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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Hallowe'en Observance

Witches, ghosts and goblins will no doubt be on their rounds tonight, to be appeased only with gifts of fruit or candy.

For some years there has been little serious damage done in the city or towns on Hallowe'en, although in smaller centres there have been the element who were unable to distinguish between fun and malicious damage.

By and large the evening is a light-hearted one, particularly for the smaller folk. As the evening progresses so does the size of the perambulating maskers.

A Substantial Saving

Commenting with satisfaction on the Board of Transport Commissioners' rejection of the railway application for an 8 per cent horizontal increase in freight rates, the Winnipeg Free Press estimates that this ruling has saved the public in the Western and Maritime Provinces forty million dollars annually.

"The record of success since the post-war freight rate battle began in October, 1946, is impressive," says our Winnipeg contemporary. "It is true that freight rates have advanced 69.8 per cent in four successive increases of 21 per cent, 20 per cent, 12 per cent and 4.5 per cent.

As noted by the Free Press, the people and industries of Central Canada are protected by water, highway and international rail competition. The Canadian railways simply cannot raise freight rates in Central Canada on vast quantities of freight because if they did they would lose the business to other carriers.

Eased Passport Rules

Several European countries recently have applied international scissors to travel-entangling red tape. They are curtailing the need for passports. Most notable examples this year, observes the National Geographic Society, is the action of Greece and Turkey, ancient enemies now allied in a common cause.

Passports themselves are of ancient origin. In their best sense they serve to protect and identify strangers in foreign

lands. In another sense they can be used by governments to regulate travel. In ancient Rome a bearer of Caesar's "tractorium", the passport of its day, was entitled to special courtesies along the far-flung Roman roads.

Use of passports greatly increased during World War I. They were essential for international travel, and they have remained so, with the few exceptions of present relaxed regulations between neighboring states.

Canada's Expansion

In his presidential address to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce convention in Toronto, Mr. Rene B. Perrault declared that at the end of 50 years of progress in Canada, "two and one-half times as many people are producing five times the volume of wealth in three-quarters of the working time."

New resources in natural wealth have been discovered since the war; new industries have sprung up in many provinces; new services have been established, public and private, in transportation and other fields.

Particularly in the West is a sparse population becoming a handicap. At a cost that may reach \$100,000,000, a steel pipeline is being laid through the Yellowhead Pass to link Edmonton and Vancouver.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hallowmass Eve. Hallowe'en.

Both revenues and expenditures of the ten provincial governments are expected to be well over the thousand million dollar mark, expenditures being more above it than revenues. Twenty years ago the figures were well below the two hundred million mark, although the balance was on the same side then as now.

The sovereign's Christmas Day message has become a tradition since it was begun by King George V. It is essentially, however, a personal contact and one which a successor in office must find difficult to assume.

Either the two older political parties have swung towards state paternalism or the C. C. F. has deserted distinctively socialistic policies. There is much that is both admirable and controversial in the resolutions adopted at Kensington but it would not have been a particularly great surprise if the entire programme had been put forward by the Liberal or Progressive Conservative parties.

Sir George Hubert Wilkins, Australian explorer, naturalist and aeronautical photographer, was born this date 1888. He served in the Australian Flying Corps in the First World War and later as official photographer. He commanded four Arctic expeditions, one to the Antarctic and flew from Deception Island across Graham Land in 1928-29.

The Ghostbreaker: A New Role



PUBLIC FORUM

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

COURTESY APPRECIATED

Sir—I wish to express on behalf of several friends and myself our deep appreciation of the almost universal courtesy, generosity and helpfulness of the farmers of Prince Edward Island.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

EXHIBITION REPORT

"The Commissioners appointed to manage the Provincial Exhibition of 1880 judging from the number and excellence of the entries to the live stock and implement departments, and of the other exhibits usually placed in and about the Drill Shed, consider that the Exhibition was, at least, equal to any of its predecessors."

"The appropriation for the Exhibition in 1880 was only \$1,000, and it was found no easy matter to draw up a prize list, not exceeding that amount, leaving the contingencies of the Exhibition, and the payment of the secretary, to be provided for by entrance fees on live stock, and money taken at the doors. Fortunately the weather on both days was all that could be desired; but the Commissioners could not avoid feeling that, had it proved unfavorable, not only would a debt of several hundred dollars have been incurred, but the Exhibition would have been a failure."

"The Commissioners, therefore, suggest that a piece of land in the immediate vicinity of Charlottetown should be acquired and devoted to Exhibition purposes. Upon it should be erected, as time and means admit, buildings of a permanent character. At present the most pressing need is felt for buildings to accommodate live stock. Until other and more pressing wants are provided for, the Drill Shed might serve nearly the same purpose as at present, as a hall for general exhibits, in which the opening ceremony might be held. The accounts submitted by the Commissioners show a small balance of \$69.97 in their favor, which it is intended to devote to a grain show to be held on Tuesday, the 12th April."

The Age-Old Story

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside each weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

WESTON, Mass., Oct. 28 —(AP)—The Boston College seismological observatory reported two earthquakes today, one "very strong" some 1,750 miles south of Boston.

Night Of Spooks & Goblins

(National Geographic News Bulletin)

Hallowe'en holds away across the Christian world both as a children's night of delight and masquerade and as a solemn religious observance. But in the tangled history of this strange holiday, it was not always so.

When youthful goblins in gargoyle masks race through autumn's leaves and bonfires blaze in the dark, centuries fall away to a time of grim pagan rites well documented by anthropologists.

Hopscotch

(Manchester Guardian)

Hopscotch courts (and a track for baby cycles), proposed in a Colchester scheme, give official approval, perhaps for the first time to an ancient game. Nobody seems to know how old the game of hopscotch is. It was certainly played in the days of Greece and Rome, and the line of several ancient "beds" (scotches or shallow cuts) are said to be seen scored on the pavement of the Forum.

In the days when hopscotch was more popular than it is now nearly every town had its own unwritten regulations, and even London, as it grew, had many variations. A bit of china or a bit of slate was used there, but in the Black Country the "hop-flags" were made of glass. They were usually supplied by fathers working in the glasshouses and were made in their spare time from any oddment of glass that happened to be handy.

Attention Farmers Re Concentrates

The difference in price between Oil-cake Meal and Fishmeal is approximately \$50 per ton. (Oilcake is a chief source of vegetable protein — Fishmeal is a chief source of animal protein). A cheap concentrate can be made by using more of the cheaper vegetable protein. Quaker Ful-O-Pep does not sacrifice quality for price. Use a concentrate with a good proportion of animal protein—it pays!

Notes By The Way

The Little Red Schoolhouse at the Crossroads was picturesque and at least had the beauty of simplicity. But it is probable the survivors look more attractive to the tourist of today than the originals did to the occupants of yesterday when too much fresh air leaked in mornings and not enough after those pot-bellied stoves really worked up enthusiasm.

Seventy-five years with a telephone give the Mewburn family of Hamilton the Canadian — and probably the world — record for unbroken telephone service. Major-General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, the present subscriber, recalls that when he was a boy the family's first telephone was installed by Prof. Melville Bell, father of the inventor. That was in August of 1877 — only eighteen months after Alexander Graham Bell was first granted a patent for his telephone. — Telephone News.

Some Peace River district farmers, or rather their grainfields, are being attacked by herds of "wild horses". The animals will have to be stopped, undoubtedly, yet we suspect many will feel some sympathy for the animals, as well as for the men. Nowadays, horses can scarcely be blamed for taking to the hills and forming wild bands to perpetuate their species. In domestic life, after all, they are being more and more replaced by machines, and human beings are becoming altogether too fond of biting into a haunch of horse. If these conditions continue, and horse sense means anything, Dobson and friends may well go back to nature in increasing numbers as time goes on. — Edmonton Journal.

In the not-too-distant future, when solar energy may be in general use for house heating, and electric power may be "broadcast" into homes much in the manner of radio and television signals today, firemen may use superconductive waves to light a blaze. The "fire department of the future" will consist of a self-propelled generator, a bank of oscillator vacuum tubes, and a dish-shaped antenna like a radar search screen, all of which will project a superconductive frequency onto a blaze and extinguish it. — New York Journal of Commerce.

More war criminals are being set free in Germany, including one responsible for deaths of Canadian prisoners of war. If this keeps on, it won't be long until all those convicted of these crimes will have been released, excepting perhaps a very few of the major ones. One purpose of the war crimes trials was to punish these criminals for their offences. Another was to set an example which would be deterrent, in case of other wars, to those who might commit such outrages. The punishments are being shortened and, by that fact, the deterrent purpose of the war crimes trials has been minimized. Russians, for instance, won't worry much about being sent to jail for outrages if they have the idea

The Poet's Corner

THE SOUTH WIND GONE

Where with sweet summer did the south wind go Who brought the scent of clover blossoming, The birds that in the maples used to sing, Long noons of August when the waves below Murmured in the loved songs we used to know? The little cricket with its fiddle string Who scraped for pleasure, a wild merry thing. Is silent now and covered with the snow.

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