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

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New Provincial Treasurer

A portfolio of increasing importance in the Government is that of Provincial Treasurer, which has been assumed by the Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, as announced by Premier Matheson yesterday.

In addition to his other qualifications, Mr. Clark holds the degree of Bachelor of Commerce from Dalhousie University, and served as Mayor of the Town of Montague before entering provincial politics in 1947.

Congratulations also are extended to Mr. J. George MacKay, Fourth District of Prince, who was sworn in yesterday as minister without portfolio in the Government, of which he has been a staunch supporter in the House since 1949.

Changes In Japan

Reports coming out of Japan seem to indicate that, although the Emperor is still held in deep affection and some measure of veneration by his subjects, the virtual deification he was accorded in the past is disappearing from the intellectual and political ways of the nation.

It is interesting to recall, from news reports of fifty years ago, certain messages that were exchanged by Japanese officials at the termination of the Battle of the Sea of Japan, in which the Japanese fleet under Admiral Togo virtually annihilated the Russian naval forces under Admiral Rojestvensky and established Japan as a first-rate naval power.

Struggle For Power

When, at the death of Premier Stalin, Soviet political power was transferred from an individual to something resembling a Cabinet, it was felt in some Western circles that a slight weakening in Soviet intrigue might soon show itself and that, in due course, it might be a bit easier for the West to negotiate with Moscow on something like mutually agreeable terms.

The fact seems to be that Stalin's death was the starting point of a ruthless race for control by a number of ambitious candidates—notably Malenkov, Beria, Khrushchev, and Marshal Zhukov. The execution of Beria, at Malenkov's order and with the

approval of Khrushchev and of the military authorities, left the race for supremacy to three individuals who appear to have little in common apart from their desire for power. Malenkov has the de facto prestige of executive office to help him; Khrushchev has the machinery of party on his side; Zhukov has more or less control, and evidently the confidence, of the armed forces—a very valuable possession indeed.

Reports are mounting, however, that Khrushchev, who is making two speeches these days to Malenkov's one, will soon shake off the pretense and, with the party's strength behind him, give Malenkov the choice between accepting an inferior post and going the way of his former associate, Beria. If that should happen the way would be clear for the inevitable test of strength between a colossal party machine and military leaders.

Fishermen's Loans

According to a Newfoundland exchange, the Fisheries Loans Improvement Act to be introduced in Parliament this session marks the first step in fulfillment of a promise made in that Province in 1953, that the Government would endeavor to find means to extend "direct" credit to fishermen, thus relieving them from dependence on indirect credit through their suppliers.

The Act is to be patterned after the Farm Improvement Loans Act which has operated in Canada for some years, and has proved most successful. Loans are made directly to the producer concerned, by any chartered bank to which he applies.

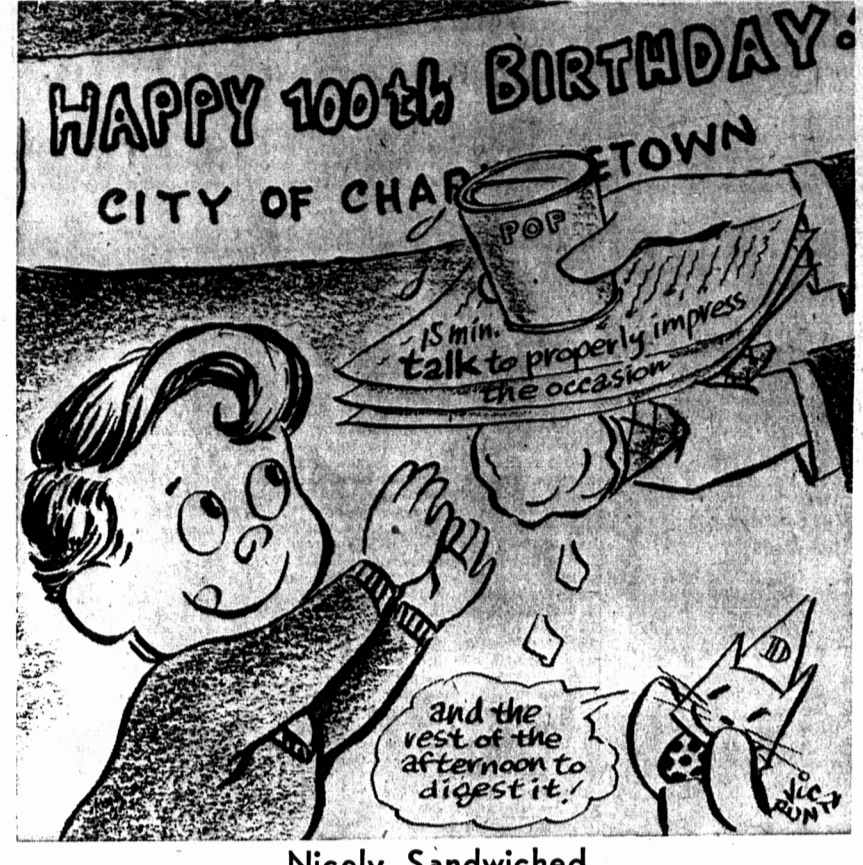
EDITORIAL NOTES

All Canadians, irrespective of creed, will extend good wishes to Commissioner W. W. Booth as he assumes command of the Salvation Army in this country. Descended from illustrious forbears, he comes to us with a distinguished record of humanitarian service behind him.

The publishing house of Putnam's last year introduced a plan whereby a book that the buyer did not like after reading it could be exchanged for another. Only 50 buyers out of more than 100,000 took the firm at its word and asked for something better.

Because of the large populations of China and India it often is assumed that the Chinese and Indians are the most prolific peoples in the world. That isn't so, according to a report made by the Population Reference Bureau of the United States. The distinction belongs to the Hutterites, a quasi-religious sect that lives in the North-Western States and in some parts of the Canadian West.

Albert Schweitzer, German-speaking theologian, philosopher, musician and physician, and one of the greatest humanitarians of the century, born this date, 1875. In 1913 he embarked with his wife for Lambarene, Gabon, in French Equatorial Africa, where they have since labored as medical missionaries. On Aug. 28, 1949, Dr. Schweitzer received a great ovation when he was present at the bi-centennial celebrations of Goethe's birth in Frankfurt, but he returned a few months later to celebrate his 75th birthday at his African hospital. His books include "The Quest of the Historical Jesus", "On the Edge of the Primeval Forest", "The Philosophy of Civilization", and "From My African Notebook."



Nicely Sandwiched

OTTAWA REPORT

Split-Second Translators

The increasing complexity of the press conference was vividly demonstrated to me when I was visiting NATO headquarters in Paris recently. To us here in Ottawa, a press conference is invariably a cosy little gathering where almost equally invariably only the English language is spoken.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It's easy enough to understand how the pioneers got along without gas or electricity, but how did they manage without cellophane tape or paper towels?—Chicago Daily News.

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The Age Old Story

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