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

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British Election Campaign

While the election results in the United Kingdom were incomplete at the time of writing, the trend, as anticipated, pointed to the downfall of the Labour Government and the return of the Conservatives under their indomitable leader, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill.

The six-year record on which Labour based its appeal to the electorate included the tremendous task of postwar reconstruction. Measures like the national health service and education programme loomed large in the Government campaign.

Chronicling the series of misfortunes that have struck at British prestige in various parts of the world and given grievous injury to its strength, Mr. Churchill warned repeatedly that neither peace nor prosperity could be obtained by "a retreat from responsibility."

The "war mongering" charge which was levelled at the Conservative leader did the Laborites no good. It was, as Mr. Churchill aptly termed it, a "foul" and a breach of the Britisher's sense of fair play.

Locally the major controversy seemed to centre about the cost of living. Statistics were used by both parties to prove their opponents wrong—it all depended on the periods on which the indices were based and on different items of expenditure.

When the House of Commons was dissolved for the elections the standings were: Labour, 314, Conservatives and allies, 295; Liberals, 9, others, 3, vacant, 3.

Pensions Measures Passed

The new Old Age Assistance Act, providing for payments up to \$40 per month for persons between 65 and 69 years on a means test basis, went through unanimously in the Legislature, the only Opposition criticism being on the score of its inadequacy.

persons, it was explained, follows practically the same wording as the old age assistance measure. The number of these persons in Prince Edward Island is comparatively small, and in any case there can be no question as to the need for such provision.

The House got through its business at this special session expeditiously, and with a minimum of partisan bickering. Apart from the measures enacted, the session served a good purpose in bringing the members, new and old, together for the first time, and in enabling the former to get their bearings before the regular session begins.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The case of the naval doctor who may turn out not to be a doctor has its humorous side but sailors and others who might have found themselves in need of medical attention can be excused for not seeing it.

Today those who did not make the mistake of putting their predictions in writing are modestly admitting that they knew how the British election was going all along.

The Supreme Court of Canada does not believe in relieving a junior judiciary of its duty, just to save time and expense. This is evidently the reason why the Potato case has been sent back to Charlottetown to be heard and decided upon.

If the Duke of Edinburgh could be persuaded to do all the driving for Princess Elizabeth there would probably be fewer disappointed youngsters. In the British Columbia hamlet of Duncan he is reported to have driven the Royal car at 2 m.p.h.

Greenland has been found by a French expedition to be really three islands but with a glacial cover to the depth of two miles the map makers will probably be content to make the necessary corrections at their own convenience.

Though Remembrance Day, the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month at eleven o'clock is fixed by statute and cannot be changed to avoid Sunday celebration, it is quite possible and practical for the Legion to decorate the monument with wreaths, etc., at any hour on that day.

William Hogarth, painter and engraver, and founder of the British School of Painting, died this date 1764. Apprenticed to a silver-plate engraver, he turned to engraving on copper and became known for his plates for Butler's "Hudibras".

Seaweed collected by crofters from the Moray Firth in the north of Scotland is helping to produce food in at least four of the world's continents.

Nearly final returns from the local elections held in Norway's 66 urban and 682 rural municipalities on October 8, show gains for Labor, Conservatives and Farmers, and heavy losses for Communists.

Table with 3 columns: Party, 1951, 1947. Rows include Labor, Conservatives, Farmers, Christian Peoples, Liberals, Non-Labor Fusion, Communists, Smallholders, Non-Political.



Books Received

A DOCTOR'S PILGRIMAGE, an autobiography by Edmund A. Brasset, M.D. (in Canada, Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto, 256 pp. \$4).

No town looks the same to a doctor as it does to other people. There are a lot of secret doors in it which he and no one else may enter, and herein lies much of the fascination which the practice of medicine has for those who devote their lives to it.

As a biography it is less self-revealing than readers are apt to expect, but as a description of Maritime life and times from the point of view of a young general practitioner just before the Second World War, many Maritimers will feel rather uncomfortably that it is altogether too revealing.

Landlubbers who think eels are seagoing worms should make note of the incident at Holbeach, Lincolnshire, England. There an eel weighing 40 pounds and measuring 17 inches in circumference beat off three men armed with pitchforks and a rake before some unfortunates fellow knocked it off with two blasts from a double-barrelled shotgun.

Ontario flue-cured tobacco growers have "agreed reluctantly" to accept a price for their crop which they consider is not commensurate with today's costs of production.

It is a wise mother who knows her own son. And apparently Mrs. Bonner King of Houston, Texas has her Shepard King perfectly pegged.

U. K. Radio Oratory

(New York Herald Tribune) Students of the impact of radio and television on political campaigning will be interested in Great Britain's comparative indifference to these new-fangled devices.

Something will be irrevocably lost to the world when the 20 motor-powered gondolas begin to shatter the silence of the Venice canals.

Without political oratory, or at least with very little of it, the radio once again becomes man's refuge, filling the night with soap operas and disk jockeys.

Notes By The Way

The price of elephants has doubled and is still going up, it says here. So if you're planning to have one for Christmas, instead of turkey, don't wait!

The alderman who managed to get himself presented three times during the Royal visit to Niagara Falls must be very proud of himself.

North Bay's "Kirk mystery" is becoming more baffling as the years roll by. It is now eleven years since Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Kirk, a well-known North Bay couple, left here on a holiday jaunt to Winnipeg.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED "Between one and two on the morning of Friday the 8th inst., the school and meeting house, situated on Montague River, near Georgetown, was burnt to the ground, and the books and maps belonging to the children and schoolmistress, all destroyed.

Another pleasant and enlightening experience during a tour in central Sweden was a visit to the farm of Mr. Axel Gullander, one of the prominent leaders of the Swedish agricultural cooperative movement.

The Age-Old Story

There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

By Leo P. McIsaac Part One (continued) (All Rights Reserved) AGRICULTURE IN SWEDEN

Although the economy of Denmark today is rather unstable, the standard of living appears to be fairly high. However, we shall not go into that just now. Let us pack our suitcase again, mail a parcel of literature home, which is necessary from every country, pick up a few small souvenirs, make sure we have a sample of all the Danish coins and stamps, prepare for another customs check and take the ferry across to southern Sweden.

It is a beautiful drive through this rolling country with the groves of beech wood varied on the higher parts by pine. I was driving with one of the forestry officers, and after a short visit to Ystad, an old mediaeval town on the extreme south coast, we went north, calling at several farms in the area.

In the villages, you will usually find some kind of a factory or a saw mill which provides employment for a somewhat larger population than ordinarily found in an outlying village in Canada.

After a fast, pleasant and soot-free ride, past lakes with trout jumping, forest areas with great piles of spruce pulpwood, chopped out from around the tall oaks, past some of the finest and most historical ironworks of Sweden, we entered Stockholm.

As in Denmark, there are many fine old castles dotting the landscape, which were once the homes of the nobles, and are now maintained as historic monuments or museums.

In this southern part of the country are some of Sweden's largest dairy plants, cooperative abattoirs and slaughterhouses. On the main street of practically every town and village in Sweden, the most modern and prominent looking building is the cooperative store.

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Besides the role he plays in the national and international field, he is proud of the accomplishments in his own home village. The population is about four hundred.



THE BONFIRE God of gardeners, accept this coil Of acid smoke from nettle and weed. This left-hand mound of sinful soil That I have sifted from the seed. With hoe and mattock, spade and rake, From morning dew to evening grace, My back has bended for Thy sake. To bring sweet order to this place. The fruits and tubers basketed, Thy flowers lit from setting sun, With fragrant heart and reverent head I tend this altar gleaming red As my forefathers must have done. —Richard Church.

ADDED KNOWLEDGE Almost half of the 335,000 species of living plants have been discovered and classified since 1810.