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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Comprehensive Potato Briefs

Probably never before has such a mass of information about the potato industry been presented at Ottawa, as in the briefs and arguments offered before the Tariff Board this week in connection with the application for tariff readjustment.

As pointed out in the Island brief, the whole pattern of trade in potatoes has changed within recent years. The modern development of motor truck transport has placed all production areas in the Northern United States in direct contact with Canadian centres and as a result the former balance of trade in potatoes has been reversed.

A relatively small area in the State of Maine produced each year about the same quantity of potatoes as the whole of Canada. Because of the quantities of potatoes produced in Long Island, New York State, and Pennsylvania, Maine in recent years has delayed marketing in volume until after December 1, thereby creating an additional threat to our markets.

This is but one phase of the situation outlined in the briefs, but it is very important, and should make some impression upon the Tariff Board. Certainly our producers and all concerned in the industry have done an excellent job in marshalling their arguments. The information and statistics contained in the briefs are of much value and interest in themselves, and will no doubt later be published in permanent form.

Mr. Paton's Plea

It is generally agreed that South Africa is one of the principal trouble spots in the world today. The persistent and systematic efforts of the present government to keep the native population in bondage—"for ever and ever" as one official put it recently—constitute an affront to civilization almost as serious, perhaps quite as serious, as that presented by atheistic, barbaric Communism. What the outcome of it all will be no one can foresee at the moment; but more than one discerning observer of the problem has expressed the view that, by sowing the wind of hate and persecution, the Union of South Africa will in due course—perhaps within a short period—reap the whirlwind of anarchy and carnage, and perhaps plunge the entire Continent into a maelstrom of revolution.

Meanwhile, the oppressed natives are not without influential friends in the outside world. One of these, the distinguished author Alan Paton, has just written another book in which he traces the development of the tensions of race, religion, and nationalism, which are keeping that unhappy land in a state of turbulence, with the worst yet to come. It is entitled "The Land and People of South Africa" and is published by Lippincott. While he does not hesitate to denounce

the racial bigotry and roonish, snortsighted plans of a petty government, the leaders of which do not know enough of history to keep them on the road of political sanity, Mr. Paton goes much further than that in presenting the case of a tormented people. He pleads with those of their friends who lament their woes at a distance to do everything in their power to eradicate injustices within their own societies, and thus help South Africa by the powerful weapon of example.

"Remember this", the author says in the last paragraph of his book, "the greatest service that anyone can render to the cause of peace and justice in the world is to ensure that peace and justice prevail in his own country. Justice in the ideal is a powerful thing, but justice in practice is more powerful still, and can influence powerfully all the people of the world."

Recommendations For Peace

While the Western Governments are trying to devise a formula for keeping the Formosa Strait area from becoming the starting point of a new global conflict, gratuitous—though not necessarily ill-considered—suggestions on how to preserve the peace continue to come in from many and varied sources. This is especially the vogue in the United States where, so officials say, hardly a day passes that some organization does not "advise" the Government what to do—sometimes, what not to do—in the emergency. Among the latest groups to take the matter up is the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches which met in Buck Hills Falls, Pa. for the first time since the General Assembly in Evanston last summer. This group certainly has numerical strength to support its views, since it is directly representative of 32 religious denominations in the United States, and indirectly of 162 member communions in 47 countries which make up the World Council.

For what they are worth—and they certainly appear to have been well thought out—we pass along the recommendations as brought in by a special committee: (1) The overture of Communist China's Premier, Chou En-lai, for bilateral consultations be accepted; (2) A cease-fire should be diligently sought with a readiness to negotiate enough of the outstanding issues to permit a cease-fire to be effective; (3) A United Nations Peace Observation Unit, composed of international servants rather than representatives of governments should be appropriately stationed in the area to see to it that the terms of a cease-fire are fully complied with; (4) A commitment should be given sincerely to seek acceptance of the principle of universal membership in the United Nations; (5) An objective study of Formosa should be undertaken by an impartial agency, preferably under the United Nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In spite of the fact that mining is the principal industry in Timmins, Ont., no high school graduate of this year's crop of 56 expressed any interest in that type of work. Six of them, however, expressed hopes of taking up some phase of engineering.

Light sleepers who are awakened every time a clock strikes should stay away from the home of Frank Travis in Belmont, O. Mr. Travis, a mill worker and collector of clocks has 148 of the timepieces, all geared to strike at the same instant in an assortment of clangs and chimes. He says, "personally, they don't bother me at all. I never hear them once I get to sleep."

Astronomers from many countries, accompanied by photographers, are en route to Ceylon to witness the total eclipse of the sun on June 20. It will be visible only along a narrow strip of the earth's surface. The maximum will be 7 minutes, 7 and nine-tenths seconds in the South China Sea. This, so astronomers say, will be the longest duration of any eclipse since the year 717.

What with so many "technical sergeants" and the like of that in the United States army of recent years, the bona fide three-stripes soldier has been wearied almost to distraction. From now on he can rest easy; for orders have gone out from the Department of Defence to reserve the rank for the "real" soldier. The technical variety will henceforth be called "specialists".

Another proof that West Germany is fast regaining its pre-war prosperity is found in a report issued by a medical organization in that country. It states flatly that most West Germans "are eating and drinking to their distraction"; over one-third of the population is overweight. The most popular theory is that Germans are trying to make up for war-time abstinence.



Co-operating All The Way

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The following article from the Ottawa Journal refers to a well-known former Charlottetonian, Mr. H. R. Stewart. To a collector a find in his interest is like a good catch to a fisherman. In this way of thinking, H. R. Stewart, an Ottawa resident, has had many a worthwhile catch.

Mr. Stewart gathers, as a hobby, documents, pictures, maps, in fact anything pertaining to General James Wolfe. And a wonderful assortment he has. During World War One Mr. Stewart, then serving as a signaller in the Canadian army, bought a photograph in England of the Wolfe Monument in Westminster Abbey. The photograph came from place to place with Mr. Stewart, who from childhood had been interested in the life of Wolfe.

The war ended, soldiers came back to Canada and the photograph was packed away but not quite forgotten. At the home of a friend a picture of General Wolfe was seen by Mr. Stewart and to his delight was then given him as a gift. The picture, he has learned since, is a valuable mezzotint. This actually began what is now a large and in the eyes of collectors, important gathering of "Wolfeiana."

The third item to capture the interest of Mr. Stewart is a profile portrait of General Wolfe. This portrait was a gift of a friend who lived near the birthplace of Wolfe at Westport, England, and it had hung for many years a prized possession in the English home. It now hangs in the Stewart home, still a prized possession.

VALUED ALMANAC From here the collection mounted to one that now numbers more than five hundred pieces. Books, more than two hundred of them, all dealing with some phase of Wolfe's life and many of them yellow with age and rare. In the shelves of "Wolfe's Cove," the name given to the Stewart dining room. Among these is an almanac printed in Boston on September 28, 1760. In this almanac is a tribute to General Wolfe and since the general died on September 13 of that year, someone very swiftly took the message of his death to the Boston printer from the Plains of Abraham, and it had hung for many years a prized possession in the English home. It now hangs in the Stewart home, still a prized possession.

These and so many others have found their way to Mr. Stewart. Actually, he is a "lucky hunter". The hobby began several years ago and more than 100 articles a month have been added to the collection since that time. AN OVERSEE ENTHUSIAST To illustrate this luck the collector gives an example of an episode that happened in Toronto. While having lunch at his hotel he began a conversation with a gentleman seated beside him and found out his new friend was also interested in the life of Wolfe and had several items of interest. Among these were publications of the Gentleman's Magazine dated 1760 and 1761, which contain major happenings in the life of Wolfe, the fall of Louisburg, the fall of Quebec and the fall of Montreal are outlined in these volumes, they immediately became a thing of interest to Mr. Stewart. The Ottawa collector now has access to the three publications.

Letters written by General Wolfe to his parents give what Mr. Stewart considers a deep insight into Wolfe's great love for them. He notes on one occasion that he writes "not of duty but of love and with pleasure". On another occasion he asks his mother to give his love to his cousin, Goldsmith. Not known by many people is the fact that Wolfe was a relative of the celebrated author, Oliver Goldsmith. Then, too, there is script from a letter dated September 12, 1742: "For drink I don't care much; but there is very good rum and brandy in this place and cheap, if we have a mind to take a little sneaker now and then at night just to warm us". This at the tender age of 15. Perhaps for Mr. Stewart his collection has stemmed from what might be termed "hero worship". But he feels that in Canada, unlike European countries, hero worship is almost an unknown art. His favorite lines on Wolfe are these: Wolfe, where'er he fought, Put so much of his heart into his art. That his example had A magnetic force, and all were swift to follow Whom all loved.

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OTTAWA REPORT Senators By Lottery?

OTTAWA — The appointment of Senators by lottery, with the Governor General drawing winning names out of a hat has been suggested by a correspondent to an Ottawa newspaper. A logical development would be of course the sale of tickets for this lottery, with the proceeds being devoted to schools for Red Indians, or pensions for M. P.'s or even to pay Senators salaries, thus ending the present burden on all taxpayers. Canada would then have a national sweepstake attracting as much world interest and offering as juicy prizes as those horse-race lotteries operated by Ireland. The suggestion would at least refill the part empty Senate and replace the present system of government by ghosts. It might however, lead to embarrassments. Two local residents wish big prizes in Canadian lottery," the headlines of say Italian newspapers might scream, copying our own reports of Canadian sweepstake successes in Dublin. "A Senatorship," the paper might continue, "which is a Canadian expression meaning a life annuity of \$10,000 for life has been won by Signorina Spaghetti, the world-famous film star, and by Bambino Unpantza, a month old baby boy whose proud father purchased the lucky ticket."

ATLANTIC PARLIAMENT Mrs. Ann Shipley, Liberal M. P. for Temiskaming, will be one of Canada's official delegates to the unofficial NATO Parliament which will meet at Canada's invitation in Paris next month. Canada is sending 25 delegates, representing all political parties, both House of Parliament, and both sexes, to this first-ever session Transatlantic Parliament. Prince Albert's John Diemberger and New Westminster's Credit M.P., F. G. Hahn, will also be prominent among the Canadian group.

TWO KINDS OF MAKE-UP A Canadian girl will establish some sort of record next month. Marilyn Bell will curtsy to the Queen as a debutante on 14 July; and then, when she has changed beauty-enhancing make-up for cold-defying thick grease she will hope that the English Channel will bow to her prowess as a swimmer, in her first attempt to conquer the world's most famous long distance swim.

Diplomatic officials here are preparing necessary papers for another Canadian girl — this one from Timmins — who will establish another kind of first later this month, when she will be a member of a Canadian women's press party invited to tour

RUSSIA. This is Angela Burke, who after training with the Timmins Press and with England's top-ranking Kemsley Newspapers, has won a reputation as one of Canada's best descriptive writers of her sex.

PARLIAMENTARY SHORTHAND There is no guaranteed annual wage for the stenographers working for Senators and members of the House of Commons. They are daily-paid help, whose job lasts only so long as M.P.s keep the session alive by talking. Consequently many of them are transients in the job, lacking familiarity with names and expressions used daily on Parliament Hill. One western M.P. luckily reads through all his typewritten letters before they are mailed. This careful habit saved civil war, or at least uncivil cold war, on Parliament Hill, when he wrote to the Speaker of the Senate, Sen-

ator Wishart Robertson, this week. His letter, as typed was addressed to "The Honourable Washout Robertson."

SEAWAY PROGRESSING BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. announced Thursday that excavation for the two locks in the seaway's Long Sault canal is better than 10 per cent completed. The corporation added in a progress report that major earth-moving work on the rest of the 10-mile-long canal is getting under way.

Medically Speaking

NEPHRITIS CAN STRIKE AT ALL AGE GROUPS

At no age are you immune to nephritis. While this disease of the kidneys is more common in children and adolescents, males, in any age group, are more likely to get it than girls or women. The proportion is about three to two. Many persons have their tonsils removed in the belief that this will protect them. It doesn't. You're just as apt to get nephritis without tonsils as are persons who still have them.

Special Diet Once you've got the disease, your doctor will undoubtedly place you on a diet. For acute nephritis, he'll probably suggest a menu such as this: A sweetened drink early in the morning; either raw or cooked fruit for breakfast; potatoes, with salt-free butter and compote of fruit for lunch; raw or cooked fruit at 4 p. m.; potatoes and compote of fruit again for supper.

The main idea is to keep your diet low in sodium. I think your doctor will advise continuation of this diet until the symptoms are arrested. Then, he will probably add to it substances low in sodium, such as chicken, eggs, boiled fish and other foods. You should return to a full diet as quickly as possible, but this, of course, depends upon your progress.

Here's one more tip: You can help reduce the amount of sodium in your diet by boiling your vegetables once, discarding the water and reboiling them in fresh water.

PUBLIC FORUM

ANCIENT STONES

Sir, — Your interesting "Historical Note on Cornerstones" in Wednesday's Guardian in reference to the new Federal Building brings to mind the existence of other extremely ancient stones that have been made notable by the enterprise of man.

Some of these stones are so old that they have marked at least three wide-spread succeeding civilizations. The British Isles have their share of these historical markers. Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England is one of them. Of this prehistoric structure the inner oval at the present day contains three sixteen trilithons: the Star Stone (16 ft. long), the Friar's Heel and the Slaughter Stone; the Star Stone and the Friar's Heel point directly towards the rising sun on June 24th, supposed to be so placed designedly by the ancient sun-worshippers. Sir Joseph N. Lockyer and other astronomers of the Royal College of Science and the Solar Physics Observatory have consequently fixed the date of the monument about 1680 B.C. In a footnote to O'Halloran's History of Ireland he traces the career of the Coronation Stone;

When Jacob was at Bethel he used it as a head-rest and it became known as Jacob's Pillow; by Ireland where it was called the Tia Fail, or Stone of Destiny — the coronation stone of the early Irish kings, among whom was King Shaun Naun. (After him was named the River Shannon — so called in modern nomenclature). From Ireland the stone went (I forget when and why) to Stone near the river Tay, Perthshire, Scotland, where the kings of Scotland were crowned. Brought to Westminster in 1296 by Edward I it became a symbolic part of the Coronation chair.

Another stone of great antiquity underlies the cathedral Notre Dame de Paris, the noblest example of Gothic architecture in France. Notre Dame de Paris is built on the site of an ancient Roman temple underneath which lay the foundations of a Druidish place of worship. A large stone placed there by the Druids was uncovered by the early Romans and also by the Christian builders in 375.

Nor was it removed by the builders of Notre Dame de Paris in the 12th century. Robert Gordon Sanderson mentions this stone in his "The Biography of a Cathedral". It did not serve as the cornerstone; another stone served that purpose and was laid in 1163 by Pope Alexander III.

I am, Sir, etc. J. P. McCLOSKEY Cornwall, P. E. I.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

... buzzing sound to be heard at the summer resorts this week and will not necessarily be a geiger-counter. The mosquitoes are out. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Here is something that has often been said before, but which cannot be over emphasized: Not cars, not roads, not laws, but people are the greatest cause of highway accidents. A shocking commentary on our 20th century morals it is, when safety engineers say that lack of simple courtesy causes most highway accidents. —Vancouver Herald.

A study of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials showing that the need for larger dwellings is growing in both public and private housing markets is one to which builders should give some attention. Many a family finds that the standard three bedroom houses going up on all sides are completely inadequate to their needs. They ride their bicycles there, invariably run into prohibitive and seemingly unnecessary costs. Certainly the building industry is as capable of providing economical housing for families with three or more children as it is for those with two or less. Many a prospective home buyer would like to see some proof of it. —Philadelphia Inquirer

Summer is here regardless of what the calendar says. Days are spent in play. For many this means the public streets. They ride their bicycles there. Play ball and other games. Any mother will reveal it is almost impossible to keep them in their own yards. This brings an obligation to motorists which must not be neglected. Driving in residential sections they should never lose sight of the possibility of a youngster popping out in front of them. Parents should watch them as carefully as possible. Drivers must furnish the extra care that no youngsters, happy in play, will be injured or killed through negligence. Protect the children. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Well, here it is June, the month which later on will officially bring on the summer. Since it is June, and summer is waiting, all costumed, in the wings, the time is as good as any to begin thinking of the Project for that season. As it is well understood by all right-thinking people, each year must have its own Summer Project, some creative activity set aside just for then. Just as the garden was to have been widened last year, and new bricks were to have been placed on the terrace the time before, so something must be done this summer. Should it be an outdoor fireplace, completely with chimney, should it be a new fence against the north side neighbors and their dogs, should it be a natural stone fish pool? No matter, just so long as there is a Project, a definite one for the summer. This is the proper time to work it all out. Later on it simply gets too hot. —New York Times

In the army, driving discipline requires an interval of 100 feet between vehicles, regardless of speed. Not only is safety assured for cars within the convoy but passing vehicles are given space in which to pull in. The rule is sensible. It may be that a car must drive closely behind the vehicle ahead because of a wish in passing. But at all other times, the only safe method is to keep a long distance between vehicles. —Toronto Telegram.

Entered a dim minister, where Aisles of praise and towers of prayer Fenced me round from all the strife Of this illegible, blurred life; And I put from me, one by one, Riddles that because the Sun, And deep into oblivion he'd The undecipherable world.

And through the rich and jeweled gloom That rubied some crusader's tomb, There rose and rolled a golden wave: Surged reverberant down the nave: Ravishingly, with violence sweet, Stormed the earth from 'neath my feet: Swept me as a leaf abroad In great tides of billowing laud: And left me, amid regions far, Desolate — cast upon a star.

But this thing commanded them: saying: Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.

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