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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Rural Beautification

The keenly contested plowing matches at Dundas this week have been followed with Province-wide interest. A less dramatic form of competition—which does not hit the headlines until it is all over—is that which has been so ably initiated and developed by the Rural Beautification Society.

Great credit is due to Colonel E. W. Johnstone, president of the Society, which he was chiefly responsible for bringing into existence and to which he has given such inspired leadership.

As time goes on, rural beautification will pay greater and greater dividends. It is something our pioneer forefathers could not undertake because they had more pressing duties to perform, in hewing homes out of the wilderness and providing the bare necessities for themselves and families.

Protestant Orphanage Drive

Once a year the Protestant Orphanage makes a drive for funds in aid of the work being carried on in this essential institution, and invariably the response is prompt and generous.

It should not be necessary to labour the point that without voluntary support, solicited through voluntary workers who year after year devote their time and efforts unselfishly to this humane work, our orphanages would have to be taken over by the government and run at the cost of additional taxes.

A Christian democracy that leaves no scope for benevolence and charity is a misnomer. These virtues are essential to the Christian way of life, and they can be exercised in no better manner than in aiding the less fortunate children of the community, by providing for their proper care and upbringing.

British Health Service

The United Kingdom Information Office has made available some figures in connection with the National Health Service which is doubtless being warmly debated in the general election campaign now underway.

For instance, prescriptions dispensed by the pharmaceutical service to the people of England and Wales alone up to the end of May this year number more than six hundred million.

The report reveals that approximately 41,200,000, or about 95 per cent, of the population have joined the lists of about 19,000 general practitioners (88 per cent of the total) in the National Health Service.

ice. Virtually all the pharmacists are working in the service, and 95 per cent of the dentists.

It is obvious that the National Health Service has reached down to give a great many people medical, dental and pharmaceutical attention who had either neglected these important health branches or were unable to afford them before the national scheme was put into operation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 19th Sunday after Trinity.

The St. Laurent Government prefers to pay off old debts with its huge accumulated surplus than relieve the unfortunate taxpayers who have their own burdens to bear.

The special session of the Legislature called for Tuesday, Oct. 23 will see the end of Mayor Earle MacDonald's term of office. Who will succeed him is now the question in municipal circles.

H. M. Queen Mary's needlepoint carpet scheme realized \$104,350.00 for Britain. This money has been cabled in dollars to the British Carpet Committee in Great Britain by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

The expansion of Pictou's steel plants is matter for congratulation to our neighbouring Province and also for satisfaction here. The prosperity of nearby communities is a most welcome stimulus to our own.

Emile Zola, French novelist, died this date 1902. His work is powerful but sometimes repulsive and depicts the seamy side of society, heredity, drink, disease, the people and church. He took a prominent part in the rehabilitation of Captain Dreyfus.

The largest aircraft carrier in the world will be joining the British Navy before the end of this year. It is now being completed at a cost of \$42 million, excluding guns H.M.S. Eagle as she will be named, will carry 100 aircraft and have a crew of 2,570 officers and men.

Canada's National Industrial Design Committee, which met this week in Ottawa, is again trying by competitions to stimulate activity in this field and to uncover talent. There is almost no aspect of industry which could not be benefited by the application of the principles of good design.

Fateful words for a handbill deliverer. Down in Wichita Falls, Tex., Mrs. Ollie Gray, 72, had distributed some religious handbills and was walking home when she was struck and killed by a train. On the handbills in big black type were the words: "How long would you like to live?"

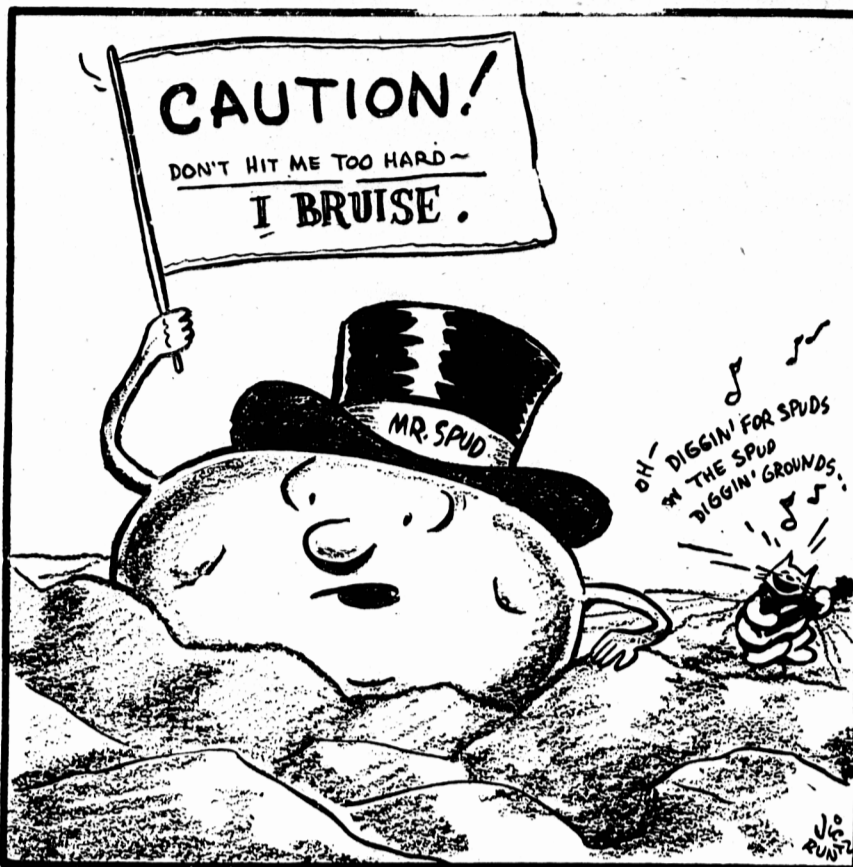
The number of tourists is increasing but the amount they spend is down according to a late report. The trend should not be discouraging for if it were a case of fewer of them finding that a Canadian trip involved spending more, then there would be something to worry about.

It was ever thus. The Electricity Board of Northern Ireland has spent \$5 million bringing power to farmers, on the understanding they would buy milking machines, electric cream separators, etc. Not a few farmers bought radios and toasters instead, with the result that the board now threatens to cut off power.

The parliamentary restaurant (says the Gazette's Ottawa correspondent), normally used by senators and M.P.'s but reserved for NATO's top brass during the session, is checking on its food stocks. Delegates were heavy eaters. Waitresses reported that some took on two or three main courses at a sitting. "They ate," said one waitress, "as though it were their last square meal." There was a big run on eggs by delegates from countries with scarce supply and tight rationing.

More nonsense has perhaps been talked (says The Letter Review) about the price of milk than about any other item in the cost of living except rentals of dwellings. The facts are that, at present prices, consumption of milk is increasing while production falls. Clearly, the Canadian people are not being deprived of milk owing to high prices, but, on the contrary, are in grave danger of going short because of low prices. Sales of fluid milk and cream in June were 3% higher than last year; for the first six months of 1951 2% higher than in 1950.

To Maintain The High Standard



The Lordly Potato

(Sydney Post-Record) Inter-island co-operation is demonstrated in a practical way when Cape Bretoners go to Prince Edward Island to help garner the potato harvest.

However you like it—home-fried, French-fried, chipped, in a salad with sliced raw onions or baked in the skin—the potato is a lordly fruit of the earth. What isn't sufficiently appreciated is that the potato, boiled or baked in the skin and served with skin on, tops all other forms of this wholesome dish.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) REFORMERS AT SUMMERSIDE

"A special train left Charlottetown for Summerside on Thursday, at 3:25, with about two hundred of the Charlottetown Reform Club, to take part in a grand demonstration and torchlight procession with their Summerside brethren. They were met at the train by about four hundred of the newly organized Summerside Reform Club, with D. Banks McKenzie at their head, and the whole cortege, preceded by Galbraith's Band, marched through the town, which was all ablaze with the lights of the illuminations and temperance torches.

"After marching round for about an hour, they were led to the Ludlow Hall, where a splendid repast was spread out waiting for them. After all were refreshed, they proceeded to the upstairs room, which was soon filled to overflowing. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant was witnessed such a tremendous crowd, and such quiet, orderly enthusiasm. Without doubt, 'Temperance Reform' has taken an effectual hold in Summerside.

"Speeches were delivered by Messrs. A. Sims, A. McDougall, D. Banks McKenzie, Theo. Chapell, S. D. Fitzgerald, A. P. Mills, W. Brennan, C. Hunt, Mutch McKenzie, J. R. Calhoun, M.P.P., Mr. Simpson, and the Rev. Neil McKay. One or two excellent choruses were sung. The band at intervals played selections, and Messrs. Jackson and Regan also favored the audience.

"After spending a very pleasant evening with their Summerside brethren, the Charlottetown Reform Club bid good-bye, and took the train for Town at 11 p.m., and reached home at half-past one—safe, sound, and sober." —The Examiner, Nov. 10, 1877.

The Age-Old Story

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. . . . This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. . . . Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. . . . If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Notes By The Way

Rome was "thrilled" by a disaster put on by American jet fighter aircraft. What a happy day it will be when the nations can display proudly not their newest death-dealing machines, but their progress in the arts and sciences, in their measures for the good of humanity.—Ottawa Journal.

With the co-operation of Trans Canada Air Lines, one of our reporters spent a week of his vacation on an exhaustive, busman's holiday. He flew clean across Canada, in both directions. The whole trip took him seven days. He travelled no fewer than 7,000 air miles during the trip which started at Montreal, took him west to Vancouver then east to Halifax and finally west to Toronto. He now is in Toronto where he says he is "resting up" from the whirlwind tour which kept him on his reportorial toes for about 12 to 14 hours a day for seven days.

Dr. C. Willet Cunningham, of London, has completed his monumental work, "History of Underclothing," at the age of seventy-two. The reason that the Pilgrim Fathers shivered as they set sail for America 331 years ago was that they did not wear underwear. Italians and French wore it in the Middle Ages, but the British did not adopt the idea, according to Dr. Cunningham, until the eighteenth century. He thinks the knights in armor may have been the first to wear pants or petticoats because of wind whistling through chinks in the metal. America's two great contributions toward undergarments, says the author, have been the one-piece union-suit, and, more recently, the pioneer use of nylon in that department.—New York Herald Tribune.

Rural exodus is one of the gravest problems of our times. Notably in France there is a movement of countryside desertion against which it appears to be difficult to react. In Canada scarcely an agricultural congress or meeting is held that someone does not begin by deploring the abandonment of the land by the sons and daughters of farmers. In French Canada in particular the population which was rural in the proportion of 70 out of 100 in 1871, has become urban in the proportion of 60 out of 100, according to statistics compiled from the census of 1941. More



A GREAT TIME Sweet Chance, that led my steps abroad, Beyond the town, where wild flowers grow— A rainbow and a cuckoo, Lord! How rich and great the times are now! Know, all ye sheep And cows that keep On staring that I stand so long In grass that's wet from heavy rain— A rainbow and a cuckoo's song May never come together again! This side the tomb. —W. H. Davies.

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Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

By Leo P. McIsaac Part One (continued) (All Rights Reserved) CENTRES OF ENGLISH CULTURE

Regardless of whether you approach Oxford by bus, by rail, or by the river Isis, you will be reminded of the line from the poem in the old school book: "The still, grey spires of Oxford against the pearl grey sky". And as you drive up the streets you will meet Oxford's merry gentlemen in cap and gown, gentlemen who are respected by the people as well as by the students.

Oxford puts you in an inquisitive frame of mind. There, nothing is taken for granted. In teaching any subject, they explain the theories and views of the various experts, writers and philosophers, and then, after a close and detailed discussion, let the student make up his mind.

In Oxford, I met my friend, Walter Kontak, from Antigonish, who will complete his studies there next year. We made a tour of some of the colleges, the libraries, the museums and the town. It would take weeks to inspect it all carefully. I had dinner in the old, high dining room of Christ Church College, founded by Cardinal Wolsey in 1542.

Christ Church is just one college in Oxford. It is full of all those things of stately beauty which makes Oxford different from any place else in the world. The fireplaces, the lovely wide tables, the high oak-finished walls are still the same. Over the entrance gate to Christ Church College, is the tower which contains the old bell known as the "Great Tom", which came from Osney Abbey after the dissolution. This bell weighs over seven tons and at 9.15 every evening, peals a curfew of 101 strokes—the original number of the students. The great quadrangle, 260 feet square, is the most imposing in all Oxford.

In the south east corner is the exquisite college chapel which is also the cathedral for the diocese of Oxford. In addition to Saxon, and Norman work, this chapel has a beautiful fan-traceried roof, and Burns-Jones windows. In the Lady Chapel is the tomb and effigy of St. Frideswide, the patron of the college, and behind it is the fourteenth century Latin Chapel. The chapel house is entered from the cloister through a Norman doorway.

The fine Pickwater Quadrangle entrance is surmounted by statues of Dr. John Fell, who is remembered especially through the old rhyme, "I do not love thee Dr. Fell", and Dean Lydell, for whose little daughter Lewis Carroll, then tutor of Christ's Church, first told his immortal story of "Alice in Wonderland". Carroll's rooms are still there.

On our visit there, Walter and I saw a couple of seventeenth century plays acted in all their splendor and pageantry in the open air just at sunset. These are presented every spring by the under-graduate students of the colleges, usually played in the gardens, under the trees and amid the fountains of their own college. One which we saw at Magdalen College was superbly acted and became even more real when a herd of deer, which run freely in the gardens, followed by their young does bounded across the open stage.

When at Oxford, you must make it a point to go out to Whitley. This is the liveliest and most beautiful of all the market towns in the south of England. Go by bicycle. The Whitley people are very hospitable. It is the home of the modern factories which make the world famous Whitley blankets. Bicycles in Oxford are almost as numerous as in Copenhagen, if that is possible.

One Sunday, we bicycled up to Buckingham to visit a farmer friend, whom we had met at a conference in Holland. He was a leader of the cooperative movement in that area and a director of the National Farmers' Union. Buckingham is a mixed farming area, with some of the best dual purpose Shorthorn and Lowland sheep that I have seen. Here, too, they pay a lot of attention to growing special high-class registered grass seed, and get excellent results from grass silage. They have organized their own grass growing, seed cleaning, and seed marketing cooperative on a large inter-county basis. But more about this in the next chapter.

There are inexpensive study tours by motor coach, boat and train to most parts of the British Isles, but it is not possible to take them all during a short visit. With what funds we could spare, we were determined to see as much as possible during our short stay. Britain cannot be described without a visit to the Lake District and the Scottish Borders. This was one of the most interesting tours. It covered the north Tyne valley area and the coastal district of Northumberland, including Rothbury, Alnwick, Bamburgh and a voyage by fishing boat to the Farne Islands, the largest sea-bird and seal sanctuary in the United Kingdom.

Crossing the border into Scotland for a brief period, we visited Dryburgh Abbey, a tweed mill at Galaahiel, Abbotsford, and the Vale of Yarrow. We attended lectures on "Northumberland", "Farne Islands", "Sir Walter Scott", the "Border Country", and the "Lakeland Writers". The Arts Club at Galaahiel entertains their overseas visitors with a border concert in their historic old Gala House. In the Lake District, we paid a visit to the Wordsworth's cottage at Grasmere, and to a Lakeland sheep farm. It is hard to describe the Lake District with

its variety of scenery, the hills of Grasmere or Ambleside. Suffice it to say that it is all one great vacationland, where we could dream of going someday, with lots of time on our hands and plentiful funds in our pockets.

We came back by way of Newcastle-on-Tyne, that great ship-building center, down to Hexham and the Roman Wall. During our college tour from Loughborough we called at Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare, and saw the famous Memorial Theatre, the bridge, and the monuments. But we did not have time to remain for Richard II, which was playing at that time. There were many official and semi-official tours from the College.

The first and most interesting of those was to Rochdale, the home of the cooperative pioneers. There we visited the museums, actually the first cooperative store. It is set up in the very room, which remains exactly as it was, where the first twenty-eight pioneers met to discuss the project and where they opened their store in 1844. We saw their minute-book which records in the most beautiful handwriting, all their discussions and decisions. They may not have been educated, but those early pioneers were not ignorant men, nor were they all weavers, as some stories would have us believe. They were poor, but they had visions and they knew what they wanted to do. In the minutes there are several mistakes in spelling, but reading between the lines you can see wisdom, clear thinking and a determination to remedy, or at least improve the terrible living conditions that were then prevalent.

We spent a couple of days at the headquarters of the Cooperative Wholesale Society at Manchester. It is hard to believe that this, one of the biggest single commercial organizations in the world, is the result of the planning, the foresight and the energy of early and ignorant pioneers. There we saw Holyoake House, the headquarters of the British Cooperative Union, built to the memory of George Jacob Holyoake, one of the early converts and supporters of the Rochdale movement.

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