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

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Ambassador Merchant

Hitherto, the appointment of a new American ambassador to this country has carried little or no special significance. All of them have been capable men, else they would not have been chosen for the post.

So long as this country had very little interest in matters outside its own borders, friction with our powerful neighbour could scarcely come to any serious condition.

In bidding Mr. Stuart farewell, and thanking him for the kind words he has said about Canada on many occasions, Canadians will welcome his successor and see in his appointment still another reminder that growth in their country's influence inevitably brings added responsibilities.

Unwelcome Propagandists

Immigration Minister Pickersgill has announced that Canada's doors will be closed to would-be visitors from Russia who are sponsored by Communist or Communist-front organizations.

Probably, however, what is meant in Mr. Pickersgill's statement is unofficial visitors, definitely known to be Communist tools or propagandists, to whom visas will be refused.

Coincident with Mr. Pickersgill's statement, it was pointed out in Parliament that democratic foreign-language newspapers are waging a bitter struggle with Communist-dominated papers for the minds of the 1-

200,000 immigrants brought to Canada since the end of the Second World War. According to Mr. Charles Rea, Conservative member for Toronto-Spadina, a silent warfare is in progress between these groups of publications.

An Irritation

Tanganyika in East Africa, a former German colony, was placed under British mandate after World War One. It is still administered by the British Government under the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

That is why British Government officials and the British press are annoyed by a United States' recommendation in the Trusteeship Council that a "target date" be set for Tanganyika's political independence.

This is the sort of thing—and there has been a lot of it in recent years—that makes British-American relations somewhat less cordial than they ought to be.

EDITORIAL NOTES

When is a man old? A London judge answers the question in this way: "When he is ten years older than yourself."

Fined for failure to file income tax returns, a Washington woman said she had not responded to letters because her name was incorrectly spelled and had refused to talk to agents on the phone because she thought they were trying to date her.

"The money you spend at home comes right back to you," is the slogan which was adopted by the merchants of an Eastern Canadian city in a recent advertising campaign: It gave a new angle to the idea that it is of decided advantage to do what buying has to be done in the home city, rather than going elsewhere to spend dollars earned in the community.

Former President Truman is sailing for Europe on May 11 for a two months visit. He will be getting back just as the Democratic nomination campaign enters its most interesting phase, and, incidentally, in time to reconsider his refusal to "run again", should that be deemed advisable by the party's strategists.



LOOKING AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of any subject of general interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

UNIFORM TIME ACT

Sir.—In this enlightened age when all things mechanical and scientific are so tremendously advanced over the previous decades, we should be happy—and we have here in P.E.I. the natural environment for happiness, in the summer-time especially.

For anyone who appreciates nature, and we are all part of it, our country is the finest on a handsome summer's day. The difficulty is—where is our summer? A RAAF flying officer here in 1941 said of it, "I'm afraid I'll oversleep some morning and miss it!"

The real reason for this letter is the Time Act. Such a piece of legislation can be of help to very few people, and can be a restriction of liberty to a considerable number of people.

My point of view is that the summer season is the basis of our most pleasant living as well as our economy, and that persons who cannot get outdoors in the daytime should have the facility of the extra hour in the evening. If we cannot have all-over daylight time, then I think it should be in the City for the benefit of the five o'clock worker.

The opinion has been stated before that the Act might be unconstitutional. It certainly contravenes a man's liberty with his most basic commodity—his time. Why not challenge its validity by a test case in the Supreme Court?

There are a number of alternative solutions for the town dweller, such as starting business an hour earlier and closing earlier, none of which meet the issue face to face.

At the same time I see no reason for great argument. The case calls for a decision by the highest authority in Canada, and let us then abide by the decision.

I am, Sir, etc., F. G. HUTCHESON, Charlottetown.

TIMELY TOPICS

Sir.—The engineer from Borden writing on the proposed causeway didn't take into consideration that a late spring generally is followed by good crops here on the Island, and good crops mean a lot.

Also the sandy bottom of the Straits, when the running tide is stopped it will quickly sand up then there will be no need for a protecting breakwater except perhaps at the locks. "There will just be a longer shore line."

I don't think the extra tourist trade will help the farmers very much, we can always sell all we produce at a price. Our prices are set in Montreal or Toronto. Potatoes are about the only thing we sell outside of the Maritimes.

Why is it when we are so short of meats and eggs, etc., we have to take a lower price than Montreal prices, with two large packing plants here in the Maritimes? I think there must be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.

The Potato Marketing Board prices are too low, I have been getting 5 to 10 cents higher nearly all winter. I would think it would make it difficult for dealers here to bargain with the wholesalers quoting such low prices. It's about time our farm experts did something about our marketing problems.

I am, Sir, etc., ELDON DRUMMOND, Freetown, P. E. I.

The Age Old Story

Who is he that will harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?

VETERAN MOUNTIE DIES

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Marshall Wheeler, 97, Northwest Mounted Police and RCMP veteran who guarded rebel Louis Riel in 1885, died in hospital Saturday. Mr. Wheeler, in 1885, was a member of the detachment assigned to guard Riel just before the rebel was hanged.

"The Ever-Sworded 29th"

A Prince Edward Island Epic Ernest Rivers-Macpherson in The Legionary

A surprise attack by Indians in Prince Edward Island is responsible for the officers of the Worcestershire Regiment enjoying the exclusive privilege of being permitted to wear swords at mess.

The dramatic incident upon which this custom is based occurred in 1746 when the 29th Foot—now the 1st Battalion the Worcestershire Regiment—was serving in what is now known as Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, but was then a separate colony. The Governor of the colony, one Commodore Knowles, sent Captains Rouse and Hugh Scott, both of the 29th, together with an Ensign and 40 men of the same regiment, to the nearby island called "St. John"—now known as Prince Edward Island—for replenishment of their stores.

On the approach of the British detachment the French inhabitants—who called the island Isle de St. Jean—carried off their effects and drove their cattle into the woods. However, on the landing of the French deputies who accompanied Captain Rouse with proposals from Governor Knowles, the people readily consented to part with one-half of their stock of cattle and other provisions for which they were paid in full.

Captain Rouse therefore had no hesitation in sending his son, a youth of 16, and a guard of soldiers on shore to work. As soon as they had landed, however, the inhabitants sent for a party of Indians who, taking the opportunity when the soldiers were making hay for the cattle, surprised the unarmed party (their arms were all stored in a tent) and quickly massacred 27 soldiers and seven sailors.

It is definitely known that in 1797 all officers of the 29th Foot were wearing their swords at mess to guard against any further surprises. The habit continued until the regiment returned to Great Britain, but eventually it was decided to observe the custom in full, which in practice means that only the Captain of the Week and the Orderly Officer of the Day wear their swords at dinner.

Incidentally, the Worcestershire Regiment, known as the "Ever-sworded", is not allied to any Canadian regiment. With such a dramatic connection with Canada it would seem highly appropriate—and almost "poetic justice"—if an alliance could be formed, even at this late date, between the present Prince Edward Island Regiment and the Old 29th.

(NOTE: The writer extends grateful acknowledgements to Major T. Edgar MacNutt, M.B.E., of Charlottetown, author of "Notes on the Military History of Prince Edward Island.")

Making History

Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette

When Opposition Leader George Drew spoke on the budget on Tuesday he mentioned, at one point, the dangers inherent in policies of appeasement. Who could ever forget, he asked, how earnest, peace-loving people had been deluded by the occasional smiles at Munich?

"I think we all recall," he observed, "that the then Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King visited Hitler and came back with the report that he was sure that Hitler had no intention of carrying out aggression. That was as late as 1937."

Agriculture James G. Gardiner bridled and raised a voice of protest. He believed that he was the only person presently in the House of Commons who had been in the Cabinet when Mr. King returned from his German visit. And he wished to make it perfectly clear that "that was not the report which he made."

It certainly was the report, said Mr. Drew, and the record would speak for itself. "It was, not reiterated Mr. Gardiner. He had heard Mr. King's report both in the Commons and "at his house"—Laurier House—and that was not the report."

History is not quite sure yet. All that is quite certain is that Mr. King did, in fact, interview Hitler in 1937.

HUTCHISON'S VIEW What were his impressions? Well, that depends. Bruce Hutchison, a reporter par excellence, has written of a long chat which he had with Mr. King in Laurier House a few weeks after the latter's return from the Coronation and the Imperial Conference of 1937. And among other things, Mr. King spoke freely of his "long, secret talk with Adolf Hitler in Berlin."

"He said," Hutchison writes, "he had found Hitler a simple sort of peasant, not very intelligent and not serious danger to anyone. Hitler was obsessed with the recovery of neighboring territory inhabited by Germans, a natural feeling. When he had brought these territories into the Reich, King felt he would be satisfied. Repeating that Hitler was at heart only a simple peasant, King predicted that he would not risk a large war. His ambitions were centred entirely in Germany and the narrow irredentist regions beside it. For this reason King looked for no early trouble in Europe—this about seven months before Munich."

That according to Hutchison, was King's reaction to Hitler as voiced in 1937.

Publicly, King said as little as possible about his Hitlerian inter-

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

THERE'S NO NEED NOW TO FEAR INJECTIONS

We are so accustomed to medical inoculations and injections these days that the physician's needle holds little fear for most of us. But for some people, injections may prove very painful.

Maybe you are one of them. If so, perhaps your trouble can be traced to a childhood fear of the needle. Or maybe your skin is very sensitive to the injection.

Possibly the antiseptic irritates your skin or the drug itself may do the same.

If injections have been painful to you in the past, I think it's advisable to tell your doctor about this before your next inoculation. There are many precautions that can eliminate the pain.

IRRITATES SKIN For one thing, he can make sure the injection is not made in areas where you report chronic or recurring pain or which have been painful in past injections.

He can easily locate any tenderness simply by probing the proposed site with his fingers. He can also anesthetize the skin by spraying ethyl chloroform over the area for two or three seconds. This "freezing" does not interfere with the action of the antiseptic.

To avoid deep pain, the doctor can add anesthetic to the solution to be injected. Diluting the solution with one or two per cent procaine hydrochloride probably will lessen the irritation.

If the very injection of the needle hurts badly, your doctor can withdraw it to a point just under the skin and then direct it into the muscle from a different angle.

Most physicians, of course, keep their equipment in excellent order. But occasionally a needle develops some needles. If your doctor knows that the injection might cause undue pain, he will be careful to use a new needle. And he'll also pick a sharp one with the smallest diameter.

So, for your own good, let your doctor know if you've had painful experiences with past inoculations.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. S.D.: Does television produce eyestrain? Answer: No, not unless it is watched for too long a period of time, or when an uncorrected eye disorder exists.

The Poet's Corner

LET IT BE FORGOTTEN Let it be forgotten, as a flower is forgotten for too long a period of time, or when an uncorrected eye disorder exists.

If anyone asks, say it was forgotten Long and long ago. As a flower, as a fire, as a hushed footfall In a long-forgotten snow. —Sarah Teasdale

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 16, 1931)

The formal opening April 14 of the Canadian National Hotel marked the beginning of a new era socially in the history of the Province.

Something of a sensation took place in Summerside yesterday afternoon when Customs officials destroyed and dumped 141 cases of whiskey into the harbor. This was the large seizure made last fall at Port Hill.

Rev. Principal J.E. Purdie of the Bible Institute, Winnipeg, son of Mr. James Purdie, Charlottetown, has been appointed principal of Bible Institute, Toronto, and takes up his new duties in June.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 16, 1946) Mr. Leo Dolan, head of the Dominion Government Tourist Bureau, told a large audience at the Charlottetown Hotel last night that a highly developed tourist industry in the Province would mean thousands of dollars of added income to Island farmers.

At a special meeting of the City Council last night it was decided to meet the Provincial Government this afternoon with the object of finalizing plans for the disposition of the present airport housing project.

SHIPS COLLIDE

LONDON (Reuters)—Two collisions involving four ships occurred within 15 minutes of each other early Saturday in the Strait of Dover when visibility was about 300 yards. None of the ships needed assistance.

CHINESE JETS MIX

TAIPEI, Formosa (Reuters)—Four Chinese Nationalist Thunderjet fighters and four Communist jets staged a three-minute dog-fight Saturday near the Nationalist-held Matsu islands off the China coast. It was announced. The Nationalist jet force claimed one Communist jet as probably shot down.

state of the world's affairs, in his library at Laurier House, sat down at his desk and addressed a personal wire to Hitler. Short, cryptic and possessing a hidden connotation which only Hitler could have understood, the message said, "get out of Berlin!"

Just how the startled Hitler may have reacted to this terse message, the world will never know. Hitler, we are advised, never answered, though "its receipt was formally acknowledged through the German Embassy in Ottawa."

Which just about sums up Mr. King's recollections of the interview as revised and amended up to 1946.

In 70 per cent of all fatal car accidents, one or both drivers violated one or more safety laws. That's a fact that must be driven home, if more people are to drive home instead of being carried there.—Branford Expositor

German historical research has turned up proof that the bombing of Freiburg on May 10, 1940, Hitler's pretext for aerial raids on British towns, was carried out by the Luftwaffe. The research group concludes it was done in error, as Goering's boys mistook Freiburg for Dijon, France. That may be so, but the Nazis were quite capable of making the raid just to invent an excuse.—Windsor Star

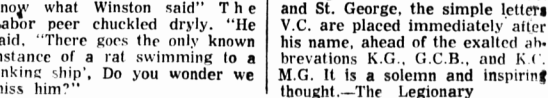
Nearly four hundred young Korean engineers graduated last month from Pusan Technical High School after completing their training in the various workshops and laboratories equipped by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. An allocation of \$1,600,000 was made by the agency for construction materials, shop machinery, equipment and supplies to re-establish Korean technical high schools where students can learn the skills so badly needed in the country's industries.—Unesco Bulletin

"I fought him (Churchill) all my life in Commons," a Labor peer said recently. "And what a joy he was as an opponent and person. I remember—in 1950 I think it was—a Liberal decided to stand for Parliament as a Labor candidate, although we were in pretty bad shape at the time. "I was talking to Winston in the lobby one day when this chap passed and d'you know what Winston said? "The Labor peer chuckled dryly. "He said, "There goes the only known instance of a rat swimming to a sinking ship." Do you wonder we miss him?"

Whenever I feel that I have time by the forelock I think of an enlightening experience of 1953. My young son accosted me one day with a snapshot. I recognized the picture as one of my wife and me taken before we were married. I always had rated it a faithful likeness. "Good picture, isn't it?" I said. He agreed that it was. "But who," he wanted to know, "is that guy with mother?"—Minneapolis Tribune

When an investiture is held at Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle, the man, be he a private, n.c.o. or officer, who goes there to receive the Victoria Cross from his Sovereign takes precedence over dukes and earls, statesmen and politicians, scientists and scholars, business magnates and industrialists. He is in the front of the queue. And even if such a man should be a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, or a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, or a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, the simple letters V.C. are placed immediately after his name, ahead of the exalted abbreviations K.G., G.C.B., and K.C.M.G. It is a solemn and inspiring thought.—The Legionary

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