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

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An Honoured Visitor

The friendly relations existing between Canada's two Island Provinces will be further cemented this week as a result of the visit of Hon. J. R. Chalker, Minister of Health for Newfoundland, who is scheduled to arrive here this evening and will spend Thursday in the Province.

The official greeting to Hon. Mr. Chalker will be given by Premier Jones and Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare, in the Confederation Chamber tomorrow morning, when the Newfoundland invitation will be formally extended.

The Mary Celeste

The mystery of the Mary Celeste is revived in a Canadian Government Travel Bureau news letter. Launched as Amazon, the brigantine was built on Spencer's Island, Minas Channel, Nova Scotia.

Some weeks later, a British vessel sighted the brig steering an erratic course. Their hail unanswered, the puzzled British boarded her. Not a person was to be found.

An exchange recalls that during the last war a Canadian naval vessel in the English channel sighted an unidentified brigantine, a rare rig nowadays. Peering through his glasses the skipper said, "Wonder who she is?"

U. S. Customs Proposal

A bill designed to cut much of the red tape out of the American customs procedure is before Congress. It is regarded as an important step to enable dollar-short countries to sell more of their goods in the United States.

A feature of the United States procedure that has given Canadian exporters many headaches, notes the Ottawa Citizen, has been the uncertainty in fixing the value on goods for duty purposes.

If and when the new bill passes, Canadians will be able to mail or express goods to friends across the border free of duty up to \$10 value.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ice-filled waters are a nuisance but probably very much preferable to fire or flood.

The Maritimes this month have imported no fewer than 15 pedigreed Ayrshire cattle from Scotland.

George Vancouver, English navigator, discoverer of the Pacific province and Island bearing his name, died this date, 1798.

Congratulations are being extended by Ottawa friends to Premier Jones on the now almost certain prospect of his obtaining the vacant Senatorship.

Charlottetown today welcomes the members of the Grand Orange Lodge and Grand Lodge, L.O.B.A., who are meeting here in annual convention.

Indian Mutiny broke out this date 1857, resulting in the annexing of India to the British Crown. It remained thus until recently when home rule was granted it under the U. N.

Newfoundland's Health Minister J. R. Chalker arrives tonight to extend an invitation to the hospitality of his Province to our own Premier. Mutual felicitations are the order of the day.

Reports continue that before long the Province will have at least the minimum cabinet representation. Our aim should be to send representatives to Ottawa of such a caliber that they must be included.

The Premier and the Government member for Queen's are at odds over the Party's potato warehouse policy, and the Premier has not poured oil on the troubled waters by practically telling Mr. Douglas to withdraw his adverse criticisms and apologize.

Mr. Churchill is not to be left with credit for originating the phrase which he used so effectively at the beginning of his war leadership, "I'm afraid," wrote Hugh Walpole in the twenties as quoted by a contemporary, "that I enjoy novel writing immensely. I say 'afraid' because novelists must sweat blood and tears, it seems. I would if I could, but I can't."

Adding to his laurels. Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King recently received the Grand Cross of Luxembourg for "great services" rendered to the tiny European duchy during the war. The presentation was made by Hugues Le Gallais, Luxembourg minister to Canada and the United States, in an investiture at Laurier House, Mr. King's residence.

New records in all sorts of attainments are now almost of daily occurrence. Perhaps the most unique is that contained in the current issue of the British Medical Journal. It claims the first case on record of a man who cracked his Adam's Apple when he sneezed.

An extensive programme for the visit of Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and Lady Brooke, has been prepared. Sir Basil is primarily on a trade expedition, but wants to see as much as possible of Canada and its potentialities.

Time changes and so do ideas and customs of travel. It is not so very long ago that for a member of a provincial government, or an official thereof, to travel to Ottawa, even on urgent government business, was more or less of a novelty.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

AN INNOCENT ABROAD

Sir, — I read with some amusement the letter of a resident of Halifax which appeared in the May 5th issue. The writer is very much concerned over the illegal sale of liquor in this Province and compares it with Ontario and Quebec where he says he never saw a drunk.

Regarding the "five joints" in North Rustico which he referred to, I wouldn't argue against that, but being a life-long resident of that community I would say that I could not prove the existence of any such places, so we will have to take the writer's word for it as he seems to be quite familiar with such joints; and I will also say that if there are any such joints, they cater only to the riff-raff and trash that come in here.

As for the "old maids", we have very few here, but I don't wonder at the other Provinces having so many with men of the writer's calibre, and as for cats, we have them too but with a much higher mentality.

We are proud of our community as it is, and if the writer does not like our taverns and barless Province, let him stay in his own back yard.

I am, Sir, etc., COMMUNITY MINDED (Halifax papers please copy)

PROHIBITION COMING BACK?

Sir, — Does anybody care? When we see liquor manufacturing and distributing agencies being established all over the Province in close proximity to our schools, and our churches and our homes, we say oh, that's all right. That is one of the factors associated with our Temperance programme by which we hope to civilize and socialize the liquor traffic.

When we find a fine piece of mechanical equipment smashed to pieces on the roadside by a drunk driver we say that is just another factor in our temperance education programme, and we guess we will have to make our laws a little wider. What about making our laws a little wider so that people who need alcohol to keep them fit and companionable will not be allowed to operate high powered equipment on roads that are provided for the benefit and convenience of the public.

The whole trouble with our present day civilization is that it has ceased to be civilized. Intellectual development has come to a standstill. Mass education is putting the control of affairs more and more into the hands of the masses. Neither in education, nor in government nor in society have we enough men big enough to operate the plant that the wisdom of our ancestors have handed down to us.

I am, Sir, etc., VERNON CROCKETT York, P. E. I.

The Age-Old Story

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right, if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins

The Old Problem: Where To Find Jack



The Poet's Corner

EBB TIDE (The Sailor's Grave at Cloosee, Vancouver Island)
Out of the winds' and the waves' riot,
Out of the loud foam,
He has put in to a great quiet
And a still home.

And look for the fishing fleet at
Shadows like lost souls.
Slide through the fog where the
seal's warning
Betray the shoals.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)
TELEGRAPH SERVICE
It gives us sincere pleasure to be able to inform our readers that directions have been sent on from the competent authority at New York to have the Electric Telegraph between Charlottetown and that City, put into proper working order.

On Being A Family

(Royal Bank of Canada News Letter)

No father is expected to carry the whole weight of the family problems. By coming between his children and all suffering a father makes them infantile. His job is not to be a buffer between the family and trouble, but to help his family command it. He has an important job outside the family, to be a good citizen, bearing his share of social responsibility.

This generalization must be accepted with caution. Countless men who would otherwise have led ordinary lives have been inspired to greatness by their wives and children. And, by the way, Bacon was merely repeating what was said by the melancholy Greek philosopher Lucian in the second century. It takes a nandy excuse a long time to die.

Education for family living has its beginning in school years, when the child learns elementary facts about hygiene and home management, but the best work is done in early adult years. There are facilities for study in every city and in many smaller centres. The task is to convince young people that learning is worthwhile because more enjoyment can be had in married life if they approach it prepared. Parenthood is a job for the sturdy. It can be rather rough going. Young children love to make a noise, and they are given to moving violently about. The parent who is forever saying, "Quietly!", ought to have made inquiries about the real nature of children before becoming a parent.

Then, the noisy period past, the children develop into animated question marks (For 15 to 18 years they display insatiable curiosity and an inclination to argue. These are part of their education, and the parent who smubs their curiosity is shirking his duty. It is not always a comfortable situation, because sometimes the parent just does not know the answers. That need not be disastrous unless the child finds his parent bluffing. It is far better to say: "I don't know, but let's find out." The weak or thoughtless person will end a debate by the mere exercise of authority, but the child senses that a grown-up who has to stand on his dignity like that must be a person of short stature.)

Notes By The Way

When Sir Waldon Cuthbert asked the Prime Minister whether he would undertake to read a book called "British Socialism is Destroying British Freedom", if it were sent to him Mr. Attlee replied: "The amount of time I can give to works of fiction is extremely limited." — London New Statesman.

The British Columbia Lumbermen's Association has presented 47 tons of Douglas fir to the Festival of Britain, 1951. This timber will be turned into lacinated wood arches which will roof the main entrance building on the site of the main Exhibition of the Festival. As the largest stream of visitors will enter the site through this building, the wooden arches will be the first impression of the exhibition by the majority of the people. — St. Catharines Standard.

Edmonton water users have been so accustomed to the use of meters — they appeared here more than forty years ago — that they can hardly understand objections to them. Where water has to be filtered, purified and pumped, it is almost necessary to meter it. — Edmonton Journal.

Brockville's tax rate has increased by ten mills this year. We believe it is time the people of Brockville did some thinking about their future. Unless Brockville decides to make an intensive effort to obtain a fair share of his new development our mill rate could soar out of sight this year 67.5 — next year? — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Here in the city the river course is nearly run. Ahead its identity will be swallowed in the vastness of Lake Winnipeg. Time is running out. Here, too, a mass of machinery and organization confronts it with new problems — dykes which climb as it climbs, pumps which pump its invasion. And so it stops dividing its waters, leaving some to press and prod the earth until a weakness appears, lying around the outworks like the siege of some ancient city.

There is lots of time. The defenders must stay; the booty is rich. Here it may not engulf but it can saturate, winning one house and then another. Every conquest is a tragedy. Move out, abandon, are easy phrases which weakly describe ruin and destruction. The headlines tell of ghost towns but towns are men and women and children, the sick and the old.

Weeks must pass before they can return. Meanwhile they are with neighbors and friends or strangers, their homes in the keeping of the river and when they see them again the brand of the Red will be on them.

Back into the past of this country, the river has been at one the making and the unmaking of the valley. It has brought the settlers and expelled them; it has carried their possessions and destroyed them; encouraged them to build along its banks and then, at intervals, ruined their handiwork. But as often as it has hurt, it has helped. Its story is the history of the prairies for many years and its legends for many more. The grass and trees feeding on its moisture have gathered man and animal for centuries.

This year of 1950, the Red has conspired against its friends. It has allied itself to the weather. The wind is blowing. The bright prairie sky has been painted out for one of sombre grey. In the records of the Red, 1950 will take its place. Thousands have been hurt.

ELTHAM, Kent, England.—(CP) —The bellringer team at the church here consists of the vicar Rev. R. H. I. Williams, his wife and their four daughters.

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