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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Timely Warning

The attention of all our readers is directed to the warning issued by the Attorney General, Hon. Walter E. Darby, respecting the alarming number of fatal accidents which have occurred on the highways of the Province this season.

The Attorney General and his officials will have the strongest measure of public support in this very important and necessary campaign. Apparently words of caution and advice are of little value, unless enforced by the full rigour of the law.

Our Vanishing Savings

Remember the story of the Dutch family that emigrated to Canada back in the days of the great depression? Beset by threats of financial disaster, they were saved from despair only by the knowledge that the old grandmother had a comfortable nest egg of several thousand dollars salted away in the neighborhood bank.

The old Dutch immigrant's nest egg was, in fact, only a figment of her imagination. When she died, it was found she didn't have a penny. Her imaginary savings, however, had been enough to preserve her family from despair.

Nowadays, most of us wish we had a Dutch grandmother like that. Mounting living costs have eaten up a goodly part of most of our personal savings.

One immediate consequence of the decline in savings is a shortage of capital funds for investment. While the demand for credit for investment is climbing month by month, the available credit, represented by bank deposits, is declining.

Savings in the bank are a significant token of the state of the nation's economic health. Decline in savings is an economic storm signal, indicating that high spending and high taxation are making individual saving largely impracticable.

Our Pacific Fisheries

Among the issues affecting Canada in connection with the Japanese peace conference now in session in San Francisco is the livelihood of thousands of British Columbia fishermen. Assurances have come from Ottawa that the treaty will require Japan to enter into fisheries agreement with countries that ask for them.

Canada and the United States have both learned from experience the need of conservation. Halibut became so popular about the time of the First World War that Canadian and U. S. fishermen on the Pacific Coast almost fished themselves out of business.

but stock has been restored and maintained so that this area is producing more than two-thirds of the world catch.

International agreements are necessary because much of the production is far beyond the three-mile limit. Only about 10 per cent of the halibut catch is inside territorial waters, the bulk being caught between three and twenty-five miles offshore, some of it 100 miles from shore.

Before the last war the Japanese increased their fishing on the Alaska side of the Behring Strait, intercepting salmon 25 miles offshore. It is now known the Japanese were also fishing for halibut and had planned to extend their activities down the coast of Alaska and B. C. in disregard of Canadian and American conservation authorities.

It is contended, therefore, that the treaty ought to embody an agreement by which the Japanese will waive the right to exploit our Pacific coastal waters. Every Canadian taxpayer is indirectly concerned in the outcome, as millions of public money have been spent in building up this national resource.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It may be that the Royal visit in November will still find Premier Jones and Mayor MacDonald holding office.

Time brings about revolutionary changes even in the small things of life. It is not so long ago since Prince Street was a girls' school, and no boys over the first grade admitted. Today more boys than girls are on its register roll.

The Prince County Exhibition at Alberton is getting better, and attracting more spectators year after year. It was enterprising and most commendable for the directors to have pushed forward the provision of the new building to be ready for this year's show. Alberton is forging ahead all right.

Out west they intend to demand an increase in the educational efficiency of applicants desirous of becoming policemen. It is claimed the one stumbling block in the way is that the pay offered is not sufficient to attract suitable candidates.

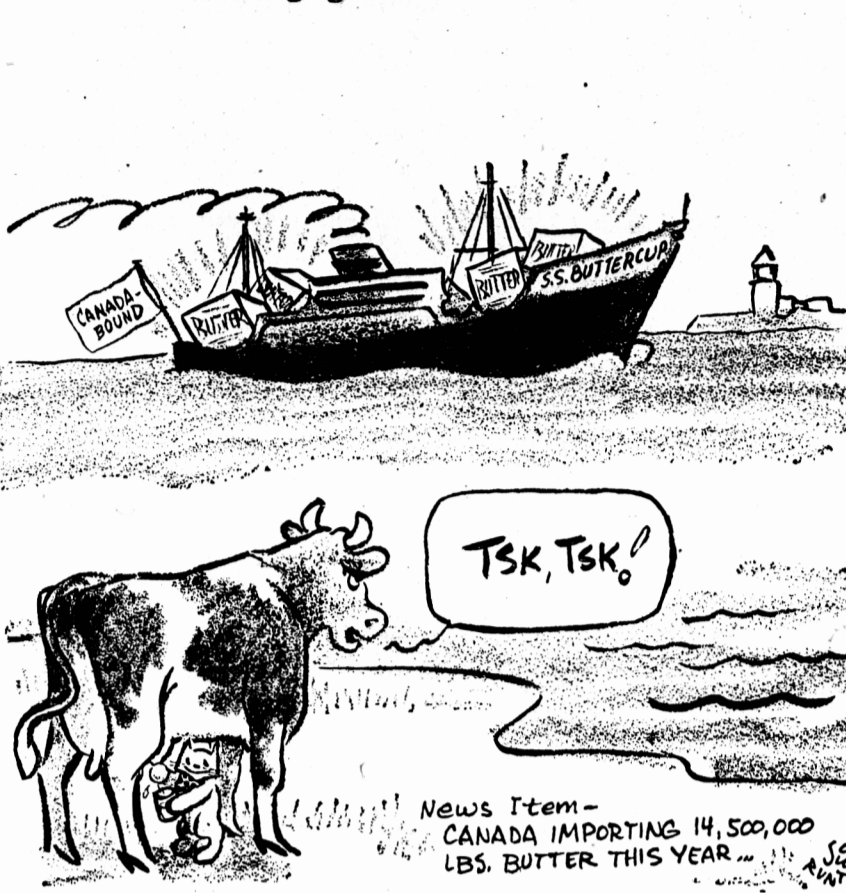
Queen Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, was born this date 1533. She was highly educated, her tutors having been steeped in the New Learning and under the influence of the Reformation, although she was actually brought up as a Catholic.

A retired officer settled here writes: "I have planted a garden so I know what faith is. I have seen the birch trees swaying in the breeze, so I know what grace is. I have listened to birds caroling, so I know what music is. I have seen the morning without clouds, after showers, so I know what beauty is. I have read a book beside a wood fire, so I know what contentment is. I have seen the miracle of the sunset, so I know what grandeur is. And because I have perceived all these things, I know what wealth is."

New Zealand Commissioner's office in Ottawa protests that the price to be charged for butter imported by Canada will not be 17c per lb. higher than the price charged in the Mother Country. The dairy industry's management, in fact, gave no indication what price was sought. It disclosed, however, that of the 10,000,000-pound purchase, only 3,000,000 will be provided by New Zealand. The remainder will come from Europe; 3,000,000 from Denmark, 3,000,000 from Sweden and 1,000,000 from the Netherlands. The butter will be delivered before Nov. 15. Negotiations are continuing to get options on further amounts, but no definite commitments have been made, the board said.

Aided by a good apple-crop last year, the production of canned apple juice throughout Canada is maintaining a high level. From the 1950 crop a total of 22,890,000 cans (mostly 20-ounce size) of the popular native juice was packed in the Dominion, according to a review of the latest pack statistics and container requirements by the Canadian Division of the American Can Company. The 1950 output was slightly below the previous year's record.

Bringing Butter To Dairyland



News Item - CANADA IMPORTING 14,500,000 LBS. BUTTER THIS YEAR

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.

AN OMINOUS DRIFT

Sir,—I enjoyed that picture-story in the Aug. 9th Guardian, showing a stableman reading a flare headline: "Horsemeat Sales Popular in West—Eastern Canada May Follow", with a slow nag looking over his shoulder and saying (or thinking): "Something tells me I ought to do some winning for a change."

It seems to this urban Canadian that, unless care is taken in the drift toward "Dobbin-steaks" our ebullient and meat-hungry nation might easily merely compound the confusion—in the frantic but very human effort to release the pressure of meat prices on the domestic pocket-book.

One of the farm editors points out the significant fact that, without the horsemeat development and having no relationship to zooling valuations for beef, "we have only half as many horses in the Dominion today as we had as recently as 1940. In the latter year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (Ottawa) the horse numbers had declined by about 500,000 as against the 1930 figure—whereas, in the decade 1941-1950, the total again nosedived at accelerated speed, from 2,715,000 to 1,385,000; a decline of almost 50 per cent—an average decline of 133,000 horses per year!

I am, Sir, etc.

ON THE ROOF.



MARIAN

She can be as wise as we. And wiser when she wishes; She can knit with cunning wit, And dress the homely dishes. She can flourish staff or pen, And deal a wound that lingers; She can talk the talk of men, And touch with thrilling fingers.

Match her ye across the sea, Natures fond and fiery; Ye who zest the turtle's nest With the eagle's crye. Soft and loving is her soul, Swift and lofty soaring, Mixing with its dove-like dole Passionate adoring.

Such as she who'll match with me? In flying or pursuing, Subtle wiles are in her smiles To set the world a-wooing. She is steadfast as a star, And yet the maddest maiden; She can wage a gallant war, And give the peace of Eden.

—George Meredith.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

"In pursuance to notice in our last number, a public dinner was given to James Peake, Esq., on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., at the Victoria Hotel, for his having purchased the Steamer 'Rose' last winter, in England, for the purpose of conveying the mails and passengers between this port and Pictou. The chair was taken at six o'clock by the Hon. Edward Palmer, assisted by F. Longworth, Esq., as vice, the representative of Charlottetown. On the right of the chairman sat the worthy guest of the evening. About fifty gentlemen sat down to dinner; several others had applied for tickets, but the stewards were obliged to refuse them, for want of accommodation. The dinner was excellent, and was served up in good style. Everything that the Island could produce, was to be found on the table. Much praise is due to Mr. James Davis, the landlord of the Hotel, for the very superior manner in which it was got up. The wines were also very good, particularly the champagne.

A band of music was in attendance, which struck up an appropriate air after each toast was drunk. We have often attended public dinners in Charlottetown, but never recollect to have been present at a more sumptuous and highly respectable assemblage than the one in question. Several gentlemen responded to the toasts in a very happy manner during the evening. Past political differences were buried, and all seemed to vie with each other in endeavouring to give the enterprising guest of the evening a right cheerful entertainment. We were much pleased to hear Mr. Peake state, in responding to the fourth toast, that he had appointed our old friend Capt. Matheson, late of the Steamer 'St. George', to the command of the 'Rose'. The party broke up at a late hour, after passing a very pleasant evening.

—The Islander, June 1, 1849.

Toy Puzzles Atom Expert

(Sarnia Canadian Observer) A Danish engineer's ingenious toy for children has become a mystery for physics experts and statesmen. They're asking what makes the tippe-top turn over?

The tippe-top is a spherical top about the size of a small apple with a strong stem. It is set spinning with a snap of the fingers and begins to rotate with the stem pointing vertically into the air.

Then comes the mystery. The oscillations change so that the stem of the top describes larger and larger circles until with a little jerk the top turns upside down and continues to rotate balancing on its stem.

When Mr. Winston Churchill visited Copenhagen last year he was introduced to the tippe-top by the Danish atomic physicist, Professor Niels Bohr during a dinner given by King Frederick. After the top had been spun three times the inevitable question came from Mr. Churchill: "How does it happen?" and the man who at one time in his brilliant career rescued atomic physics from the doldrums with his sensational theories replied: "I have tried to fathom it out but I cannot find the solution!"

New Brunswick

Test Case

(Time)

When he was discharged from the navy in 1945, John Sayre Taylor, 31, carefully charted a new career for himself in the hotel business. He took over management of his family's Royal Hotel, in Saint John, and by 1947 had made enough money to branch out and buy the Commodore at fashionable Saint Andrews. Go-getter Taylor was elected president of the New Brunswick Hotel Association and held office in both the Canadian and U.S. Hotel Associations. He crossed Canada twice, made a 10,000-mile U. S. tour and took a West Indies cruise to study hotel operations.

In every prosperous hotel he surveyed, Taylor was impressed by one fact about the business: the big money-maker—as much as 60% of a hotel's income—is the bar. For Taylor, it was a frustrating situation. New Brunswick prohibits sale of liquor by the glass.

Taylor's personal appeal to New Brunswick's strait-laced Premier John McNair for a change in the liquor law got nowhere. Said McNair: "There'll be no cocktail lounges...as long as I am Premier." Taylor defiantly responded by installing a bar in the Commodore Hotel. He called it a private club and handed customers "membership cards" like those issued in officers' messes, navy wardrooms, and the exclusive New Brunswick social clubs where liquor is sold without police interference.

Taylor's "club" lasted two months before the Mounties raided the place, seized Taylor's liquor and jailed him. Fined \$200 and sentenced to two months in jail last week, Hotelman Taylor declared that it was only the beginning of his fight to break the cocktail ban. He appealed his case to the Provincial Supreme Court and threatened to bring charges of his own against the armed forces messes as well as the clubs which now serve liquor with police knowledge. If Taylor makes good on the threat, army and navy officials and some of New Brunswick's leading citizens may have to join him in the dock.

The Age-Old Story

When Jesus came into the coats of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Refrigeration

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Notes By The Way

The shop windows have been filled with school books for some weeks now and they evoke the old nostalgic feelings for school days. We should still like to have the pencil box we never did get and the school bag that was always beyond reach. The text books in the windows are strange to us and we should like to go back to school to read them. We could, of course, buy them and read them anyway, but that would not be the same thing. Go back to school is what we want to do, and there do belong to all the things we did badly when we were there. — Montreal Star.

A despatch reaching our desk told about a missing yawl and it stated that the craft was crewed by So-and-So. That is the first time we have encountered such an expression. It made us pull a wry face. The English language is broad enough to provide the right word for any and every occasion and there is no need to invent more. In fact, one of the difficulties about learning the English language is that so many words, or synonyms, can be used to express the same meanings. We saw one reason for introducing such a word as "crewed" so we altered it to "manned." And we defy any philologist to think of a better one. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The proposal to cremate a totem pole, and use the ashes as some sort of a trophy for competition between New Zealand and British Columbia cricketers, is not sitting well with the "cultured" people on the West Coast. They point out, and rightly we believe, that the Indian totem poles are works of art that should be preserved. They are hand-carved masterpieces of a culture and religion that date back hundreds of years. Canada is not so rich in cultural objects that it can afford to lose one totem pole. Already, hundreds of dollars have been spent trying to restore and preserve the totem poles that were slowly rotting into dust before their condition became a matter of public protests. — Sudbury Star.

The television craze that has swept the United States is also affecting Canada and the interest grows each month, despite the fact that there is no Canadian outlet. During May, according to the Bureau of Statistics, the sale of television sets in Canada increased and the sale of radios dropped. This is rather remarkable when it is considered that the good television reception area is greatly limited. Canadian enthusiasm for television seems to far outstrip official action. The CBC kept rigid control of television in its own hands and delayed its inauguration. This, fortunately, may be an unanticipated blessing because the rapid advances in the science of TV, particularly in regard to color, makes equipment obsolete very quickly. — Kitchener Waterloo Record.

Writers rarely agree on what is the proper atmosphere for good work. Those who write only when a fit of inspiration is upon them believe that the period of waiting on inspiration ought to be spent in some comfortable place, preferably bed. Others like to work alone in some isolated spot — a mountain top, for example — and are usually encouraged in this when by their families and friends. For those who are willing to receive the Muses at home the consumer consultant of a pen company has some suggestions on how to improve "the writing corner" serendipitously. It must be well-equipped ("a good pen is essential") but cluttered; it ought to be in a quiet place; lots of "good natural air" is important; and a telephone is handy. In these surroundings ("planned for utility and charm") writing is "a pleasure." The consumer consultant clearly is unfamiliar with the working conditions of those who write in order to bring home the horsemeat. This curious breed usually defies all the rules by working without the aid of inspiration, quiet, or even air. Yet they produce. That their product is sometimes as bad as the conditions under which it is created is, of course, a point for the pen company's side. Ottawa Citizen.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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