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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Well Merited Honor

Congratulations are again due to Premier J. Walter Jones, who we understand is to be honoured by Acadia University on May 15 with the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws.

It is fitting that this well earned distinction should come from the Premier's alma mater, which played no unimportant part in shaping his early career. After completing his course for a first class teacher's license at Prince of Wales College in 1898 and spending a few years in the teaching profession here, he enrolled at Acadia in 1901 and in the following year was chosen as the best teacher available for a fellowship of \$800, tuition and travelling expenses, to take special courses in pedagogy and biology at Cornell, Chicago, Columbia and Clark Universities.

Several years later, after serving as principal of the MacDonald Consolidated School in this Province, graduating with a B.S.A. degree from the Ontario Agricultural College, serving as acting superintendent at Arlington Experimental Farm, Washington, and publishing the first authoritative textbook on fur farming in Canada, the Premier completed his work at Acadia for the degree of Master of Arts in Economics. Other awards which have come to him have included the coveted Master Breeder's shield from the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada, and the George V. medal as the outstanding farmer in Prince Edward Island in 1935.

Apart altogether from politics, the Premier's achievements have been outstanding, and our citizens will feel that Acadia University is indeed honouring itself in bestowing one of its highest degrees upon this native son of Prince Edward Island, who exemplifies so many of our pioneer virtues.

National Defence Appeal

As will be noted from an advertisement in today's issue, the Department of National Defense has announced the formation of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, to be raised from the Reserve Force throughout the Dominion and to include famous fighting units from the different Provinces, including the Prince Edward Island Regiment. Each armored and infantry unit designated will retain its name and insignia and in addition men will be taken for Signals, Service Corps and other units. Enrolment standards are detailed in the advertisement, and recruiting will begin on Monday next.

The purpose of the Infantry Brigade Group is to implement Canada's obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty. The Brigade will be enlisted for active service, either at home or abroad as required, and it is of vital importance that the full complement of officers and men be obtained as soon as possible.

It is generally recognized today that our surest safeguard against another world war is preparedness. There should be whole-hearted cooperation with the National Defense Department in the raising of this new Active Force Brigade, and it is to be hoped that this Province, which responded so loyally to demands for service recruits in time of war, will be equally well represented in this emergency.

A Vital Appeal

Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, Canadian air ace of two World Wars, has revived some words of England's First War Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, which are of timely significance at this time. "There is one Army I would not disarm," said Lloyd George, "one for which I would vote more officers, more men and more expenditure, and that is the Salvation Army."

Air Marshal Bishop, as chairman of the Salvation Army's National Advisory Board, is anxious that this "army of peace" should be re-armed with every modern weapon possible for the amelioration of human suffering. He feels that the Canadian people themselves, in responding to the Salvation Army's current Red Shield Appeal will "vote" the "more expenditure" of which

Lloyd George spoke.

Objective of the current national appeal is \$1,500,000, necessary for the maintenance of more than 100 social service institutions, and a multitude of humanitarian activities serving needy Canadians.

For almost seventy years the Canadian people have endorsed the work of the Salvation Army in a practical way. It is to be hoped that they will do so again, and that in this Province, as well as throughout the Dominion, the response will be prompt and generous.

Election Returns

Errors and irregularities found in the work of Deputy Returning Officers by the Returning Officer's Court are most disquieting. The Returning Officer is, of course, responsible for appointing his deputies and they for appointing their clerks. How free a hand he has in this matter is difficult to say but the importance of making a judicious choice makes it essential that he should be guided only by the qualifications of prospects for the position. It is also desirable that the remuneration of D.R.O.'s and poll clerks be sufficient to attract those so selected.

Poorly handled polls, however, reflect not only on the officials but on the candidates' agents who are given many privileges under the Election Act in order that they may be watchdogs to see that the proper procedure is followed and to detect errors while they can still be remedied without injustice.

The root of the matter would seem to be that sufficient notice should be given of an election to permit the careful choice of officials and agents and to enable them to become properly familiar with their exacting duties.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Whit Sunday tomorrow. Pentecost.

Six years ago today all German forces in Northwest Germany, Holland and Denmark surrendered to Field Marshal Montgomery. The full surrender was formally ratified on the 9th. Tomorrow the Legion celebrates its annual Memorial Day parade.

The Provincial Government has shown commendable speed in restoring communications to Rocky Point and across the Hillsborough Bridge, the more so that the emergencies arose after rather than before an election.

Bureau of Statistics figures showing a continued drift of labour to the cities and to Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland indicate that housing and services will be in demand at the point of increase, requiring much of that labour simply to maintain itself.

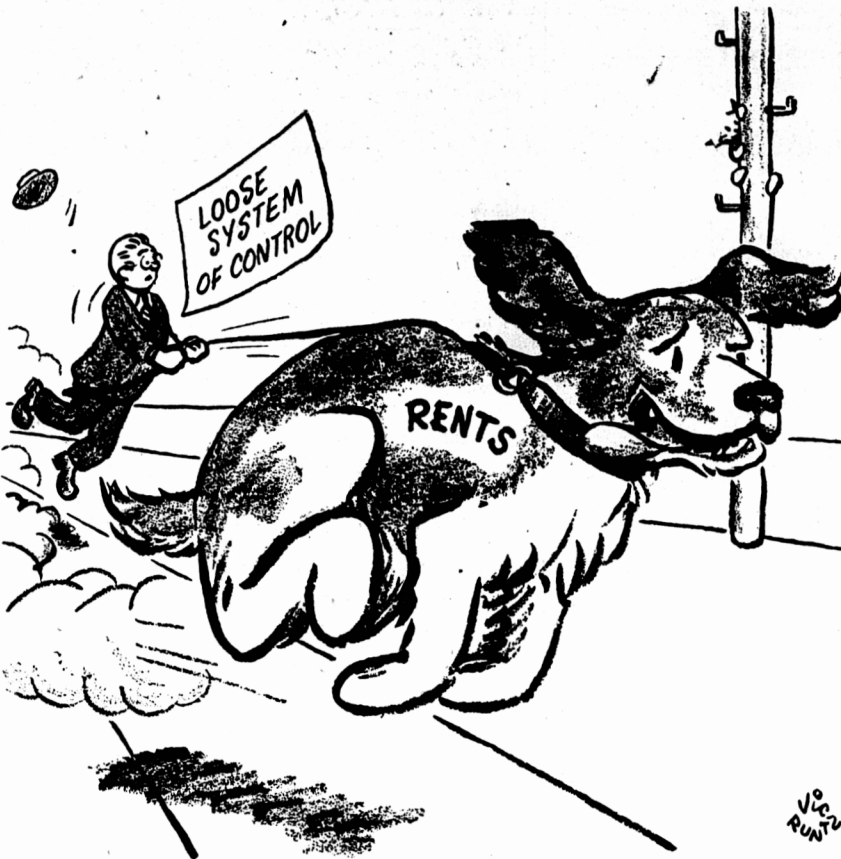
Suggestions that the Bren gun may be abandoned as it is being by Britain will bring many pleas in its defence. The chief drawback of the Bren, oddly enough, is its great accuracy. When aimed at one of a group the burst of fire will hit that one rather than spraying the area.

Napoleon I, emperor of the French, died this date 1821. A Corsican, he became an artillery officer in the French army. His remarkable series of victories over the European powers might have been followed by the conquest of India but for the destruction of the French fleet by Nelson at Aboukir Bay. That he was as great a genius in government as in war is evidenced by his many civil achievements including the codification of French law.

Oddly enough, some of the M.P.'s who are muttering about the proposal to raise judge's salaries at this time, are more enthusiastic about a similar proposal to raise the salaries of M.P.'s. It is probable that a majority of House of Commons members feel that the \$6,000 they now receive is no longer adequate in the light of mounting expenses of office. There is still no sign, however, writes a correspondent, that the Government proposes to raise parliamentary pay for the time being.

The high reputation now enjoyed by our Island livestock breeders is due in no small part to men of the type of the late Mr. Andrew MacRae, of Central Royalty, who passed away this week at the patriarchal age of ninety-six. Mr. MacRae's achievements as an Ayrshire breeder have made Canadian history, and the value of his example to his native Province has been incalculable. He was noted also for his high integrity and hospitality, and was indeed a model citizen as well as a most successful and industrious one. Until a few days before his death he enjoyed vigorous health and strength, and retained to the last the keenest interest in the welfare of his community and Province. Truly he was among the stalwarts of our generation, whose memory will long be treasured and whose life work will endure.

Work For The Board



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

"For the past few years much has been said and written respecting the want of hotel accommodation in Charlottetown. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we state that this want has been fully met; and we can now assure the travelling public that every comfort, in the shape of comfortable quarters, is provided. We will mention a few of the principal hotels. The large new building called the St. Lawrence Hotel, kept by the Misses Street, late of The Pavilion, and situate on Water Street, east of the Steamboat Wharf. The Union House, O'Neill Brothers, situate on Queen Street, only a moment's walk from the landing. Miss Rankin's Hotel, situate on Pownall Street. The North American Hotel on Kent Street, John Murray, proprietor. The Rocklin House, Kent Street, Simon Fraser, proprietor. Mrs. Bowyer, Great George Street, near the Bank of P. E. Island. Mrs. McDougald, Water Street, a few doors east of the St. Lawrence Hotel. This house is pleasantly situated, and permanent and transient boarders will find this one of the most desirable residences in the city. Victoria Hotel, next door to the Union Bank, S. Mitchell, proprietor. The Terrace House, King Street, kept by Mr. Charles McKenna. The above hotels, together with over one hundred private Boarding Houses, will be sufficient to accommodate all who may pay our Island a visit this summer.

"We must not omit to mention that the Island Steam Navigation Company have now on the different routes from this port three fine Steamships, fitted up with every convenience; the officers and men know their duty, do it, and vie with each other in their courtesies to the stranger. Our climate—especially in the summer season—is second to none. To sporting gentlemen, salmon, trout and fowl can be found in abundance. The invalid has only to travel a few miles to find a watering place far superior to Saratoga. We have no railroads but Messrs. Butcher, Barr, Brooks, and others, have handsome teams always ready for the road."

—The Examiner, July 5, 1869.

The Age-Old Story

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. . . And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. . . And there was war in heaven. . . And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. . . And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. . . And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and

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The Poet's Corner

GOLDEN SIEGE

Beyond the dark horizon of the days It stirs again—the flowered storm of spring, A golden-fringed defiance through the haze Of sullen clouds. The far, faint trumpeting Of leaf and bud and bayoneted grass. 'Tis throbs in the muffled conduits of the earth; I sense the growing tumult as I pass These fields that wait the old, old siege of birth.

Not many dawns will break before dull clouds Will cleave away before the blue-bird's wing. And meadows will be riotous with crowds Of crocuses and dandelions that fling Their yellow banners in the teeth of death; Soon laurel will reconquer every slope. Dark streams will quiver with the south wind's breath, And the old heart will be stormed again with hope.

—Anderson M. Scruggs.

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Notes By The Way

We hope the hockey season is over before the World Series begins. — Lethbridge Herald.

The song of a robin at dawn is a beautiful thing at any time; but hearing the first robin's song in the early Spring is pure delight. When it comes on a morning with snow still lying on the ground, with the aspect of the countryside or the city backyard more than a sensuous delight, it is a long-awaited promise on the very verge of fulfillment. Robins and bluebirds and crows, even a meadowlark, have been reported in the last fortnight. No doubt others have both seen and heard them all; but not until the experience is personal is it fully acceptable as a valid sign of Spring. Hearing is indeed believing in this case. — Edmonton Journal.

As a sporting event, a horse race has much to recommend it when compared with the race between freight rates and railway wages. The horse race ends and the pari-mutuel machines pay at least some of the money deposited in them back to the public. The railway race never ends and the public never has the satisfaction of collecting a payment. Instead, it pays more and more. . . So the race goes on, up and around the steeply mounting spiral, wages

rest of us, which means that he has to charge more for his produce. The factory worker thinks it is all right to demand higher wages, yet is the farmer demands more for his milk, the factory worker is likely to express amazement and horror. There is another point the city man is prone to overlook. That is that the farmer has a substantial sum tied up in what is, to all intents and purposes, a food manufacturing plant. He has his tractor, his truck, his livestock to process grain and hay into milk and meat, his milking machine, his milk cooler, his land that has to be fertilized and kept in condition. He is thus entitled not merely to a fair day's pay for a day's work, but to a return on his capital.

The week ending on April 28 was officially known as "Safety Week" during which everyone was to concentrate thought and action on the prevention of accidents. If by these means fatal mishaps of all kinds, — but especially those involving motor vehicles — were largely lessened it would be an inspiration to maintain safety standards during the weeks to come. We suggested at the beginning of a similar period of a year ago, 19 in all, was nothing to be proud of and hoped that the auspicious opening of Safety Week, 1951, meant a much happier record during the week and from then on. Unfortunately the opposite is the case. "Safety Week" this year was worse than ever. Twenty-one deaths and an undetermined number of injured were the record. This memorable week wound up with six violent deaths over the week-end. Of this total for only one week 13 met death in motor accidents of one kind or another. The disheartening record set up in a week which was dedicated to safety is being maintained. Four people in Montreal were killed and three injured last Monday alone. Two of them were children. Two more children were killed yesterday. At this rate what is the coming season of densest traffic going to bring in killings and maimings on Montreal streets? It is a frightening prospect. — Montreal Star.

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