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

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Our Day At Ottawa

Yesterday was "Prince Edward Island's day" before the Royal Commission on Transportation at Ottawa, and it proved not only a provincial hit, but a national one as well, for it launched a policy of unrestricted nationalization of Canadian railways.

Mr. Campbell, concentrating on the question of nationalization, cited quotations from the late Sir Edward Beatty's speeches and of the chairman of the C. P. R., Mr. George A. Walker, that actually, sooner or later it was nationalization or bankruptcy.

Mr. Darby was no less successful in producing a favorable impression by his presentation of our case generally for favorable consideration. He emphasized the unfairness of the freight rate increases, and the effect they had on our main export—potatoes, reducing the returns to our farmers to a mere bagatelle, and in the case of the 1949 crop he maintained all profit had been wiped out.

Roundabout Selling

There are more ways than one to skin a rabbit, and there are more ways than one to promote export trade. Exhibits at international trade fairs are ordinarily designed to show prospective buyers from other countries just how they may profit by buying from the exhibiting country.

Canada's exhibit at the British Industries fair is quite different. It is based on the proposition that for Britain to maintain or increase her purchases in this country, she must be able to sell here.

It seems clear that enthusiasm is not lacking to bring about this desirable state of affairs. Bureau of Statistics figures show that Canadians increased imports from the United Kingdom to an all-monthly high of \$32,700,000 which should certainly soon be reflected in a further opening of trade doors to Canadian goods.

Myth Of "Free" Services

In almost every speech by Government spokesmen nowadays, whether Federal or Provincial, emphasis is placed on the increasing number of free services which are being provided through grants in aid, inspection or other facilities.

Pointing up Senator Crerar's remarks, the Ottawa Journal says the pity is that this point isn't stressed more frequently. It would be so much more honest, safer and salutary than seeking to capitalize politically on every new Government handout.

group or class exempt, is the greatest fallacy of all. Taxes are passed on to everybody; and in the case of some levies, such as the sales tax, it is the poor who bear the brunt and not the rich.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In view of the development of the Hillsborough Bridge project there is a boom in the property market in the vicinity.

Remember the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. Every dollar counts. The distress is tragic.

Last year the crow was condemned and execution attempted. Now comes the trial of the feathered marauder.

The original of Ralph Connor's novel, "The Sky Pilot", Rev. Dr. Robert M. Dickey, has died at Hamilton at the age of eighty-one.

If the citizens of the Town of Kensington show as much enthusiasm for continuing the clean-up campaign as for starting it, they will soon find themselves in a whole community of prize winning householders.

Air Marshal W. A. Curtis' proposal to boost Canada's air strength from 10 squadrons to an eventual 15 is still somewhat modest, considering the vastness of the country they are to guard.

The one-room school may be on the way out, but South Granville is determined to produce great men in the traditional way. The new school should prove a focal point for community effort of every kind.

The Canadian National Railway has always done very well in the matter of serving seafood. The announcement by Maritime sleeping and dining car superintendent B. B. Archibald that fresh fish of every type are to be featured in the Atlantic Region should be cause for not a little rejoicing amongst the travelling public.

The plans and specifications for the erection of the new Federal building in the City are completed, but, we are told, it may take months or years to complete negotiations for acquiring possession of the site selected. That would indicate poor business aptitude on the part of whoever is handling the job on behalf of the Federal Government.

Dr. Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, died this date 1823. He inoculated a boy, James Phippa, with cow-pox, so that when the boy was later inoculated with smallpox an attack of the latter disease did not ensue.

Morgans of Montreal plan to observe Monday 21st, instead of the 24th for Victoria Day holiday. Spokesmen said many of the employees "who in common with the rest of humanity love a long week-end" are planning to visit relatives and friends on journeys that would hardly be feasible for a single day.

Egg prices on May 12 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers.

Table with 3 columns: Location, 1950, 1949. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Ch'town.

Registered Station Egg Receipts week ending—

Table with 4 columns: Location, 1950, 1949, May 6 cases, Apr. 29 cases, May 7 cases. Rows include P. E. I., N. S., N. B., Que., Ont., Man., Sask., Alta., B. C.

Total 140,419 141,036 140,474 Figures for 1950 are estimated. Previous year is actual receipts.

In Style Each Year At This Season

CURRENT FASHIONS



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.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Sir.—I have been informed that executors are allowed eighteen months in which to close out the business of an estate. As far as I can discover no such time limit is set for the inspection of a house after the wiring has been completed.

I am, Sir, etc J. D. LORD Crapaud, P. E. I.

DISASTER RELIEF

Sir.—In connection with the recent lamentable disasters in Manitoba and Quebec, the Canadian Red Cross and other agencies are suffering in Rimouski, Cabano and Winnipeg the Red Cross has carried a great deal of the burden which is costing thousands every day.

The funds collected by The Guardian and by the Red Cross are both in need of generous contributions on the part of our people. The Red Cross is making no special effort in this connection except to announce the appeal and leave it to the generosity of our people.

I am, Sir, etc. R. H. ROGERS, President, P. E. I. Division Canadian Red Cross Society.

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WITHIN HIS LOVE

High in the arched and open blue, out in the astral space, The mystery of created things impels the mind to trace

Far from this earth on which we dwell in life, or sleepful rest, With active mind and soulful thought or spirit now careessed

Outside the pale and planned design that's writ upon the scroll, That keeps the record of our ways and acts that we perform,

Some drive the horse or tractor on, to till the fruitful farm, Some work within the countered stores or in the shops of charm.

Where sleep the mortals that we know in life's triumphant day, In which they lived and planned and toiled within the workers' fray.

In heat and cold, in rain and sun, in snow and wind and sleet, Those noble stalwarts of their time now rest in slumbers sweet.

That give them sanctity of rest within the hallowed grounds, From which the soul has soared away to yonder Heights above.

To meet their Master, God and Lord, to dwell within His love.

—Peter A. Reilly, May 13, 1950.

The Age-Old Story

If ye will obey My vows indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me.

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(And P. E. I.)

DIVERSE PETITIONS

Among the petitions presented to the Legislative Council in 1858 were the following:

From Henry Palmer and Theophilus Stewart, Esquires, Indian Commissioners, praying the intervention of Council to enable the Executive to appropriate lands on the Worrell Estate, as compensation to certain Indian families, for land formerly set apart for them by the late Charles Worrell, Esq.

From Lewis Muttart, William Muttart and Edward Warren, contractors for the conveyance of winter mails, praying aid towards defraying the expense of building three new ice boats for that service.

From John Hobbs, praying that the House concur in any grant that may be made, or in any measure that may be adopted by the House of Assembly, in aid of the establishment of a silk hat manufactory.

From inhabitants of the First Electoral District of Prince County, for a grant in aid of the erection of a building for all public purposes.

From inhabitants of Campbellton, for a grant of a few pounds in aid of their public library.

From divers inhabitants of Summerside and vicinity, praying for the enactment of a law to prevent the running at large of hogs.

From the inhabitants of Township No. 65, for a grant sufficient to add "two blocks to Rocky Point wharf."

Sense of Direction

(By The Bishop of Southwell) "How wearisome" (wrote Cosmo Gordon Lang) is the constant and petulant cry for strong leadership!

That when people clamour for "a lead" what they commonly mean is some pronouncement which will confirm them in their own opinions. Yet this is a cry which will not be silenced.

And the more confused and complex life becomes, the greater grows the need for such leadership as will reveal the permanent realities and thus restore a true sense of direction. This is now imperatively required; in the present political situation the nation is left drifting and uncertain before imminent and mounting dangers.

If we cannot have unity in political action, then it must be sought at a deeper level, beneath the ideological divisions, in a moral and spiritual reassessment of the aims and ends of the common life itself. Far too much attention is being concentrated on the petty cash of party controversy. It is time to ask the fundamental questions: What are we living for and living by? and these are ultimately religious questions.

There can be no way out of our present troubles so long as men have no other bearings than their own "unruly wills and affections." The way of truth and peace is by obedience to a purpose which is not of man's devising—by learning to "love"

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Notes By The Way

Late in life I have begun to keep a herd of cows.—Mr. Winston Churchill.

Born Julie Jean Turner, the movie star had her name legally changed to "Lana", her stage moniker. As long as she doesn't alter her figure, we don't care what she calls herself.—Windsor Star.

For 15 years the people of Kersey, Suffolk, have opposed plans to take electricity to the village. Poles and overhead wires, they said, would spoil "the prettiest village street in England. Now the Electricity Board has agreed to lay cables underground.—London Daily Mail.

We are indebted for this one to a man who keeps a watchful eye upon our language to note the introduction of spurious coinage. He telephoned the other day to ask our opinion of the word "deselization" which he had run to cover in a C. P. story on the annual report of the Canadian National Railways. Before we had fully recovered from the shock, he went on to say: "I suppose when the railway changes to atomic power it will de-deselize its lines and atomize them?"

Probably, unless, in the meantime an angry citizenry mans the barricades to break the tyrannous power of the public relations man.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

President Truman has called for a great effort to spread the truth throughout the world; but there is one vast area of the earth where truth is never allowed to circulate and where any kind of frankness from outside may be immediately transmuted into falsehood and retused through a thousand propaganda sources.

Where everything that is said is so likely to be twisted into the opposite, it becomes increasingly difficult to say anything at all. Even democracy becomes reticent; its officials become timid; the "confidential," "secret" and "top-secret" stamps multiply. Such are the consequences of the generation through which the Fascist, Nazi and Communist totalitarianisms have exploited their wonderful discovery of the controlled propaganda mechanism, meeting every issue by massed shrieks of "liar!" and "assassin!" to which

those things which God commands and to desire that which He doth promise.

The nation is living below its proper greatness. There are greater things sleeping in its soul than any political slogans have evoked. The minor incentives and appeals do not tap those springs of faith and idealism which are still waiting to be realized. The supreme need is the liberation that comes from the vision of the Living God and the eternal issues of man's life.

They permit no reply.—New York Herald Tribune.

American men, reports a new story, "are losing the battle of the waistline". The men who figured it out did it by a study of belt sales. In 1946, right after the war, 74 per cent of the all belts sold were size 34 or smaller. In 1948 less than 50 per cent were 34 or smaller. There's no quarrelling with the fact of growing waistlines, but it isn't clear why any one had to turn belt sales into statistics to find out about it.

Proof of it has been apparent in 16,000,000 American homes since 1947—in the rag bags filled with uniforms that former soldiers, sailors and marines weren't able to struggle into six months after they left the service.—Milwaukee Journal.

How many municipalities in this province are exposed to danger as Rimouski was? Hundreds. It would be better not to name them so as not to frighten unduly, people who are sufficiently awakened by the devastating conflagration described and illustrated in the newspapers. It should be enough for them to remind those in authority that it is their duty to protect the lives and property of their electors against a constant danger. The precarious case of Quebec (City) is probably the least excusable of all. As a matter of fact, for years its people have lived in danger and carelessness with an aqueduct, the breakdowns of which are all too frequent events.—Le Soleil, Quebec.

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