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

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Saturday's Ruinous Fire

But for the providential rainstorm and the fact that the outbreak occurred during daylight hours, Saturday's destructive fire might well have proven more disastrous, wiping out the entire block bounded by Grafton, Great George, Kent and Prince Streets, including Zion Church which escaped unscathed, and perhaps other business blocks as well.

While Saturday's fire loss will run into several hundreds of thousands of dollars, and is a serious matter for all the parties concerned, there is gratification in noting that no lives were lost or serious injuries incurred. It might indeed have been much worse in this respect.

The "Turnover" Tax Again?

When Parliament meets again in the autumn honourable members will be invited to consider another "Baby Budget."

Finance Minister Abbott is to be commended for his decision to lay the old age pension bill squarely before the representatives of the taxpayers.

It is questionable, however, whether people will respond with open enthusiasm to Mr. Abbott's commendable frankness.

It may, therefore, reasonably be expected that the autumn '51 "Baby Budget" will include along with the imposition of the new pension tax, some form of relief on existing taxes.

The indirect sales tax, or "turnover tax", proved so unpopular when it was mooted last spring, that such a scheme has little chance of success if revived during the next few months.

Dollar-Testing Bonds

An ingenious commentator in the Globe and Mail has found an additional reason for purchasing Canada's new 3 1/2 per cent savings bonds which will appear on October 15.

funds, as well as current savings under the payroll deduction plan.

"It will be an easy matter," says our Toronto contemporary, "for any layman to discover for himself whether or not these bonds will have the anti-inflationary effect for which Finance Minister Abbott hopes."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The West is having its transportation difficulties with wheat but is fortunate in having an infinitely less perishable product to worry about than potatoes.

The British Medical Journal offers a number of tips on how to tame a red nose, but oddly enough does not include resting the elbow.

The First Queen's Conservatives are losing no time in summoning their annual meeting for Thursday evening at Cra-paud.

Yesterday was clearing-up day for officials and organizers of our most successful exhibition. Everybody seemed pleased and happy.

The team captained by Lieut. Mary MacLennan at Bisleigh this year won the Kolapore Cup, the first Canadian team to do so since 1938.

Mr. John Connell speaking from BBC on Oxford says: "Universities exist to study the humanities, not techniques. They exist to foster, in any and every way they can, the mind and spirit of man—the mind that can invent the conveyor belt, and the spirit that knows what to do with that same conveyor belt."

The Pubnicos in Nova Scotia are celebrating the 300th anniversary of their founding. It was in 1651 that Maj. Gen. Sieur Philippe d'Entremont landed from Normandy.

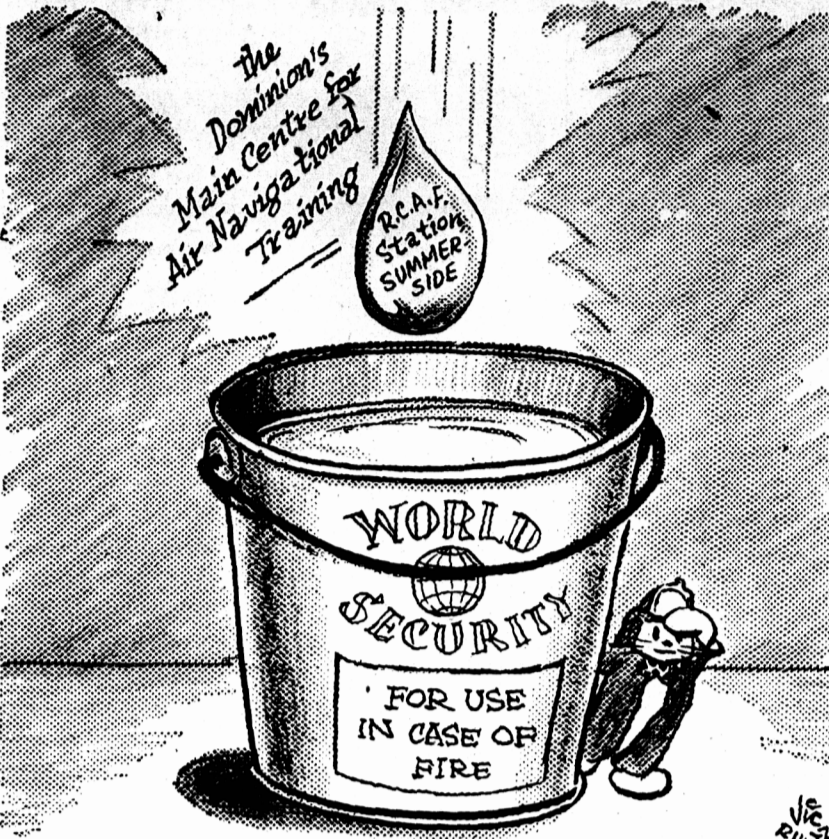
General William Booth died this date 1912. A Methodist minister, he resigned from the ministry to do evangelical work, becoming general superintendent of what was variously known as the Christian Revival Association and the East London Christian Mission.

So much depends upon the point of view. A little boy and girl from the City were taken on Sunday by their parents, to visit a farm where the farmer had a number of children.

Canadian troops slated to become part of the N.A.T.O. European Army are being brought up to date on the ideological side of the world conflict.

One of the world's largest industrial diesel engine manufacturers, a British group of companies, has now confirmed an order valued at \$1 1/2 million placed with the Vivian Diesel Engine Works of Vancouver.

Big Drop in The Bucket



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

IRISH SETTLERS "The Brig 'Rosebank' Capt. Liget, arrived from Belfast on Tuesday last, with 208 immigrants, 65 of whom are under fourteen years of age."

The Age-Old Story

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

A Talented Newsman

Those who are reading the series of interesting and informative articles appearing in The Gazette by Bill Boss writing from Korea may like to know more of this top-flight Canadian Press foreign and war correspondent.

Cars Are Better Than Roads

One of the things which many drivers fail to realize about motoring today is that the average automobile, considered as a mechanical unit, has far surpassed the capacity and construction of the vast majority of our highways.

Loyal Fighting Men

The Maritime Provinces continue to be Canada's best recruiting ground for fighting men. Almost one-third of the first 10,000 men enlisted for the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group came from the Eastern Command—mostly from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Poet's Corner

SALTY PASTURES Down a steep hillside of the sea, Climbing a further slope, The fishing smack slides easily And clambers up to grope

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Notes By The Way

When six-year-old Vincent Scerente of Windsor was found lost in the bush near Tobermory, he was huddled beneath a tree with a little dog curled up beside him.

August and September are the months when the gladioli—more familiarly known to its admirers simply as "glads"—reign supreme among flowers. A small qualification is required. The glad is not at its best in the garden.

A farmer falls off a load of hay, breaks his neck and dies, and so directs attention to the fact that farm work has factors of danger that seem somehow out of keeping with the placidity of fields and woods and domestic animals.

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