men as he is years old, and then distribute to them alms.

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Francis Xavier, apostle to the Indies, born this date 1506; was associated with Loyola in the formation of the Society of Jesus; chosen to Christianize the Portuguese colonies in India; revived practical Christianity among the Europeans of Goa; visited Travancore, where he baptized 10,000 natives; he preached in many places and at length landed in Japan where he gained adherents; returned to Goa where he died of fever in 1552; was canonized by Gregory XV in 1622.

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"Road's End" (Ryerson Press) by Mary Douglas, begins in the leafy lanes of old Ontario with the toddlers, Michael and M'r' Jane, runs through an Irish home, on through youth with its ups and downs, through the ordination to the priesthood, and so on to his last hours as Monsignor awaits the Holy Viaticum—food for the journey—and the timeless light of another world. It is suitable for youths as well as adults.

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Victory Bonds as Personal Savings: Is not giving money, but opening a savings account in Canada, backed by whole of Dominion's vast wealth, at 3 per cent. Each family of man or woman now in service will be confronted sooner or later with personal rehabilitation problem. Admitting that no man or woman will be turned loose into society without some provision for rehabilitation, whatever has been saved will be that much more for many purposes for which families will need money.

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The war effort of the British people increases with every year of war. This is well illustrated by their record in small savings. For every savings stamp and gift token bought in 1940, eight were bought in 1943. Small savers holding certificates total 17,000,000, which is over 50 per cent of the entire British adult population. Over half the 1943 savings total was contributed by small savers. There was a similiar increase in large savings.

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An order-in-council provides a uniform scale of pay of 50 cents an eight-hour working day for prisoners of war and internees whether they are working in camp confines or on projects outside. Previously the camp workers got 20 cents a day for a four hour work period while the prisoners working on outside projects got 50 cents a day for an eight hour period. The order preamble said this caused dissatisfaction among the prisoners. The men receive only "token money", but they are allowed to make purchases using their credit or "token money" as security.

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Women throughout Canada are now receiving letters from merchant seamen in far away places, who, being in a Canadian port at Christmas, received a ditty bag through the Navy League. A Fijian boy wrote to Mrs. R. W. Jones of this city as follows: "I am very glad to receive your Christmas present, for me, Mrs. Jones. I am one Fijian boy. I am working in the ship. I come from the Souther in Sky, from the South Sea Islands. Well thanks very much for the present you send me, Mrs. Jones. I haven't got anything in the ship to my present for you, Mrs. Jones. I'll believe the God and praying too to answer this present to the 'lady' is giving me. I'll close this short letter with best wishes to you, Mrs. Jones and God bless you in your good work." Signed "Tom Vosaicake"—The Southern Sky. "P.S. Please if kindly to me answer my letter."

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Allied seamen received 6,303 parcels from the Allied Post during 1943, according to the annual report of the president, Miss Elsa May. The shipments were slightly lower than the previous year due to the fact that some of the ships were diverted to ports beyond reach. However, the records show that seamen of the following nations benefitted: French, 1,260 parcels; Poles, 1,250; Greeks, 1,320; Belgians, 600; Norwegians, 1,252 and Yugoslavs, 750. The distribution was made principally to the Merchant Marine, "to those small freighters that so seldom figure in the news and yet, without whose magnificent work, our very existence would be in jeopardy," Miss May explained. Receipts from the Christmas appeal were sufficient to enable the Allied Post to make the February shipment of parcels as usual but funds will be required for the Easter parcels. All contributions should be sent to the Allied Post, Room 209, 1306 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal.

## Lenten Meditations from The London Times

### GOOD FRIDAY

The name Good Friday for the day on which Christ was crucified is peculiar to English speaking people; it is a name that indicates that this Day of the Cross has associations of joy and gladness for Christian people rather than of gloom and sorrow. On the first Good Friday the greatest person in human history suffered a cruel death which, at the moment, seemed to be the destruction of the cause that He had in hand. His enemies thought that they had effectually triumphed over Him and that little or nothing more would be heard of the teachings. He had given or the movement He had attempted to inaugurate. But in th's they reckoned without taking God into consideration — a dangerous and shortsighted thing to do whether it be done in the first or the twentieth century. The violent death to which Christ was subjected made Him appear to be a hero in the eyes of all subsequent history—a hero who suffered unjustly and cruelly for a cause beneficial to mankind. Nor was this all —His death, sinfully brought about and unjustly executed — opened a gateway of surprise by giving God an opportunity of vindicating the Crucified through His resurrection from the dead. God was left out of the reckoning by the enemies of Christ, but history showed then, as it ever shows, that the last word belongs to God Thus in the providence of God the Cross and the Resurrection go together — the former was but a painful, dark and humiliating gateway to the latter. In our judgment upon the Cross, its value, its messages, we cannot see it otherwise than through the perspective of the Resurrection; for the Resurrection interprets the meaning of the Cross as nothing else can do; the Resurrection shows us that the Day of the Cross was a Good Friday, not one of gloom, sadness and despair.

## PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

### THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Sir,—It is a most touching story, that of the two disciples' walk to Emmaus. How sad and soul sick they were as with bowed heads and drooping shoulders they trudged the seven miles of that weary road to Emmaus. They had just passed through the darkest experience of their lives. He whom they had hoped should have redeemed Israel was now crucified, dead and buried. But as they went sorrowing along a stranger appeared and asked. "Why are you so troubled?" They were amazed and said. "Are you a stranger in Jerusalem?" Have you not heard of the death on the Cross of Jesus of Nazareth, the mighty Prophet?" What a thrill must have gone through their hearts when Jesus (for the stranger was He) explained the scripture concerning Himself to them and later revealed Himself as He sat at meat with them and they realized that He was risen, was alive for evermore. We can picture them on the journey back to Jerusalem, marching breast forward with their heads high. Their precious hopes restored. They had seen their risen Lord.

Lift up your hearts ye sorrowing ones,
And be glad of heart
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just one day apart.

I am, Sir, etc.
(REV.) E.M. MacEWEN.
St. Peter's Harbour.

### THE CAR FERRY

Sir,—On the front page of a recent issue of the Patriot, in a very conspicuous position, was a description of the old carferry's wonderful performance carrying freight.

A comment in the article is as follows:—

"A wonderful job for a boat said to be condemned, leaking so badly that the crew were scared to sleep aboard and a slit in her bottom 90 ft. long, the work of propagandists."

A number of citizens have been wondering why all this advertising. There has been no ice for some days and the boat would naturally work day and night to catch up so that the embargo against P. E. I. shipments that has been so well advertised throughout Canada could be lifted.

For some weeks previous to this article the Patriot has been praising the old carferry, and if the Guardian did not make complimentary remarks was "taken to task."

Not so long ago the Patriot wasn't so complimentary about the old boat, in fact they have forgotten that this boat was built by the Tory Government and anything they would do couldn't be correct.

"Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Surely this propaganda is not trying to cover up the negligence of not having an ice breaker here as a stand by to help out the old boat last winter; or are they trying to bluff the people in making them think the old boat will do the work next winter and we won't need an ice breaker ready at Borden to offset the same disgraceful conditions of freight tie-up we had this winter.

Let the Patriot save its front page space and demand that an icebreaker be tied at the wharf at Borden by December 1st next to be in readiness to help out the old boat it has taken such an interest in lately, and try to make some useful suggestions to the Government for once.

I am, Sir, etc.,

READER

### SECONDARY ROADS

Sir,—Now that the duties of our Legislative members are over for the present, and their speeches have apparently been printed and digested by the public it just seems too bad that more was not promised in regard to our secondary roads.

We have heard much in the past about sand dunes in Western Canada but this winter has brought the story home to us only in snow dunes.

During the past years bushes have been allowed to grow along the roads and opposite each bush or tree there collects the dune. Those are driven over, become hard, and leaves the traveller in an up and down position while he tries to drive his horse and save his eggs on the way to market.

In regard to summer roads they are even worse. I would suggest Mr. Barbour on his trips to Prince County stop off at Hunter River and take a walk out toward Hopedale when the snow goes away, and take particular notice of a piece of road adjoining Mr. MacLeod's farm (better not take his car) and see if it will not bring tears to his eyes. In one culvert was stood a pole 12 or 15 feet long several years ago but decay on the end has shortened it till now it is only about 4 feet long, bending towards the forest from which a successor must soon come to make the danger spot. As I travelled I met another traveller from southern First Queens who told of a large hole in a bridge at McCloskey's Mills but it has only been there little over one year.

Apparently the road supervisor, as well as the senior member for this District, has gone to the woods to repeat the experience of Rip Van Winkle. So in twenty years time we can expect to see two men appear in long flowing white beards followed by a crowd of school children amazed to see the changes which will have taken place in the intervening years.

I am, Sir, etc.,

FOR GOOD ROADS.

North Wiltshire,
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## Notes By The Way

**After this war, Tokio radio will** have to broadcast Grimm's fairy tales to meet the continued popular demand for fantasy.—Toronto Telegram.

**The 1944 boys and girls are taller** than their parents. Yes, but 1944 parents have gotten stooped dipping down into their jeans for income tax.—London Free Press.

**Mr. Eden says Russia, the United** States and Britain must assume major responsibility, in the first instance, for preserving the peace after this war. That is the practical and realistic point of view.—Ottawa Journal.

**No more will you need to keep** track of how far you drive and how much gasoline you buy in order to know how many miles per gallon your automobile delivers Soon we shall be attaching a gadget to the fuel line which will immediately indicate the direct miles per gallon. It has already been patented. The Rotarian.

**In earlier days phantom ships,** such as the Flying Dutchman, plied the oceans Now there are mystery airplanes on the wing, some flying without evident authority or purpose; while in other instances aviators are found stranded without a plane anywhere about. Perhaps travel romance has tired of the turbulent seas and taken to the air.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

**A young navigator in the South** Pacific was on his first bombing raid ,relates Coronet. As the B-17 climbed over the peaks of the Owen Stanley Range, he used up three flashlights nervously checking his instruments and charts. Hours had slipped by when he announced over the plane's interphone system, "Here's the coast of New Britain." The veteran bombardier snorted and grabbed his phone. "You're all wrong — that's the coast of New Ireland, not New Britain." The pilot signaled the co-pilot to take over. With a meaningful glance, he approached the bombardier. "Listen, guy, I know that's the coast of New Ireland, But I am in command, son, and you make your comments to me. I wanted this navigator to discover his own mistake and know that we are depending on Him and no one else to navigate this ship."

**United States soldiers in Alaska** who volunteered to help out a California mosquito control experiment in the color preferences of mosquitoes got results that will create no surprise. In white shirts, black, khaki and no shirts at all, they offered themselves in thirty-second intervals as free lunch for the Alaska mosquitoes. These are reputed to be twice the size of eagles, with four times the striking power This was the score: White, two; black, eight; khaki, thirty-seven; bare backs, ninety-six. This proves a conviction that mosquitoes would rather do their biting direct. The higher score on black and khaki merely adds to evidence of pernicious mosquito disposition. We require no further evidence to cast our vote against the mosquito.—Chicago Sun.


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For the first time classes will be open to the public. Railway employees wishing to enroll contact Mr. E. W. MacKinnon, Superintendent, others Dr. J. J. Blake or Red Cross.


## The Poet's Corner

### A GREEK SOLDIER'S GRAVE

The snow lies piled in massive drifts of white
The moon stares coldly down on mountains grey
From depths in which the stars alone can play
The song composed by silence, space and night—
The music of the spheres. The wind in might
Has tossed itself against the heights all day,
And now in sobbing grief it dies away,
With trembling sigh it softly yields to night.

But something more than mountains, stars and snow
Creates the singing of the skies tonight—
A human soul, released from what we know
As life, begins its last long thrilling flight
To join its Spartan fathers, while below
A cross with arms upraised awaits the light.

Naomi Boulton.

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### QUEEN'S UNCLE DIES

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