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

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## Children's Emergency Fund

The General Assembly has agreed that the work of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund should be continued at least until the end of 1953. In reality, the fund will carry on for as long as it receives contributions from national governments. UNICEF has no money in reserve; without additional grants, it would be obliged abruptly to cease operations. The Canadian Government's contribution for 1950-51 was $470,000 in American dollars and it is likely that the 1952-53 grant will be on a similar scale.

Some 66 countries and territories have received aid from UNICEF. This aid can be measured only in part by the number of beneficiaries: from 2,500,000 to 7,000,000 children and mothers who have been given milk over a period of months or even years; some 6,000,000 children given articles of warm clothing and blankets; and 14,000,000 children treated at its health centers. If projects already planned or started are completed, 30,000,000 children in Asia, Latin America, the Eastern Mediterranean area and North Africa will benefit from the fund's health services.

In addition to the emergency work which was UNICEF's original function, long-range programs designed to help countries build up their own health and welfare services have been initiated by the fund. Except in cases where emergency relief is required, the fund helps only those who are willing to help themselves. In areas where organized governments exist, it requires contributions to match its own, and some assurance that the local government will continue the programs that have been started. The fact that many of the most generous grants to the fund have come from countries that have received aid attests to the soundness of this self-help formula.

## U.S. Farm Income

Gross farm income in the United States last year soared to a new all-time record —8 per cent above the previous peak, set in 1948, and 20% above 1950. The major part of the gain, notes "Business Week", was due to higher prices; marketings rose only about 2%. Net farm income, however, rose less, due to higher production costs. So, on a net basis, 1951 was only the third-best year in history, behind 1947 and 1948.

Most of the 1951 gains went to livestock and poultry raisers. Cash receipts from cattle and hogs were up 20%; from sheep and lambs, up 5% (despite a 15% drop in marketings); from chickens, 15%; from eggs, 30%; from dairy products, 15%. The gain from crops, over-all, was only 6%. Cotton and tobacco were big gainers; wheat and corn produced less income last year than in 1950.

Among the regions, big gainers were the entire Northeast (dairy and poultry); the Southeast (cotton); and the Midwest (cattle and hogs). Biggest loser was the Southwest, where even cattle raisers were hurt by the drought.

A significant feature noted in the report is that switches in farm income from month to month last year had a telling effect on the over-all index. This is interpreted as meaning that the rise in income from non-farm sources has virtually come to a standstill. It seems likely now that this flat trend will persist until the rise in defense production catches up with the drop in civilian output.

## Staggering Figures

As the Ottawa Journal observes, the $642 millions spent by Canadians on liquor during 1950, the last year of record, went in large part to government treasuries, Federal and provincial. Nevertheless it is a large and disturbing sum. It means, as the Winnipeg Free Press points out, that the liquor business today is larger than the total business of the Federal Government before the war when the national budget stood at just over half a billion dollars. And the consumption of liquor continues to rise, having increased by 4.5 per cent in 1950 over the previous year.

Considered economically, the expenditure on liquor represents money which could be used to purchase the essentials of life. It is money diverted from the ordinary goods of the Canadian household into a luxury. Manpower and materials which could produce these essentials go into alcohol. This is the choice which a free society makes of its own accord but its effect in reducing the total output of essential goods cannot be denied.

Canadians, it now appears, are spending about $45 a year per capita on liquor or $180 for an average family of four. The monthly liquor bill for such a family would be about $15.

The size of the nation's total bill can be better realized when it is seen to be roughly twice the cost of family allowances or almost the equal of the total expected expenditure on these allowances and on old age pensions combined. It is equivalent to more than a third of the nation's defence programme.

## Agricultural Courses

There are few today who do not recognize that farming calls for a great deal of specialized knowledge. Much of it can and must be obtained by practical experience but as in other trades and professions it is only by systematic study and instruction that the young farmer can get anything like the full benefit of his practical experience.

The series of agricultural short courses which commence at the Vocational School today provide a most valuable opportunity for young people who intend to make farming their life work. The cost is slight, certainly much less than the cost of learning a similar amount by trial and error.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Hog population shows increase all over Canada; price of pork takes a drop.

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Weather permitting, there could be a joint memorial service for King George VI at the monument on Friday.

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The Board of Transport Commissioners is due to take up the matter of a single zone for Island freight rates today.

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This is White Cane Week, this year devoted to the rehabilitation of the blind. Employers should give serious consideration to the possibility of placing handicapped but nevertheless efficient workers.

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It is of interest to students and graduates of Prince of Wales College that the ensignia of the three feathers devolves on Prince Charles as heir apparent even before he is created Prince of Wales.

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Unemployment is fortunately not widespread in this Province this year but it is prudent as well as a matter of good citizenship to have as much work as possible undertaken before labour again becomes practically unobtainable.

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The German Reich was prepared to use counterfeit money as a weapon against its enemies. It seems highly likely that Communist minds would be even more ready to adopt such methods. Any civil defence programme should include provision for rapidly changing the type of currency in circulation.

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"The Bright Light that beats about a throne", compels circumspection on the part, not only of the occupant, but all associated with it. Hence to be a sovereign, or a sovereign's wife or family, demands eternal vigilance lest something untoward happens, to the detriment of all concerned.

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Quebec Provincial Government Farm Loan Commission has loaned $86,397,720 to Quebec farmers up till Jan. 31. Farmers have paid back by anticipation $15,316,867 of the loans. Premier Duplessis says the Farm Loan Commission has authorized 35,393 loans of which 13,715 were for the establishment of young farmers.

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It is the intention of the new City Council to concrete sidewalks in all areas without permanent walks; also to try a new cheaper asphalt which if successful will be used on the clay streets. The new assessment will result, it is expected, in a more equal valuation and citizens will have a considerably lower tax rate than last year.

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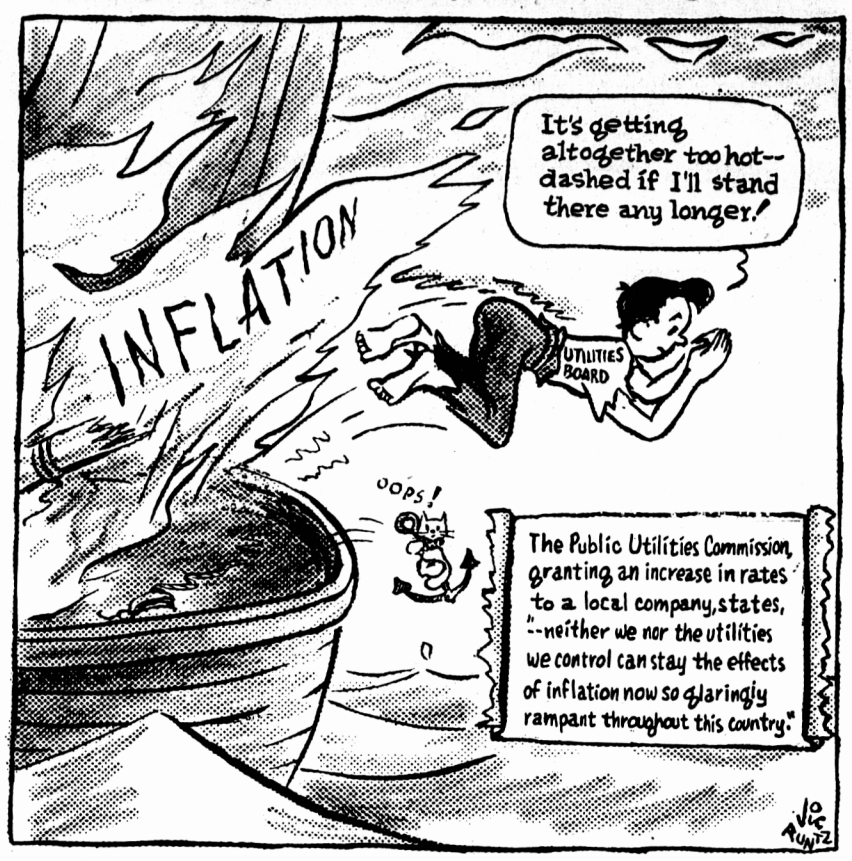
John Buchan, first Baron Tweedsmuir, died this date 1940. He became private Secretary to the High Commissioner for South Africa in 1901. Two years later he was a director of the publishing house of Nelson, became wartime Director of Information and member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities and lord high commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He succeeded Lord Bessborough as Governor General in 1935 and became universally popular in this country. Many of his novels have a Scottish background. His biographies include, works on King George V, Augustus, Caesar, Cromwell and Scott.

## "The Boy Stood (All He Could) On The Burning Deck--"




## 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.**

### ENGLISH BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Sir,—Your Dorothy Dix's Column of February 8th advises people born in England who wish to obtain a copy of their birth certificate, to write the mayor or town hall of the town where they were born.

This would likely lead to delay in many cases as a considerable number of these buildings were bombed and destroyed. Fortunately such destruction was anticipated and these records transferred. Copies of all such documents may be obtained promptly by writing and enclosing fifty cents to:—The Registrar, Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Somerset House, London, W.C.2, England.

I am, Sir, etc.,
MRS. C. V. B. HILL.

### LOYALTY AND FRIENDSHIP

Sir,—In the passing of our Gracious Sovereign King George the Sixth our hearts are touched with sorrow, but with thankfulness that death was painless. Our sympathy goes out to the Princess in a special way on account of her bereavement and of having the burden of Queenship thrust upon her.

We knew King George before 1939, but at that time we really fell in love with them as we gazed on their familiar faces. It will be good even for ourselves to pray for the Royal Family.

The King is only one of three friends that the writer has lost in three days. Those who knew Alfred Simpson of Summerside have suffered a loss in his removal from our midst. I said good-bye and wished him good luck a few weeks ago, a few days before going to Boston for medical examination. If the late King had been in my place he would have said, "Put your hand in the hand of God." But I lacked the courage. Of course he should have said that to me.

I am sorry now that I did not cultivate his friendship sooner, for he had a great capacity for that quality. He loved to reciprocate in hospitality and carried a well lined cheque book with a facile pen that would reach three figures and more when he found a worthy cause. He carried out the advice of the great John Wesley who said, "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

Then coming nearer home, my companion on fishing trips, my outspoken opponent in arguments and independent thinker, in the person of Wesley Champion, is removed from this earthly scene. He was diligent in business, a model husband and father and faithful in public affairs. Besides this, he shaved our faces if we were weak and sick. And he was known to stoop to still more humble service to help those nearing the dark valley and repeat the same daily. I wish to "engrave his virtues on the tablets of enduring memory that I may imitate them".

I am, Sir, etc.,
ARCH. MacKENZIE.

### PERSONAL CORRECTION

WANGANIU, N. Z. — (CP) — Mrs. A. B. Turnbull heard the radio announcer say that a parachutist was landing in the middle of the racecourse here during a carnival, then heard the thump on the roof. The radio station explained a gust of wind had blown the jumper off the course. The parachutist was helped down from the roof, unhurt.

## King George's Favorite Hymn

The favorite hymn of King George VI was "The King of Love My Shepherd is," a hymn based on the 23rd Psalm.

The hymn was written in 1868 by Henry W. Baker.

The tune, known as Dominus Regit Me, was composed by Rev. J. F. Dykes.

The Scottish metrical version of the 23rd Psalm was a favorite of the King and of other members of the Royal Family.

The words of the hymn are:

The King of Love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With good celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure Chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.
Amen.

## The Poet's Corner

### ON HIS BLINDNESS

When I consider how my light is spent,
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide,
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest He returning chide,
Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask; but Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, God doth not need
Either man's work, or His own gifts; who best
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best; His state
Is kingly. Thousands at His bidding speed
And post o'er land and ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait.

—John Milton.

## The Age-Old Story

**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. . . The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

LONDON—(CP)—Officials here have built a 400-foot model of the River Thames, reproducing every bridge, pier and sandbank. The model was constructed to help solve problems of flooding and silting.

## Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

### MAIL SERVICE PETITION

From a petition addressed by the Legislative Council and Assembly to Queen Victoria, April, 1845, praying for a grant in aid of forwarding the mails between this Island and Pictou:

"During the year 1842 a company was formed and incorporated under the name of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, for the purpose of facilitating the intercourse between this Colony and your Majesty's Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, by a steam vessel, as well as to connect the communication with Canada, by meeting the mail steamer Unicorn at Pictou, once every fortnight during the summer season.

"This Colonial Government took shares in the said Company, to aid in the procuring a commodious steam vessel and safe conveyance of Your Majesty's mails to and from Nova Scotia. A vessel of 110 horse power was purchased in England, at a heavy outlay of capital, and was employed during part of the summer of 1842 and the whole of the summer of 1843 in running twice a week between Charlottetown and Pictou, where she received the British and Colonial mails, and once a week to Miramichi; and during the past year, 1844, the same service was performed, with the exception that the boat went only semi-monthly to Miramichi, instead of once a week, as in the previous years. . . .

"In perfecting this extended communication and public conveyance, the Company have expended such large sums of money, and have suffered such considerable loss, in which the local Government has borne its share, that without aid they will be compelled to desist from their operations. The expense of the transit of the mails and other post office charges have left a balance against this Colony for the past year of £372, over and above the receipts from this head of revenue, so that no aid can be looked for from that source; and moreover the Post Office arrangements are not under the control of this Legislature.

"The commerce of this Colony with the United Kingdom has so increased as to render it necessary that nothing should interfere to interrupt the accommodation thus so satisfactorily established and conducted; and as Your Majesty has been graciously pleased, in furtherance of an extended commercial intercourse, to supply funds for the conveyance of the mails to all Your Majesty's possessions, your memorialists are induced to believe that a distinction will not be made in the supplying of them to this Island; but that the same liberality will be extended to it as to the rest of Your Majesty's North American Colonies."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## Notes By The Way

**The farmer may lose his political power.** This ever-increasing trend from country to town, from town to city, while it may not affect the present generation, is one to be viewed with alarm, for the possible effects it will have in the future regarding the voice of the farmer. Should this trend continue for another 10 years, the farming population, which is the basis of Canada's economy, may find themselves with very little power in the House of Commons. — (Plumas Standard.)

**The world's largest man-made forest**—Kaingaroa, in New Zealand —will shortly supply newsprint under a $30,000,000 project. Planted since 1920, the forest covers 1,000 square miles. In New Zealand's sub-tropical climate, its pine trees have matured more rapidly than in their native California and Oregon. A large pulp, paper and saw-mill to be built at Marupara will have an estimated capacity of 100,000 tons of newsprint, 10,000 of other printing paper and 10,000 tons of pulp. Two-thirds of the output will be available for export.—(Unesco Features.)

**There is said to be a move on to** establish pensions for members of Parliament in Canada, men who have been defeated and those who might fall on evil days. A contributory system and wisely administered to those in actual need should not arouse protest. But the pension system does operate now for a small number, but in a big way for the beneficiaries; the defeated candidates who are appointed to the Senate and always on the assumption that they will vote as the Cabinet directs.—(St. Catharines Standard.)

**The Department of Agriculture** points out that Canadian tobacco growers have cut down the production of cigar-type tobacco by half since 1946 tactfully ascribing the reduction to "changing tastes and habits of smokers". This diplomatic approach inspires the Ottawa Citizen to point out that high excise taxes may have had something to do with the change in taste, and this is indeed true. But, when the Citizen proceeds to say that a similar influence is at work on the pipe and cigarette smokers' tastes and habits and draws the conclusion that Canada will soon be "a smokeless land," we must beg to differ. We may become a country which does not grow tobacco, but that is not quite the same thing. Hard luck to be sure on the farmers who grow tobacco. Hard luck too on the companies making our tobacco into smokes. But we will go on smoking. The smugglers will see to that. Queer business, isn't it?" — (Montreal Star.)

**The "discovery" of Martin Bormann,** one of Hitler's ex-aides, in an Italian monastery, is a story to take with a grain of salt. Bormann was one of the last to leave Hitler's bunker in Berlin after Hitler's suicide. The party of which he was a member was mostly killed or captured. Bormann was not found. As a matter of fact, he was not a man of importance. He was a Nazi leader only because he was a sycophant of Hitler in the later days of the fantastic court which gathered round the Fuehrer. He had, apparently, few qualities of mind or imagination. He was just a tough. — (Montreal Star.)

**A clothing trend that will be** hailed by the male sex is the return of the two-pants suit. For many years it has been so scarce as to become almost a forgotten item of merchandise. But now, with worsted fabric prices lower than they have been in some time, manufacturers are putting in the extra pair of trousers in an effort to stimulate sales. The two-pant suit was a casualty of World War II. Shortages of material made scrimping so necessary that not only the second pair of pants, but the vest, and even the trouser cuff, disappeared from view. Later, as fabric costs soared, suit makers stayed within the one-trouser bracket in order to keep prices within reach. The new development is a significant drop in the cost of living when everything else is headed in the other direction. It will be cheaper to dress well with those "spare" pants to go with every purchased suit. — (Boston Post.)

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