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

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Teachers' Conventions

This is the season for our school teachers' conventions, and it is pleasing to note that the opening district meetings at Souris and Mount Stewart this week were largely attended.

Everywhere, too, there are problems involved in shortage of modern school buildings and lack of sufficient classroom space, coupled with rapidly rising enrolment in the lower grades and the lack of the requisite number of qualified teachers.

There is strong public support for the campaign which the Teachers' Federation has been waging for Federal educational grants on a basis which will equalize opportunities for improvement.

Nature In The Raw

The storm gods of the North Atlantic have hatched 261 hurricanes in the last 68 years. Three made weather history in 1955. Connie and Diane, the tropical tempests that swirled up from the hurricane breeding area around the Caribbean Sea and battered down the United States east coast, were preceded this year by Alice.

From 1887 through August 10, 1955, the weather bureau has recorded hurricanes by months: one

in January; one in May; 11 in June; 15 in July; 62 in August; 109 in September; 53 in October; eight in November; and one in December. Most petered out at sea. When they hit this continent their target was most often south Florida or the western Gulf coast.

Few if any hurricanes—maelstroms of shattering wind and rain spinning like a top—have been more methodically tracked than 1955's. At least two flights a day—one by the Air Force and one by the Navy—kept a weather eye on the movements of Connie.

Hurricane winds still pack the same punch they always did. A big blow works up more energy than hundreds of atom bombs all exploding at once.

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Board's Status Affected?

In a statement released to the press yesterday, the Federation of Agriculture takes exception to the new setup of the Potato Marketing Board on the ground that the personnel is now appointed by the Government, and not responsible for its actions to the growers.

The Government has no doubt stepped into the picture with the best intentions, and with a view to eliminating difficulties which have arisen in the past. But the views of an organization such as the Federation of Agriculture are worthy of consideration, and no time should be lost in reaching an arrangement more satisfactory to all concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dieppe occupied by the Allies this date, 1944.

By all reports, our Island contingent made an excellent showing at the Scouts Jamboree at Niagara. They participated actively in all the events and had the time of their lives on the camp grounds and at the National Exhibition in Toronto.

Angelo Casanova, 30 year old resident of Pinerolo, Italy, recently won a prize in a contest. He isn't bragging much about it, though, as the award was for "having the homeliest features in the valley."

Mr. T. C. Montgomery's many friends in this Province will wish him every good fortune on his retirement as Superintendent of the Island division, Canadian National Railways. Since coming here ten years ago he has fulfilled his responsible duties capably and with the greatest courtesy and consideration to all concerned.



Something Fishy

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CANADIANS ALL

Sir.—In the Monday, August 29 edition of The Guardian I saw an article curiously headed "Aged Chinaman found unconscious in square".

To think of a person who has been a citizen of Canada for 52 years as a "Chinaman" rather than a Canadian is a painful reminder of the progress which the cancer of hyphenated Canadianism has made, and is a grim challenge to Canadians to cease to think of themselves and their countrymen as Englishmen, Frenchmen, Irishmen, Scotsmen, Ukrainians—and Chinamen—etc.

Canadians too easily forget the rich legacy of Canadian consciousness passed on to them by the fathers of our nation—a legacy to which they fall heir when they become Canadians.

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THE TABLE

Foursquare and sound it stands as once it stood. Rooted and leaved and upright, a young tree. Filtering sunlight in some shady wood.

The years have treated it, as well they should, with due respect, it has no pedigree. And yet one family has found it good—An ancient and valued employee.

Children have played their games and read their books. Resting their elbows on its ample top, it has been helpmeet to the one who cooks.

Its manhood, however, Canada must guard against the aftermath of colonialism. It must be evident that Canada has no place for anyone who sees himself or his fellow Canadians as anything but Canadians.

Atomic Era Unfolds

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Reports from the Atomic For Peace Conference in Geneva indicate that we are indeed on the threshold of a new age in which energy from the atom will be a major source of power.

Scientists also warn that there are dangers involved, both physical and psychological which place a grave responsibility on mankind.

There will be an interruption of electric power on our North Wilshire line on Thursday, September 1st and Friday, September 2nd, between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Medically Speaking
Herman N. Budesden, M. D. AID FOR ASTHMA VICTIMS
Prevention of an asthmatic attack is the prime concern of all of you victims of pollen allergy.

Regular and systematic deep breathing exercises are very important. Every morning stand in front of an open window or door and inhale deeply, rising on your toes and raising your arms laterally.

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Advertisement for Maritime Electric Co. Ltd. featuring a cartoon character and text about power interruptions.