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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Back To School

The long summer holidays are over for students in our City schools and Prince of Wales College, who will be returning to their classrooms today, or taking their places there for the first time.

It is a big experience for pupils of every age, this process of readjustment to the school routine, and a highly educational one in itself.

While the teacher shortage problem is still with us, it is reassuring to note from the Department of Education that the situation is better than at this time last year.

The Late Dr. MacGuigan

The sudden passing of Dr. J. D. MacGuigan on Saturday morning came as a great shock to his many friends throughout this Province and elsewhere.

This honour he had earned by forty-eight years of devoted attention to his calling in this Province, during which time he had taken a leading part in promoting the interests of the Association, provincially and nationally, as well as in public health and social welfare matters generally.

Genial and courteous at all times, cool and collected in every emergency, his presence in a sickroom rarely failed to inspire that confidence in the patient which is the first requisite to recovery.

For many years Dr. MacGuigan served as coroner for Queen's County, in which capacity he proved a model public official.

The Guardian extends sincere sympathy to Mrs. MacGuigan and family in their grievous loss, which will also be felt widely by the community at large.

The Policeman's Lot

Saint John City police force are appealing for an increase in wages, and the following is part of their appeal: "In his tour of duty, the policeman meets many people, and at all times, he must show them every courtesy, irregardless of what attitude the individual may take in respect to the policeman.

watchful of suspicious characters. Open buildings and properties are looked after as one of his many jobs. When emergency arrives, the police are there within minutes, to look after the situation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Schools and Colleges re-open this week.

Summer is a delightful season here, but after all the Fall is what Islanders enjoy most—the betwixt and between season.

The anniversary of the Battle of Britain, when so many were saved by so few, will be observed here on the 16th inst.

The Great Fire of London occurred this date 1666, destroying fifteen city wards, with 13,000 houses.

Potato producers now have a standard to guide them in disease free cultivation as the result of the tests proposed by Florida growers.

The British troops have completed a year's service in Korea, and from all appearances are likely to be there another year unless the Communists resume armistice discussions.

The first air freight service in the world by a gas turbine-powered plane was brought into operation last week when a Rolls-Royce Dart-engined Dakota left Northolt Airport for Hanover, Germany, carrying 2 1/2 tons of mail and newspapers for the forces.

An R. A. F. typist in the office of Sir Basil Embry, Chief of the London Fighter Command, has been arrested on five charges under the Official Secrets Act, and will be tried by court martial on Sept. 17.

Congratulations are in order for Wing Commander Willis on his promotion to the English Staff College. We are sorry to lose him, and it is in his case "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again" whenever he returns.

When Warrant Officer Samuel W. Wilson, 17, returned from Scotland to his home in Calgary, he handed to the Mayor a pair of cuff links bearing the Glasgow Coat of Arms.

The Federal Government is now paying the penalty of its wonderful plan to recruit a "special army" for Korea. Soldiers who enlisted definitely for 18 months, and later agreed to extend this to three years, are present in Korea with those who refused the extension.

What possibly can be done with child delinquents who deliberately plan wholesale murder? A 10-year-old boy in Bloomfield, Indiana, admitted on Tuesday wrecking an Illinois Central freight train in which three trainmen were scalded to death.

We have it on the authority of Bret Harte

That for ways that are dark, And for tricks that are vain, The Heathen Chinese is peculiar.

latest confirmation of which is the report that in the south province of Kwangtung, a big farm loan swindle has just been unearthed. About \$2,000,000 was granted by the Communist Government to the farmers in the province for such things as seed, irrigation, flood control, etc.; instead it was frittered away as capital for smuggling adventures, to pay wedding expenses, gambling loans, etc., while one borrower opened a wine shop and forgot all about seeding, fertilizing and irrigating his farm.

School Re-Opening -- Scattered Thoughts



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.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MACGUGAN

Sir—I had a sad and tragic experience on Saturday morning when I was called to see Dr. MacGuigan. He was beyond medical aid and had died instantly while eating his breakfast before going to the City Hospital.

Readily and gladly can I give testimony to his skill and judgment as a splendid colleague and physician. He was very careful and attentive to his patients, and had a large practice even from the rural areas he had served so well for fifteen years.

Dr. MacGuigan was my good friend, a friend full of rare Irish philosophy and ready wit. One good proof of his friendship is the fact that he would never run against me in the political field in this City although he was often urged and pressed to do so, and was a strong and influential Liberal.

My heart is bowed down with grief, as is indeed are hundreds of others at the sudden and untimely death of this good physician. To his two reverend Jesuit sons in the Holy Priesthood, to his widow and family I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

May his soul rest in Peace. I am, Sir, etc., W. J. P. MACMILLAN (Patriot Please Copy)

Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

Every year about this time Britain's family life gets just a little disrupted, and the bonds which hold a man and his wife together are ever so slightly weakened, particularly on Saturday afternoons.

The football season lasts from August to April or May, and matches are played every Saturday afternoon, with occasionally evening games during the week at the very beginning and end of the season.

It is a powerful attraction, this football, and something like a million people see the games each weekend. Countless others play or watch others playing in minor matches, and most of the population in one way or another are interested, even if they only read the results in the papers.

The true football fan scorns such artificial aids to the enjoyment of the great winter sport. Most towns and cities have their own team: many of the larger places more than one. And there are few examples of whole-hearted allegiance to exceed the faithfulness of their supporters.

The Age-Old Story

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

port when their boys are playing away from home ground. Not only is the support vocal, either; bells, rattles, whistles. . . all are legitimate, anything to make a noise, in short. And the colours must be shown, too, of course, in the strangest sartorial fashions.

Those who think of the Britisher only as a reticent, cold-blooded and unemotional character have never seen him at, or going to, a football match. At all other times, and on all other occasions he may be the soul of propriety in dress and bearing. Yet for a football match he will embark on a journey of several hundred miles, dressed in a suit of, perhaps, red and white or orange and black, and inevitably with a hat to match.

Yet, paradoxically, among his pals and fellow-supporters of his team, he will talk of that self-same team as if they were the most astounding nincompoops that ever kicked a ball. He dwells on "thoughts of old-timers he saw playing when he was a boy, and professes sadness, if not downright anger, at the alleged inability of the present day heroes to follow in such illustrious footsteps.

He has vehement ideas on the subject of referees, the state of the turf, the lack of proper accommodation for all the thousands who, like himself, are misguided enough to want to go to see such a collection of blanks. The astonishing thing is that so many thousands turn up, in rain or snow or gale, and no gladiators were ever cheered so lustily as his nincompoops.

An explanation, partial at least, of this curious phenomenon may lie in the words of a football fan himself, who told me he had supported a certain London team for twenty-five years, and had, he said, "grumbled at them every week". He added: "It's given me no end of pleasure. We all like a grumble, you know!" and with that he paid his admission charge for yet another round of pleasure.

Notes By The Way

An old saying has it that: "A fool and his money are soon parted." But there was a time when at least they could be together for long enough to get acquainted. — Windsor Daily Star.

Evidence that one of the great democratic levellers of the mid-century is man's or woman's garb, is to be found at almost any beach or lake today. Water wear makes these rather than a British one. Her trip will be under the auspices of the Canadian Government rather than the British, inasmuch as it is Canada's invitation which brings her to this side of the Atlantic.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Princess will spend less than three days in Washington in the course of her three-week visit to Canada, and she goes there as a Canadian Princess rather than a British one. Her trip will be under the auspices of the Canadian Government rather than the British, inasmuch as it is Canada's invitation which brings her to this side of the Atlantic.—Christian Science Monitor.

A senate subcommittee that visited Europe last month reports Gen. Eisenhower as saying to it: "The material, intellectual, spiritual, technical and professional resources available to the free world are so overwhelming as compared to what the Iron Curtain and satellite countries have that it is almost ridiculous for us to be talking in terms of fight and hysteria, which we often do." While that is true, a good many people in this country would rest easier if the free world were agreed upon how to use the resources available to it and showed a more realistic appreciation of the urgency of the crisis confronting it.—Detroit Free Press.

If we summon a sense of humor rather than a sense of international politics The Journal must confess it finds amusement in the sight of those Egyptian swimmers winning the London Daily Mail's prize money for swimming the channel and then telling them they can keep their old sterling. It is all very rude and all that, as the pro-British papers in Egypt and elsewhere are very rudely saying. But the fact is the "gippers" have pulled a fast one. They won not only the race but the nearest lark of the year and the more the Blimps and others in London cry but the nearer the lark becomes. It is, in fact, the only reassuring thing we've heard from or about Egypt in many years. All hope cannot be lost for a country able to win but not pick up the marbles with such arrogant deviltry. —Ottawa Journal.

The economic level of Asia must be raised, without which what has happened in China may happen elsewhere, and the western world will know consequences which will be by no means pleasant. Our rearmament effort and all the programs of aid to foreign countries are costing us much. But we may tell ourselves that they cost much less than a total war; that "foreign aid" is in reality only that "charity towards one's neighbor" to which our Christian principles obligate us, even when it is not in our own interest, as is the case. And finally that we have, to meet these expenditures one of the biggest revenues in the world which permits us to maintain a very high standard of life in spite of the sacrifices to which we must consent. —Le Canada.

Swing Of The Kilts

So it has come to pass and none too soon that Canadian bagpipers now are taking lessons in the cadence of the kilt. This takes a bit of explaining: During the past quarter of a century, Old Country Scots pipers have adopted a slower beat which, it is said, gives a better swing to the marcher's kilt. As Canadian pipers now in Scotland are finding out.

The Canadians have discovered that they have been using a fast beat which went out in Scotland 25 years ago. Canadian have been playing about 100 beats to the minute at a time the Old Country pipers have slowed down to 90 to 94 beats a minute. This, it is claimed, gives more "lick and polish." What better place for catching on to what better swing a kilt than at the great Gathering of the Clans which recently assembled in Edinburgh? It's the first such gathering in 200 years. Perhaps it takes that long in the historical cycle for the wheel of destiny to make a complete turn. At any rate the Canadians in Edinburgh feel that they have at last entered into their destiny and they will return home with a spit and polish, and a smart swing of the kilts that will open the eyes of the lassies all the way from Cabot Strait to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The Poet's Corner

MOCKINGBIRD BY NIGHT

Circled by moon, and pedestaled by peak Of the sloped roof, the mockingbird acquires That eminence that every bird desires; Moon-drunk, it utters June; title tall, tittle beak; And all the rich, soft moonlight seems to speak; The silver-spun rigidity of wires, The vertical virginity of spires, The long-earned expectation that all seek Rabbit abroad feel on a night like this: The drowsy oaks, no leaf alert to listen; The glass-blades where the moon-dressed dewdrops glisten; Of these the mockingbird's sweet synthesis. The singer ceases; and the night resumes A flowered preoccupation with perfumes. —Richard C. Pelletier

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Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

TEMPERANCE HOTEL

What was probably the first "temperance hotel" in the Island was opened in Charlottetown on March 28, 1849, by Thomas Green. In his advertisement Mr. Green stated: "The subscriber, seeing the great necessity of the establishment of an hotel on temperance principles, where the members of the order of the Sons of Temperance, and others favourable to the cause, could be accommodated without being annoyed by the selling and drinking of alcoholic beverages, has taken that commodious and eligibly situated new house on Water Street, two doors from Queen Street, lately occupied by Mrs. Webb, which he has neatly and comfortably furnished, and given the title of The Hillsborough Hotel, where he will be at all times prepared to entertain his friends and the public generally in a style equal, if not superior, to the best hotels in the Island."

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