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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Campaign Under Way

In his opening address in the Provincial election campaign, published in yesterday's Guardian, Premier Jones defines the chief issue before the people as the selection of the best Government to continue the presentation of our claims at coming Dominion-Provincial Conferences.

The Opposition cannot cavil at the emphasis placed by the Premier on this matter, but they maintain that under the tax agreements, and in view of our still unimplemented claims and fiscal needs, the amount now received should be greatly augmented.

The Premier approves of the proposed amendment to the British North America Act to facilitate the payment of old age pensions without a means test.

Confusing also is the financial issue as presented by contending party spokesmen.

Provincial governments nowadays are in an entrenched position by reason of the increasing tieup with Federal health, social service and other grants, and naturally they take full advantage of this in campaigning for re-election.

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The broad economic aim of the plan is to create a single European market for coal and steel, within which tariffs, quotas, state subsidies, discriminations and cartels would be forbidden.

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Obviously, notes an exchange, the Plan raises important questions of economic policy; how for example to reconcile the continental free market with the non-discrimination principle of the Geneva Treaty and how within the space of three or five years to reduce the high Belgian and Italian prices to those of the single market.

The past year has in fact witnessed a marked improvement in the relations between the French and West German Governments. Regardless of the ultimate fate of the complex Schuman project it is to be hoped that this promising rapprochement may be further strengthened in the interests of European solidarity and peace.

Ownerless Sealskins

Drifting along the north shore of the Island are reported to be huge quantities of sealskins, particularly on the ice between Tignish and Alberton. It is of interest and perhaps of some practical importance to note that such skins are ownerless.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. D. L. Mathieson is not yet an M.P. as wrongly designated yesterday, but a K. C.

For the first time for many years, England will ship cattle to Newfoundland this coming summer.

The C. C. F. is a relative newcomer amongst political parties here but in nominating a woman to run for the Legislature they are also a pioneer party.

Road conditions being what they are, politicians as well as children will probably be uttering the invocation, Rain, Rain, go to Spain, etc.

May-day has a special significance for lovers, a different one for Communists, but to the Islander it is the opening day for lobster fishing.

Mr. James Bremner, executive secretary of the Canadian Jersey Breeders has been appointed to represent Canada at the meeting of Federation breeders in Jersey in October.

The proposed plant for producing sulphur from Alberta oil, commencing early in 1952, is intended to benefit the newsprint industry but should at the same time ease the fertilizer situation for farmers.

At Goose Bay, the newspapermen who were taken by the R. C. A. F. on a trip thence were agreeably surprised to find how mild the weather was there.

The war in Korea is not by any means within reach of a termination. It takes two to make a fight as well as a peace, unless one runs away to live and fight another day.

The Schuman Plan

"I shall never be a party to any legislation that will again make it possible for a portion of our fellow Canadians to be known as zombies," declares Labour Minister Gregg, and added, "If mobilization is required let it be total mobilization and let it never again be carried out along the lines adopted in World War Two."

President Truman has authorized deferment from the draft of college students who make good enough grades or pass an aptitude test. The order applies to approximately 1,000,000 students now in college, and is applicable to the 1951-52 school year.

Dick Turpin, English highwayman, was hanged this date 1739. Exploits, largely fictitious, on his mare "Black Bess" have secured for him an almost legendary renown. He was the son of an Essex innkeeper, and began his predatory career by cattle-stealing when apprenticed to a butcher.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) LENNOX ISLAND

In an article quoted some time ago in this column by the late Rev. A. E. Burke, written during the 1890's, it was stated that Lennox Island, originally granted to Sir James Montgomery, was purchased from him by Robert Bruce Stewart, Esq., for the sum of 100 guineas, and subsequently, in 1855, sold by Mr. Stewart to the Aborigines Protection Society for 1400 sterling, for use as an Indian reserve.

One fact stated in Father Burke's account is evidently erroneous, as it was not Robert Bruce Stewart but his father, David Stewart, Esq., who purchased the island in the first place. This appears from the following letter by David Stewart to the Marquis of Normandy, published in the Journal of the House of Assembly, 12:10:

"94 Great Russell Street, 3rd August, 1839.

"My Lord,—In reference to Mr. Labouchere's letter of the 15th March last, on the subject of Lennox Island, my son has informed me, as he had previously informed Lord Glenelg, that I was not in a position to make any proposition at that time owing to the want of title,—for though I purchased the property in the year 1831, when the purchase money was lodged in the British Linen Company's Bank at Edinburgh, yet, for reasons with which it is unnecessary to trouble your Lordship, it has not been until last week that the conveyance was completed; nor was the conveyance delivered to me until the evening of the 31st July, which will, I trust, account satisfactorily to your Lordship for the delay in complying with your Lordship's wishes, as expressed in Mr. Labouchere's letter.

"Having learned, in 1831, when I was in Prince Edward Island, that the poor, harmless Indians were much harassed and annoyed by persons trespassing upon Lennox Island, which then was for sale, I agreed to purchase it, chiefly with a view to their protection, and left with my agent the most positive instructions, which have since been often repeated by letters, not to allow the Indians to be disturbed in any way, nor under any pretence—neither have they been disturbed in so far as it was in my power to prevent it; but I regret to learn that they have been disturbed by persons who had no right or pretence to go upon Lennox Island, and who have acted not less against my wishes, than against those of Her Majesty's Government.

"I certainly have no wish to part with Lennox Island—yet if Her Majesty's Government think they can better provide for the security and comfort of the Indians by purchasing the island for their use, I have no disposition to oppose their views, and accordingly beg to refer your Lordship to the House of Messrs. Farrer and Parkinson, to treat for the purchase. Should the Government decline to purchase the island, I shall feel most happy to meet your Lordship's wishes, by doing everything in my power to promote the comfort and happiness of the Indians, not only on Lennox Island, but in every part of Prince Edward Island which belongs to me.

"We are not only ready, but most anxious to promote the comfort, happiness, and security of every class of persons upon that beautiful island, to the utmost of our power, as far as can be done consistently with common justice to ourselves; and if Her Majesty's Government could put down, and keep down, the agitation which has been raised and kept up for the last seven or eight years, by parties whose objects seem to be to render all property insecure, and consequently to put an end to peaceable and industrious pursuits and habits, Prince Edward Island would soon become one of the most interesting and happy Colonies belonging to the Crown: but at present, I am sorry to say, that by means of perpetual agitation, under the most unfounded pretences, the island is kept in such a state as to render it impossible for the inhabitants to attend to those pursuits and acquire those habits which are absolutely necessary to the prosperity of any agricultural society.

"Should your Lordship wish to see me, I shall have pleasure in waiting upon you, at any time you may please to honour me with an interview.

"I have, etc., (Signed) DAVID STEWART,"

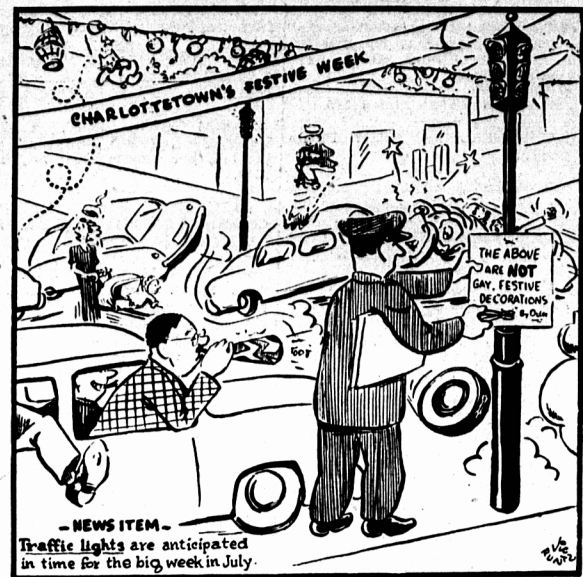
Consequently Mr. Stewart directed his agents to offer his 1400 acres in Lennox Island to the Government for £1,500, "being about the same rate which the Government were selling land there."

"This did not meet with the views of the Prince Edward Island Legislature, however, which at the session of 1840 expressed the opinion that the property was "of much less extent than fourteen hundred acres, and of much less value than the amount asked for same". The House decided that even if the area given was correct, the price demanded by the proprietor was "most extravagant, and far beyond its actual value, and the average price of lands in this Island."

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—City council has raised the charge for cemetery graves for non-residents, in an effort to make up part of the deficit of the municipal burying ground.

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Possible Developments



NEWS ITEM—Traffic lights are anticipated in time for the big week in July.

U.N. Policy In Korea

General MacArthur's Easter Saturday remarks as he boarded his aeroplane at Tokyo to visit the front roused rather more excitement than they need have done. For, surely, we should by now become used, if not reconciled, to the General's fondness for discussing publicly what the State Department acidly describes as "political issues which are beyond his responsibility as Field Commander."

What are those views at present? There is no reason to suppose that they have changed materially. It is known that for some little time the idea has been under consideration of issuing a new statement of policy—either by the Assembly or by the governments in Korea. But there is no reason to suppose that this would be more than a restatement of the things already said: for nothing has happened to bring about any particular change.

The objectives remain the same. To put an end to the double aggression—the North Korean and the Chinese. To restore peace to devastated Korea. To assist in its rehabilitation. To ensure its independence and, if possible, its unity. To prevent the extension of war and the miseries of war to other areas. And to open the way for a general peaceful settlement of the Far Eastern problems.

That is the programme. Whether it can be rapidly achieved must depend largely upon the attitude of the Peking government. Do Mao Tse-Tung and his colleagues wish to put an end to the fighting and seek for a peaceful settlement? Or do they still believe—as they certainly believed at the beginning of the year—that they can achieve a decisive victory and win what Kim Ir-Sen, the North Korean leader has called a "battle of annihilation"?

There is a complete absence of direct evidence. It is now nearly six weeks since the U. N. Assembly set up its "good offices committee." During those weeks, Mr. Entezam, its chairman, has twice enquired, through the Swedish Ambassador in Peking, whether the Chinese government would be willing to discuss the possibilities of ending the hostilities, either with the committee, or with him in his capacity as President of Assembly.

No answer of any kind has been

The Poet's Corner

MORTALITY Our friends go with us as we go Down the long path where Beauty wends, Where all we love forgathers, so Why should we fear to join our friends?

Who would survive them to outlast His children; to outwear his fame— Left when the Triumph has gone past— To win from Age, not Time, a name? Then do not shudder at the knife That Death's indifferent hand drives home. But with the Strivers leave the Strife. Nor, after Caesar, skulk in Rome. —Oliver St. John Gogarty.

Given. No indication has been made through any other channel. And the Chinese press and radio are in these days exceptionally reticent on the whole subject. That may mean that the Chinese communist leaders are reconsidering the whole Korean situation: that they are thinking hard. Certainly they should be. For the military position has changed since they were so confidently expecting to "annihilate" the United Nations forces, or compel them to a "Dunkirk" evacuation.

Two major Chinese offensives have been halted and broken. A third, which the U. N. command was anxiously expected a month ago, had to be postponed. One obvious reason was the success of General Ridgway's "spoiling" operations. Another is suggested by reports of supply difficulties and of a violent outbreak of haemorrhagic smallpox in the Chinese armies. This by no means suggests that the fighting strength of those armies has been broken. Far from it. But it does mean that the confidence of the Chinese leaders in the "invincibility" of their troops must have been somewhat shaken. Ev-

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Notes By The Way

Prime Minister Attlee is said to be troubled by a small but loud-voiced element in his Socialist Party which is anti-American. President Truman will sympathize. There is a small but extremely noisy crowd in his party (and in the party opposite) which is anti-British. Neither outfit is greatly to be praised for its brightness. —Brandon Expatriot.

Sir Benegal Rau, India's delegate to the United Nations, says that to achieve lasting peace, then hunger, poverty, ignorance and disease must be rooted out. To achieve peace through these methods is much harder than by making war, for it requires patience, understanding, and sacrifice without the emotional appeal possible during a war. Yet the goal is so great that every effort should be exerted to achieve peace by this means.—Ottawa Citizen.

This is the time of year when many of our young men begin practising their favorite Summer pastime of curb cruising. For those of you who do not know anything about this popular hobby, we might as well start off by explaining that curb cruising requires a car, preferably a 1951 convertible, two young male occupants, and two young females out for a walk. The curb part of the expression is, of course, what the young ladies walk close to. The cruising part consists of the young men driving as close to the curb as possible and whistling, etcetera. Oh to be young again! —Lethbridge Herald.

Federal aid, for education, seems hardly necessary at this time in Alberta. This province is spending at least at the local level, as much as any province in the Dominion. Where it is falling down is at the provincial level and especially in the support of capital school expenditures. The only case for Federal aid therefore lies in the "correcting of inequality" between the provinces. If that is what is de-

en Stalin can hardly feel so completely confident today of the certainty of a decisive Chinese victory as he was when he gave his famous interview to Pravda.

sired, then Federal aid supporters must remember what this booklet says: "Actually, the more prosperous provinces would pay for their own grants, as well as for part of those of the less prosperous provinces through their higher Federal tax contributions. And Alberta is one of the "more prosperous provinces." In other words, Federal aid won't at the present time, mean anything to Alberta, since our province is near the top of the heap. Federal aid would mean much to Newfoundland, which would presumably be raised to the Alberta-BC level. It would be done, though, at the expense of the Alberta taxpayer, and that is something the Alberta supporters of Federal aid should remember.—Calgary Herald.

This business about Alberta's rich natural resources can be carried too far. As a matter of fact, it appears to have been taken quite a bit too far back in an ancient geological age, when things like water and natural gas were doled out to various communities-to-be. Even in that early era, distribution was out of whack. The town of Meeting Creek, 70 miles south of Edmonton, has been paying a premium for its existence ever since it was founded in 1912. With no town water supply available, the C. N. R. has hauled water for Meeting Creek 50 miles from the Big Valley. Three times during the past 20 years, in three different locations, townfolk have drilled wells in search of water. But all they struck was gas — and plenty of it. So precious aqua continues to be hauled that expensive 50 miles from Big Valley. With more natural gas under their feet than they can use, citizens of Meeting Creek would probably be glad to trade some other commodity a good gasser or two for one good gusher — particularly if it produced nothing but cool, clear water.—From Edmonton Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—Stricter controls to channel scarce materials to defence and essential civilian manufacturing are on the way. National Production Administrator William H. Harrison told Congress today.

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