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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Canada Guards The Life Line

Canada's part in the North Atlantic defence scheme is to be essentially the same as developed in World War II. With modest forces for her own defence and having a capacity to expand as necessary, her principle role is that of protector of Atlantic shipping against attack by submarine.

Seeking British Registry

As previously noted, a discrepancy in operating costs between Canada's merchant marine and that of other countries has culminated in the possible reduction to 40 in the number of vessels under Canadian registry.

A first consequence of the Government's action, predicts the Ottawa Citizen, will be that several thousand trained Canadian seamen will become unemployed.

In 1948, the average daily operating costs for 10,000-ton deadweight standard war-built vessels was \$810.50 for Canada; \$972.52 for the U.S.; \$525.46 for Britain; \$506.68 for Norway; \$482.18 for The Netherlands; \$421.71 for Italy.

Neglecting The Essentials

More than \$100,000,000 has been allotted by the U. S. Federal Government this year for research purposes. To this is added \$25,000,000 that business and industry have made available to the colleges, earmarked in most cases for specific purposes.

But the New York Times reports that there is a fly in the ointment. It is the distribution of these funds that is raising doubts in academic quarters.

This disproportion may well cause grave doubts and misgivings. Although the physical sciences are very important, neglecting the academic side of research may ultimately bring disastrous consequences to the American people.

down requests from either the Government or industrial firms for research projects that are exclusively devoted to "practical" purposes. In doing so they are showing a proper sense of their responsibility as educational leaders.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our brand of weather is retaining its popularity with oldsters, though the youngsters would prefer a little sting to it.

The Summerside airmen are helping to revive the healthy hockey rivalry that produced the public enthusiasm and developed the hockey stars of another generation.

Christmas carols are again in the air and over the air-ways. It will be a few days before the waits will raise their voices, but the Salvation Army band made an early start.

Quebec's Department of Fish and Game has launched a full scale investigation into the reported "gypping" of a visiting American hunter. It is only by taking effective action against the rapacious few that the reputation of a Province with tourists can be maintained.

Defence Minister Claxton, speaking of Arctic indoctrination exercises said: "This does not mean there are going to be battles in the Arctic. Our experience shows that that will not be the case."

The Ottawa magistrate's ruling that a demand for a return must come from the Minister of National Revenue and not from his Deputy Minister is no mere technicality. In any organization, dealings with outsiders should be in the name of its chief even though the work falls upon a subordinate.

Jane Austen, English novelist, born this date 1775, youngest child of the Rev. George Austen, of Steventon, Hants. Her first novel was entitled "Elinor and Marianne", but was changed later to "Sense and Sensibility".

Giving the show away. Says "The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix": "A stolen dictaphone not only spilled the works when hailed into court in Dusseldorf to give evidence against a thief and two receivers, but dispelled forever the old fiction about "honor among thieves."

Canadian soldiers who served overseas during the Second World War have not forgotten the ragged, starved, dirty-faced youngsters who bummed them for chewing gum and chocolate in Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Italy.

Something unique. Oslo street car conductors and bus drivers got the surprise of their lives when a large delegation of passengers descended on transit company headquarters recently. They represented the civic booster club of Rislokkia district and came bearing gifts of flowers and a case of fruit—the latter donated by local orchard owners.

The Poet's Corner

ROOTS
I've known days when a passing sight
Was window to the infinite.
There is a place where a cart track
Cuts deep into a green down's back.

Old Charlottetown

Journal of the House of Assembly, May 5, 1884:
The Hon. Colonial Secretary, from the committee appointed to receive plans for the intended Market House to be built in Charlottetown, reported as follows:

Santa Claus Under Fire

It would seem that Santa Claus is just a bourgeois capitalist, after all. In the Soviet Zone of Germany, according to a dispatch to this newspaper, the customary holidays are not to be celebrated this year.

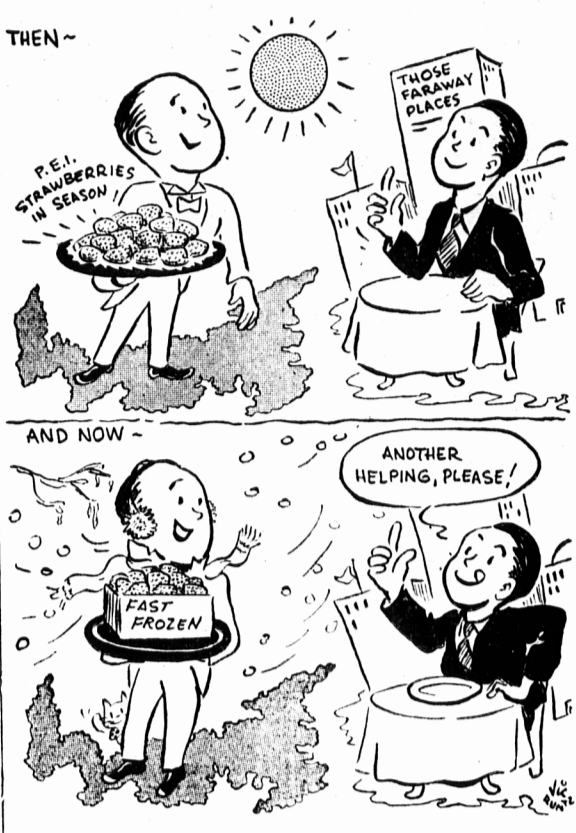
The Age-Old Story

Doubtless Thou art our Father; though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer Thy name is from everlasting.

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Notes By The Way

The federal government got a mandate last June on a housing program which included continuation of regulation along with the provision of new, low-rental housing units. There was no talk then of shifting responsibility to the provinces.

Perhaps the best news that has yet emerged from continued government purchasing of crop surplus came from Boston. In a season of overloaded orchards, every school child in the elementary grades is receiving a federal apple a day.

On a crisp November morning in 1898, J. W. Packard drove out of Cleveland in one of those "new-fangled, horseless buggies" bound for his home in Warren, Ohio, 53 miles away.

HOW TO GIVE HIM A STETSON

Advertisement for Stetson hats featuring a man in a suit, a Stetson hat, and the text 'It's as simple as ABC' and 'HENDERSON & CUDMORE WHERE QUALITY IS SURE'.

Public Forum THE POTATO SITUATION

Sir,—I cannot remember of ever reading a letter more to the point on the potato situation than the letter of Mr. J. P. Hooper in 'The Guardian' of December 10th. Mr. Hooper has pointed it all out very clearly.

As a member of the P. E. Island Potato Growers' Association, twenty-five years on the board of directors, ten years as president of the said Association, I can endorse much of Mr. Hooper's remarks.

In the early days of our seed potato industry, we did not have much surplus seed stored in out-buildings. We, of the Growers' Association sent out bags of our seed all over the Southern States and elsewhere as "samples".

Over-production of seed potatoes killed the industry, as over-production of fox furs killed the fox industry of P. E. Island. I would, therefore, ask each and every potato grower to read and digest and profit by Mr. Hooper's very clear and able letter.

The ports of Charlottetown and Summerside have shipped by boats this season, somewhere from one to one and a half million 100 lb. sacks. Georgetown has had about half a cargo in two boats or perhaps less than 70,000 100 lb. sacks.

Advertisement for 'GOOD TURN daily' featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, with text 'When you travel... whether by boat, train or car... include Personal Effects Insurance in your plans.'

Advertisement for W.K. Rogers Agencies Limited, featuring text 'GENERAL TRAVEL AND TOURS' and 'Phone 540 & 541'.

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Advertisement for Chas. R. McQuaid, B.A. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, featuring text 'NOTARY, Etc.' and 'Phone 711'.

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Advertisement for NEIL W. HIGGINS, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, featuring text 'CURRIE BUILDING' and 'Phone 3867'.