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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Friends At Court

This Province is indebted to Mr. H. H. Hatfield, M.P. (Victoria-Carleton, N.B.), and Mr. M. J. Caldwell, M.P., for standing up for our potato growers in the House of Commons.

Mr. Gordon Talks Shop

A comprehensive talk on problems confronting the Canadian National Railways was given in Toronto recently by the corporation's chairman and president, Mr. Donald Gordon.

On the subject of truck competition, he mentioned two practical lines of approach. The first is "to re-examine with an open mind all our methods, procedures and techniques for handling the traffic on which we are vulnerable; the second is to undertake jointly with our fellow members of the Railway Association, an intensive fact-finding programme of research into the common problems arising from road-rail competition."

Mr. Gordon did not claim that C. N. R. services are entirely satisfactory. "Despite new equipment that has been acquired, roughly one-quarter of our freight equipment is over thirty years old. Our passenger equipment has an average age of about 28 1/2 years, and in spite of reconstruction, a good deal of it is obsolete by present-day standards."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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Mr. Woodrow Wheatley, who has been adversely critical in our Forum column of the Eskimo policy of the Government in venturing to invade the precincts of private

enterprise in shipping, will no doubt rejoice that the Government has seen the error of its ways, and decided to withdraw from a hopeless competition.

It has been revealed at Ottawa that the Federal Government is serving American potatoes in the Parliamentary restaurant instead of P. E. I. or N. B. produce. Such bungling seems almost incredible.

Premier Jones was justly indignant in the Legislature at the expense of our Liberal representation in the House of Commons where incorrect statements affecting the reputation of the Province were allowed to go unchallenged.

Robert Southey, English man of letters, died this date 1843. He met Coleridge and with him dreamed of founding a communist settlement in America. This dream was dashed, however, and Southey visited Portugal. He wrote three epics, "Joan of Arc," "Madoc" and "Thabala" (outlined as The Destruction of Dom Daniel) as well as numerous ballads, magazine articles, histories, biographies, translations and poems.

To him that hath not ample credit will be taken away that which he hath. The consumer credit restrictions announced by Finance Minister Abbott are tough. The one requiring a 50 per cent down payment on new cars is stiffer than anything during the last war, when the required down payment stayed at one-third.

That was a magnificent gift of a million dollars to the Montreal Neurological Institute by the millionaire owner of Montreal Star, Mr. John Wilson McConnell. Mr. McConnell has been long a director of the Institute, and in the past has contributed largely to its maintenance.

Mr. George MacKay, of the Fourth District of Prince, dilated in the Legislature on the prosperity of the farmers in Prince, where, he said, there was not a vacant farm. He paid tribute to the potato industry for contributing in no small measure to such a happy state of affairs.

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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.

ROAD PETITION

Sir,—A petition has been circulated in Bedouque Village, in connection with the proposed road from Summerside to Borden. As there is some uncertainty regarding the object or purpose of this petition, I will ask those who prepared it to publish the preamble.

CENSUS APPOINTMENTS

Sir,—I notice that a great many Liberal poll committee meetings are being held throughout the rural areas, and I presume that they are being held in the urban centres as well.

I have been informed that the purpose of those meetings are for the transaction of business pertaining to the political welfare of the Liberal party but it is questionable whether all of the business that is done at those meetings will prove profitable to the party, as I am led to believe that recommendations are being made by those poll committee members as to who, in their opinions, are the best qualified to act as enumerators in the decennial census to be taken this year.

I have been informed that the only qualification taken into consideration by those committee men is how the standing of the applicant is in the Liberal ranks. I feel that the very first consideration should be given to the applicant who had the longest service in the armed forces.

Allow me to suggest to those who have influence in these appointments, to exercise it in favour of our veterans; forget about political favouritism and give encouragement to the service men of today and also to those young Canadians who will be the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of tomorrow.

I feel that if the above suggestion is received, the consideration they rightly deserve, and this will be more fruitful to the Liberal party than if they allow favouritism to influence them in those appointments, thereby overlooking our deep debt of gratitude to our ex-service men and their adverse economic situation, due in rural districts to their potato crops being disposed of at one-half the cost of production, and in the urban centres to lack of employment.

I am, Sir, etc. INTERESTED Johnston's River.

THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Sir,—I was very much impressed with the letter in your Public Forum on the 16th inst., entitled "The Church's Mission", because it expressed so clearly my sentiments and opinion on the present condition of the Church. The letter had certainly the right signature: "A Christian." We know the tree by its fruit, and only a true Christian could see and have courage enough to bring the present status of the Church to the mind of the public in this manner.

Worldly amusement and public entertainment are not the only evils that are coming into the Church; it is fast becoming modernized, secularized and commercialized. A church today is not considered modern unless there is an annex attached, to have different forms of entertainment and social functions. In some sections of this Province, church organizations can seldom meet on a week-day afternoon or evening, even in the main auditorium, and go home when their over feeling satisfied with the spiritual worship only, not to be used as an entertainment house, and recreation and amusement centre, nor a place to lecture in and have feasts, social times, etc.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM "THE VICAR" His talk was like a spring, which runs With rapid change from rocks to roses; It slipped from politics to puns. It passed from Mahomet to Moses; Beginning with the laws which keep The planets in their radiant courses, And ending with some precept deep For dressing eels, or shoeing horses.

—Winthrop Mackworth Praed. Church has to discuss these subjects which are presented from time to time and draw such large crowds on an entertainment basis, then I say they are of no spiritual value, and Christianity must be at a very low ebb.

Seldom do we ever hear from our leading churches the preaching of conversion, repentance and salvation. I always thought that when a man was ordained his primary duty was to preach the Gospel and try to save souls, but that seems to be fading out of the picture and is being substituted by morality and formalism, giving the impression that if you live the way someone tells you, you will be sure of eternal life; and that way is principally to be honest and respectable. Keep within the law of the land, join and be an active worker in the church, and be sure to give your financial support, — then you are a Christian and need have no fear of the future! As much as to say, you were born a Christian; you don't have to experience the new birth or be born of the Spirit. Morality can never take the place of conversion.

A few years ago a text would be selected from the Scripture and a good sermon preached therefrom, but today there are too many sensational topics, with the above results. Some will even tell us from the pulpit that the heathen religion and Communism are far superior to Christianity and democracy. I say some of the sermons we hear today are not worthy to be called sermons; they should be called lectures. In fact I have come to believe that we have some of the false teachers with us today that we are told about in the Scripture, to beware of, who would in the last days of this dispensation — which we are now approaching — deceive the very elect if it were possible.

If the Church does not wake up and repent, it will soon be time for the knotted cord to be used, not only to drive out the money-changers but also the entertainers and false teachers. I am, Sir, etc. H. B. DENNIS Marshfield, P. E. I.

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Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

SIR DONALD'S TOUR

From an account in the Royal Gazette, Sept. 27, 1848, of a tour of the western part of the Province by Sir Donald Campbell following his arrival here as Lieutenant Governor. Concluded from yesterday's issue: "On the St. Eleanor's side of Traveller's Rest His Excellency was met by a long procession of carriages from Princetown and its neighborhood, headed by the two local Representatives, Donald Montgomery and William Clark, Esqs., who escorted him to the house of Mr. George Bearisto, in Princetown Royalty, a distance of twelve miles.

"On reaching Indian River His Excellency was solicited by the Rev. Mr. Macdonald — who accompanied him from St. Eleanor's — to alight and partake of some refreshment, but he was compelled to decline on account of the heavy rain, which rendered it desirable to terminate the day's journey as speedily as practicable. His Excellency expressed his admiration of the Roman Catholic Church at Indian River, which, he understood, is decidedly the most beautiful structure of the kind at present on the Island.

"On attaining the summit of the Hill in Princetown Royalty, which overlooks Richmond Bay and the wide extent of country surrounding it, His Excellency was much struck with the great beauty of the scenery which everywhere presented itself to his view. "Upon his arrival at Mr. Bearisto's, he was waited upon by a deputation with an address, after receiving which His Excellency expressed his intention of visiting the Town, for the purpose of examining into the question relative to encroachments on the Common; but the weather continuing too unfavorable to admit of his doing so, he had an interview with the parties interested, and succeeded in adjusting the matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"On Saturday morning His Excellency proceeded on his return to Charlottetown, through the beautiful and picturesque settlements of New London, Cavendish and New Glasgow. He was accompanied to New London by Donald Montgomery, Esq., where at the school house, he was received by the Magistrates and other principal inhabitants of the district, and presented with an address which was read by Duncan MacLean, Esq.

"His Excellency, after inspecting the school, was driven by John Sims, Esq., to his residence, escorted by the inhabitants with banners, etc., (His Excellency's carriage having been sent on the Coles' ferry.) After partaking of a lunch at Mr. Sims' the party proceeded through the settlement to the ferry, where His Excellency took leave of his escort and continued his journey to Cavendish by Fyfe's ferry and Hope River bridge.

"The day being clear and fine His Excellency greatly admired the beauty of the different settlements as he drove along the Capes, and was no less surprised than pleased when he reached Cavendish, that flourishing settlement which, he observed, exhibited the appearance of a widely cultivated district in the Mother Country, rather than a settle-

Notes By The Way

The army is doing away with brass buttons. Many disciplines have always argued, with heat if not with logic, that the men enjoy being all shined up. If that is true, the new type of buttons should leave the rank and file unhappy in a contented sort of way. — Ottawa Citizen.

A young couple struck up a friendship with an Australian lady. On the arrival of her fourth child, they sent her a playpen as a gift. The thank-you note left them somewhat astonished: "Thank you so much for the pen. It is a perfect godsend. I sit in it every afternoon and read and the children can't get near me." — Vancouver Province.

In a world plagued by "isms" the child psychologist now warns about a specially dangerous one that begins at home — "Momism." "Momism" is another name for too much mothering. The experts say it is responsible for problem children and much juvenile delinquency. Some mothers claim too much of a child's affection and loyalty. Some develop a resentment against their husbands and replace the husband with the child in their own affections. The child becomes too dependent on the mother. Then "Momism"? — Vancouver Province.

The Manitoba Government has agreed to consider payment of court fines on the instalment plan. Our present "pay the fine or go to jail" amounts to something very like imprisonment for debt — a practice theoretically abandoned years ago. A rich man fined \$100 or in default 30 days, pays the fine and keeps his freedom. The poor man who hasn't got \$100 in a lump sum goes to jail. The Crown puts him there as an alternative to collecting its \$100. Now this is unjust, because it means there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. — Vancouver Sun.

ment recently hewn out of the forest. "His Excellency reached Charlottetown about 7 o'clock in the evening—having travelled a distance of over 200 miles. We are glad to learn from his observations that although in certain districts the wheat crop is less than an average one, yet in others it has yielded a satisfactory increase, whilst the potato crop, upon which the recent settler so much depends, promised to be abundant."

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The Age-Old Story

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha... Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby... Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave for four days already... Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died... Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?...