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Deaths from diphtheria in Canada in 1950 numbered 49, compared with an average of 912 in the period 1926-1930.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The first automobile fatality in the world occurred in New York City in 1889 when a fellow named Bliss was killed by an auto as he stepped off a trolley car. From 1899 to 1951, one million persons were killed by motor vehicles in the United States alone. When Bliss was killed there were only 3,200 cars running, whereas, in 1951, 50,000,000 cars and other motor vehicles jammed

the highways of Uncle Sam's country. The national Safety Council claims that one out of every five accidents were the result of drink. Human beings are still sacrificed in the most remote parts of Borneo. And criminals are given poison. If the concoction fails to kill them they are assumed to be innocent and immediately are liberated. Isn't it rather amusing to hear some writers and speakers referring to the British people as the "British race." In America it is the American "race." In Canada the Canadian "race." Recently I read an article, written by a professor of physiology entitled *Factors in the Development of an Australian Race*.

Author William de Morgan never wrote a line for publication—aside from a few technical articles about ceramics, his profession—until he was past 60. Recently Sherwood Anderson was 40 when he published his first book. A. J. Cronin started writing when ill health prevented him from carrying on his established medical practice; and Alexander Pope was a poet before he was able to write a single line. Strange but true.

Each state in Australia owns and manages its own railway system, and these railways suffer from the handicaps of varying gauges which make it impossible to send a train across the coastal main line from Cairns to Perth. Such a journey would take this form: the train from Cairns to Brisbane would run on a three foot six inch gauge; from Brisbane to Albury in southern New South Wales on a four foot eight and a half inch gauge; from Albury through Melbourne and Adelaide to Red Hill, South Australia, on a five foot three inch gauge; on the Commonwealth-owned transcontinental railway to Kalbarrie, Western Australia, on a four foot eight and a half inch gauge; and then on to Perth on a three foot six inch gauge!

The reason for this amazing situation dates from colonial days

when each colony developed its own system with no thought of linking its lines with those of its neighbors.

The border of No Man's Land that divides Scotland from England is a wild country with names as racy as a ballad. Here are a few of the more eye-catching ones: Dour, Hill and Hungry; Law; Bloodybush Edge; and Beestand Hill; Oh me Edge and Wearyall Hill and Bogle Burn. Incidentally "Bogle" is an evil spirit, which was originally "Boney", and dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when mothers scared the wits out of their naughtily children with threats of handing them over to the terrible Bonaparte.

Abbotsford, the home of the great Walter Scott was actually built on the instalment plan, bit by bit, as the money came in from his writings. He wrote over ten years to make Abbotsford. Then came the heartbreak. Scott found himself at the age of 55, financially broke. His co-partner failed for 117,000 pounds. The middle-aged man resolved to pay the debt in full, come what might. Six years later his amazing effort resulted in the payment of 80,000 pounds, but alas Scott had written himself into the grave!

A good song can do more to the hearts of a nation than a hundred politicians and preachers babbling in our ears.

The Crown Room in Edinburgh Castle is older than the Crown Room in the Tower of London, because after the execution of Charles I, the English Regalia was destroyed by order of parliament. His co-partner failed for 117,000 pounds. The middle-aged man resolved to pay the debt in full, come what might. Six years later his amazing effort resulted in the payment of 80,000 pounds, but alas Scott had written himself into the grave!

The Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle is said to go back to the Coronation of Bruce. It was last used when Charles II was crowned in 1651. The sceptre with its crystal globe was wrought in the 16th century, and the great sword of state is that which Pope Julius II presented to James IV.

Edinburgh Castle is the scene of one of the mysteries of Scottish history, in that an infant's body was found in its walls some years back wrapped in cloth of gold. The body was replaced as it was found. Perhaps some day it may be again taken from its place of hiding and submitted to a scientific and archaeological post-mortem to try and find out if possible if it was the son of Mary Queen of Scots and the rightful heir to the throne, or the offspring of Lady Byrries, the wet nurse to the infant.

If the babies had been switched it is very probable that Mary never knew the difference. For in presenting the child to Sir William Standon, Mary said: "This is the prince who, I hope, will first unite the two kingdoms of England and Scotland."

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Alexander MacKenzie

Cavendish has lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens with the passing of Robert Alexander MacKenzie on Sunday, March sixteenth. He was in his eighty-eighth year. Although not very active for the past few years, he was able to be up and around the house every day. On Saturday afternoon, he complained of not feeling well, and although everything possible was done, he did not fully recover but passed peacefully away in his sleep early Sunday morning.

He was the eldest son of the late Angus and Emma (Hooper) MacKenzie and lived all his life on the old homestead in Cavendish by the sea. In 1909, he married Jennie A. Stevenson of New Glasgow, P. E. I., who is left to cherish his memory.

A prosperous farmer, he was interested in all phases of agriculture and many came seeking his advice. He was a good Christian man and a ready contributor to every worthy cause.

Possessed of a keen memory, he loved to talk of the old days and could recount many thrilling tales of the fine horses he used to raise. He was an eye witness to the wreck of the famous Marco Polo when that vessel was wrecked there and although not yet born at the time of the Yankee Storm, he knew the story well as told to him by his father.

He was especially fond of children and always gave them a special welcome. He will be sorely missed by a host of young grand nieces and nephews and others to whom he was "Uncle Bob." His ready wit, humour and the kindly hospitality of his home will be long remembered by a wide circle of friends throughout the province. The sympathy of all goes out to his sorrowing widow and to his nephew, Roy, who has made his home with him for some years. He also leaves one sister, Clara, Mrs. R. W. Stevenson of New Glasgow, P. E. I., and one brother, Milton, of North Rustico, P. E. I., besides a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives in Canada and the United States.

The funeral took place Tuesday, March eighteenth from Cavendish United Church, with Rev. George Gough officiating.

The pallbearers were six nephews: Eric Stevenson, Olaf Stevenson, Frank MacKenzie, Lorne MacNeill, Alfred Moore and Foster Sellar. Flower bearers were: Wendell MacKenzie, Alvin MacNeill and John and Robert Stevenson.

Wife, Jennie.
Sprays:—
Frank, Gwen, Wendell and George; Sister Clara and Family; Brother Milton, Roy, Olaf, Ellen and Family; Annie, Alfred and Family; Lorne, Mary and Family; Lorne, Louise, Margaret and Foster, Lois and Bob.

Card Of Thanks
We wish to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy and all the kind neighbours and friends who helped during our recent sad bereavement.

Signed: Mrs. Robert MacKenzie and Roy; Milton MacKenzie, Mrs. R. W. Stevenson.

National Anthem Addendum

LONDON, March 25 — (Reuters) — The Conservative weekly, the Spectator, which has been agitating for a new verse for the National Anthem on the grounds that the present words are unsuitable for modern times, today published results of a reader competition for a substitute. First prize went to H. C. Hopkion, who suggested: "Not for these isles alone Endures thine ancient throne, God Save our Queen. In lands across the sea Proud nations brave and free, One world-wide family Acclaim our Queen." Last month the Spectator described the verse in current use as a "deplorable jingle."

to her home in York after spending the winter months in Toronto. Her many friends are welcoming her back again. —B. O.

Jr. Red Cross Meeting Held

It was a happy coincidence that the visit to Charlottetown of Doctor Muriel Uprichard, National Director of Junior Red Cross, should take place during Education Week.

Doctor Uprichard was the guest speaker at a Red Cross meeting held in Rochford Square School on Wednesday afternoon when about two hundred and fifty pupils from Grades VI to X, inclusive, were present, besides representatives from the other class units.

The President, Miss Barbara Durant, presided and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer, Miss Mary Cummlisky, reported on the funds of the branch, and the Circulation Manager of Grade VII on the sale of magazines. The conveners of the Health Committees of each class unit also made reports. All reports were, on motion, adopted.

The program consisted of a short playette entitled: "Mr. Cold Can't Catch Me."

The characters were: Mr. Cold — Miss Suzanne Francis. Dressed-For-Weather Girl — Miss Theresa Doyle. Girl With a Cold — Miss Theresa Hennessey. Food Twins — Miss Helen Bowles and Miss Shirley Coker. Girl With a Candle — Miss Gwendith Arsenault.

The President then asked Miss Arsenault to introduce Dr. Uprichard. Miss Arsenault said that no one could be better qualified to speak on Junior Red Cross work than Dr. Uprichard, who is devoting her outstanding talents and ability to the great work of the Junior Red Cross. In the interests of the work she has travelled across Canada many times and has made several trips to Europe to study conditions there.

In her splendid address, Dr. Uprichard described the efforts made by Junior Red Cross to assist the children of the displaced families of Europe who can be numbered in the millions. She showed the Juniors, present how much their health kits and school kits mean to these unfortunate children.

It was moved by Miss Patricia Cullen and seconded by Miss Barbara Gallant to present the Junior Red Cross Commissioner, Miss Iphigenie Arsenault, with ten dollars for the Crippled Children's Fund.

It was moved by Miss Patricia Morris and seconded by Miss Mary McInnis to present Miss Arsenault with \$25 which the Juniors had realized on Calendars made in school.

Miss Arsenault expressed her appreciation of the donations. The President then expressed the appreciation of the Juniors for Dr. Uprichard's interesting and enlightening talk which should certainly stimulate interest in Junior Red Cross activities. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

St. John's Wins Regional Drama Festival in Nfld.

CORNER BROOK, Nfld., March 25—(CP)— Adjudicator Pierre Lefevre last night pronounced the St. John's Work Shop Group the best in the Newfoundland Drama Festival for its presentation of "Ladies in Retirement."

The best actress award went to Joan Collins of St. John's. The best supporting player was Clifford Allen of Grand Falls for his performance in "High Ground."

Earlier last night, Mr. Lefevre described the Corner Brook Amateurs' presentation of Somerset Maugham's "The Sacred Flame" as lacking in subtlety but good. The performance of Mary Monaghan as the nurse was the best of the evening and the adjudicator also commended Avalon Frampton for playing a difficult role well.

WIEWSLEY, England — (CP)—William Dyer, 75, retired artist, who worked in nine film studios, has stopped going to the movies in this Middlesex town. When he sees

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York and Vicinity

Mrs. Allan Swan was a visitor to the city on March 14th.

Mr. Gordon Crockett spent Friday, March 14th, in the city.

Miss Carol and Annabelle Hardy celebrated their birthdays on Wednesday evening, March 12th, with seventeen girl friends.

Friends of Mrs. Frank Watts, who is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital, are glad to hear that she is improving.

Mr. Malcolm Allen, who returned home recently from Toronto, is spending a few days in York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Mr. Willard Murray has returned to his work at Canada Packers after spending the winter at his home in York.

Mr. Frank Watts spent Friday, March 14th in the city, where he visited Mrs. Watts who is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Mr. Garfield Clow, Pleasant Grove, was a visitor to the City on March 14th, where he visited his son who is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

The many friends of Miss Freda Newson are glad to hear she is much improved in health.

Mr. Bill Crockett, York, has recently accepted employment with the Maritime Central Airways, Charlottetown.

Mr. Kenneth MacDonald, who is employed with the County Construction Co., spent a recent weekend at his home in Covehead. Miss Anita Lewis has returned

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