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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Maritime Objectives

Encouraging evidence of Maritime unity in pressing the needs of this section of Canada upon the attention of Parliament and the Government is afforded in the Budget debate now in progress at Ottawa.

Another point raised by Mr. Riley was with respect to the trade mission recently headed by Rt. Hon. Mr. Howe to Latin America.

The time seems fortunately to have gone by when Government supporters in Parliament contented themselves with merely endorsing Government policies, and Opposition speakers with belabouring the administration along party lines.

Children's Allowances

Some interesting figures were given in Parliament the other day by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, in reply to a CCF motion "to increase children's allowances to the extent necessary to compensate for the increase in the cost of living since the Act was first enacted".

In the fiscal year beginning April 1 children's allowances will cost the taxpayers \$347 millions. At the present rate of population growth that cost will rise by something between \$12 and \$15 millions a year from now on.

But this, as Mr. Martin observed, is only the beginning of the social services rendered by the Canadian state at its Federal, provincial and municipal levels.

scheme was based on two assumptions: That some Canadian families in the lower income groups were unable to provide adequate maintenance for their children in the necessities of life; that payment of these allowances would lessen the demand for wage increases.

Defining Treason

As the result of amendment by the Senate, the revised Criminal Code now before a parliamentary committee defines treason as harming or killing Her Majesty, levying war against Canada, trying to overthrow government by force, and assisting an enemy "or any armed forces against whom Canadian forces are engaged in hostilities."

The wording of this section covers cases like the United Nations police action in Korea, which is not formally a war.

In the original draft, conspiracy "likely to be prejudicial to the safety or interests of Canada" was treasonable.

But the Ottawa Citizen points out that in a similar context the Senate left the word "likely" in Section 50 (1) (c), which deals with conspiring with an agent of another state to communicate information or do an act prejudicial to Canada's safety.

Heading criticism, the Senate put interference with members of the civilian R. C. M. P. in a separate category from offences in relation to the armed forces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Pope Pius XII was born this date 1876

Good farmers and good citizens, the new Canadians from the Netherlands fit in very well in our Island way of life.

The more than ten per cent drop in the number of nurses on the Community Nursing Registry in Charlottetown is to be deplored.

The bill to revise spelling in United Kingdom schools will have a good deal of sympathy at least amongst the rising generation.

West Germany's decision to pay off debts of the German Reich will certainly increase the prestige of the German people and be welcome news to holders of securities, particularly in the United States.

Horace Walpole, fourth Earl of Oxford, English author and letter-writer, died this date 1797. He was for many years a Member of Parliament but it is as an author that he is famous.

Possible Unforeseen Developments



The Poet's Corner

LIFE Should we ask for days without pain? We, who eat the food from the grain That ripened to gold in the sun But only because of the rain.

Old Charlottetown

On Wednesday evening last, the gallant Commander of H.M.S. Crocodile, Capt. Milne, entertained His Excellency and family together with a large party of the principal inhabitants of Charlottetown and its vicinity.

The Age-Old Story

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that searcheth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Evita On A Stamp

If you have had mail from Argentina lately, you probably noticed that the stamps bore the portrait of Evita Peron.

The Sailor's Popularity

Admiral Sir William James, G. C. B., in The Navy (London).

When recently I had the unusual and exciting experience of presenting the prizes at two girls' schools, the Headmistress remarked on each occasion that "All the nice girls sail."

Books Received

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for Palmer & Haslam, J. A. McGuigan, M. Alban Farmer, Q.C., Frederic A. Large, Q.C., Chas. R. McQuaid, Dr. K. A. MacEachern, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac, Bell, Mathieson & Foster, Dr. W. R. Carson, H. R. Doane & Company, and McDonald, Currie & Co.

Notes By The Way

It is an error to say that war is becoming more brutalized. Would you rather be atomized in a split second or backed up with a battle axe and a mace, and left there on the field of honour? - London Free Press.