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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Big Convention Week

A fitting prelude to Old Home Week activities later in the month will be the two important conventions which will open simultaneously in Charlottetown on Monday. The Canadian Teachers' Federation will hold their thirtieth annual conference here, with delegates in attendance from coast to coast, while the Independent Order of Oddfellows will be holding their Grand Lodge sessions for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

The Oddfellows are ever-welcome guests. This year their convention will include the first annual session of the Department Council of the Patriarch Militant I. O. O. F. as well as the 93rd annual session of the Grand Lodge, the 59th Grand Encampment, and the 48th annual session of the Rebekah Assembly.

For the Teachers' Federation, the Provincial organization has arranged a fine program of tours to various parts of the Province as a supplement to the business sessions. The functions will include a Government dinner in Charlottetown on Tuesday evening and a luncheon tendered by the Town of Summerside on Friday. In addition to the Federation delegates, there will be a visit here on Tuesday of Ontario scholarship students under the Eastern Canada Educational Tours sponsored jointly by the Toronto Board of Education and the T. Eaton Company.

This is the holiday season and Prince Edward Island at this time is unbeaten as a recreation center. It is to be hoped that our visiting Oddfellows and educationists will get the fullest measure of enjoyment out of their stay with us next week, and go back refreshed in body and mind as well as stimulated to further efforts in their respective organizations.

Air Training Scheme

As Englishmen by temperament, circumstances and tradition have looked to the sea and established a great naval tradition, so Canadians seem destined to take to the air. Air travel is as natural and essential to this great country as navigation to the British Isles. In two world wars a tradition of air prowess has been well established and Canadians will find cause for pride and satisfaction that it is proposed that once more this country is to provide trained flyers, this time for the purpose of preventing war and forestalling aggression.

In the nature of things we cannot maintain in the threatened areas an army on the scale of European or Asiatic countries but we can contribute a modest military and naval force while making what may well be a decisive contribution towards the air strength of the Atlantic Pact nations.

Issues in Foreign Policy

When Parliament reassembles in the autumn, foreign policy promises to occupy a more prominent place in the minds of honourable members than has been the case for some considerable time. Issues in Canadian foreign policy, already complicated by the increasingly stronger ties of industrialism, commerce, and culture between this country and the United States, are certain to become even more involved because of Washington's overtures aimed at a military alliance with Spain.

Statesmanship of the highest order will be required to reconcile the conflicting views of those who lean to the left in matters of foreign policy with the supra-nationalist element in the country who favor a tougher line in Canada's relations both with Washington and with London. The United States' alliance with the regime of General Franco at once recalls the difficult experiences of this country in maintaining relations with the Vichy regime of France during World War II. The thorny problem of extradition proceedings instituted by France in the case of Count de Bernoville, and Ottawa's reluctance to accede to French demands suggests that the influence of the Vichy mentality is still a factor to be reckoned with in Canada.

Ambitious politicians will be quick to seize upon the Washington-Madrid alliance as grounds for similar action on the part of Canada. Although such a policy will command support only in noisy ultra-nationalist circles, it will be seized upon by Communist agitators as evidence of latent fascist tendencies, and even without the inflammatory utterances of leftist sympath-

izers, it is the sort of policy which would be deeply offensive to the majority of thoughtful Canadians.

To steer a middle course in foreign policy between the Scylla of leftist extremists and the Charybdis of the extreme right will call for a unique measure of discernment and discrimination on the part of the Canadian people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 11th Sunday after Trinity.

Yesterday was the MacLeods' but today at Strathgartney will be gathering all the clans.

Laws are made to be obeyed, and no one, unless a duly constituted court, has the right to authorize exemptions.

Every day may not be ideal vacation weather but we may at least be thankful that Islanders or their visitors never have to cope with hail storms which kill chickens, break the legs of lambs or dent the tops of motor cars.

Some two thousand farm workers are expected to move into Ontario to help harvest the crop there, many of them, unfortunately, can ill be spared from the farming communities from which they come.

Percy Bysshe Shelley, English poet, was born this date 1792. He was the poet of revolt, a reasoned and controlled revolt of the intellect and the spirit against the evil forces of the world and the gross domination of materialism.

It is reassuring news that Prime Minister St. Laurent has learned to float. Floating demands, first and foremost, the ability to relax and a Prime Minister who cannot relax would certainly find the cares of office too hard to bear for any length of time.

Since the U. S. A. Congressional Committee has killed the St. Lawrence Seaway bill, the Canadian authorities will only go ahead with the project as a last resort. It is a scheme that will benefit the United States more than Canada, and it would appear foolishness to spend good Canadian money for such a purpose.

It is not mere nostalgia that has caused regret that the locomotive whistle should seemingly have vanished with steam motive power. It is all too easy for car drivers to confuse the diesel engine's horn with that of a bus or truck, sometimes a most dangerous mistake.

The U. S. A. Office of Price Stabilization has issued a new pork ceiling, and said it will raise the butcher-shop price of most pork chops and pork roasts by five or six cents a pound. The regulation fixes a maximum ceiling of 52 cents a pound for loins delivered in Chicago by a seller who slaughters the hog or cuts the loin from a dressed hog he bought. The price varies slightly across the United States within the range of 51 to 52 cents, but will approach 54 cents in areas remote from livestock-growing centres because of the addition of freight and other charges.

Some members of the Federal Parliament are, unofficially, of opinion that the Government would be well advised to devote its steadily increasing unauthorized surplus to the relief of the old age pension expenditure. Some time ago, Prime Minister St. Laurent and Health Minister Martin made it clear that a special pensions tax would be imposed. As the P.M. put it in a recent broadcast: "... Everyone who can, will pay something into a special fund to help provide a pension without a means test as a matter of right in his old age." Latest reports indicate that what they have in mind is a social security tax of 1 1/2 per cent payable by about 3,000,000 Canadians at tax exemption levels of \$750 for single persons and double that for married taxpayers. On the basis of present economic conditions, this would raise an estimated \$20,000,000.

This is an invention that no doubt will be appreciated by more than music teachers. Music classes of the future may be conducted in almost complete silence through the use of one of Britain's newest inventions, the silent electronic organ. Invented by Mr. N. Belham, senior science master at the Mid-Essex Technical School, the organ can take up to 24 pupils at a time, each with a separate keyboard. Players are provided with headphones and the teacher, sitting at a console, can listen in or speak to any player, and the apparatus can play back any passages in which mistakes have been made. The teacher can also connect pupils for duets, trios or quartets. The idea of a silent electronic organ first occurred to Mr. Belham during the war when he was working on radar. He was given a grant by the University of London to enable him to put his idea into practice.

Poorly Timed Remarks



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.

THE HIGHWAY ROUTE

Sir,—Reference has been made at various times in your esteemed paper to difficulties our Public Works engineers, and others, are encountering in locating a route for the Trans-Canada Highway through the hills of Strathgartney and New Haven.

It is an old saying, and a true one, that all things are possible to the willing mind, and I am of the opinion that if one-half of the money which is being wasted in that preposterous and crooked road, and the bungled bridge on the Craupud-by-pass, were used along with a little common sense, the T. C. H. from Bonshaw to Cornwall could follow the line of the old main road through Churchill and New Haven.

The First and Second Districts of Queens, the two largest electoral districts in the Island, have also been by-passed, by not having a representative in the Jones Government. We are therefore deprived of any voice whatever in the carrying out of this costly and important project; important to all who travel through our Province but especially important to us who will use it daily.

I am, Sir, etc. W. F. ALAN STEWART Strathgartney, P. E. I.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

From the Royal Gazette of August 3, 1930:

The "Richard Smith," steam boat, intended to ply on the East River of Pictou, between the Town and the coal mines, is now in full operation. Her engine (30 horse power) is sufficient to propel her to Charlottetown, and the Pictou Patriot hopes that it will not be long before she carries the mail thither.

The "James Peake," from hence, for Plymouth, was lost on the 10th July, on the island of Little Miquelon, on the Newfoundland coast, having gone on shore in a thick fog, every Monday morning, at quarter before 10 o'clock, and Three Rivers every Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. R. Fales begs leave to inform the inhabitants of Charlottetown that he intends to open a School the first week in August, in the Masonic Hall, at the house of Mr. N. Marquand, where he proposes to teach the common English literature. He will also teach, if requested, the Hebrew, Greek, Latin and French languages.

James Kelly, carrier of the Mail between Charlottetown and Three Rivers, announces that he will, during the Summer, drive a gig for the carriage of parcels and accommodation of passengers, leaving the Ferry every Monday morning, at quarter before 10 o'clock, and Three Rivers every Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

John Costin and M. MacNeill announce that they have lately commenced in the Public line, in the house of Mr. Joseph Pippy, Queen's Street, where travellers can be well accommodated with boarding and lodging, and good stabling for horses, etc.

S. Desbrisay announces that he has removed "to that large, commodious, and pleasantly situated dwelling-house lately in the occupation of Fide Goff, Esq., fronting on Queen's Square, where he has excellent accommodation for boarders, also good stabling for horses."

28th Chief Of Clan MacLeod

The following article, which appeared a few years ago in The Guardian, is reprinted as a matter of special interest at this time:

Flora, Mrs. MacLeod of MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, became 28th. Chief of her Clan on the death of her father, Sir Reginald MacLeod of MacLeod, K.C.B., on August 20, 1935. At that time a report was prepared by a committee appointed by the Council of the Clan MacLeod Society, Edinburgh, with regard to the office of Chief of the Society. Some excerpts from this report follow:

The Clan MacLeod (without entering upon any question of precedence) consists of two main branches, viz.: "Siol Tormod" (MacLeods of Dunvegan) and "Siol Torquill" (MacLeods of Lewis).

The Chiefs of the MacLeods of Dunvegan, under the particular name of the Chief for the time being, are variously described in the Privy Council Records and Acts of Scots Parliament, and other documents, as "of Dunvegan," "of Harris," "of Glenelg," "Laird of Dunvegan," "Laird of MacLeod," "of that ilk."

The Chief of the MacLeods of Dunvegan is commonly known, according to Highland custom and usage, as "MacLeod of MacLeod," or "MacLeod."

There is ample evidence of Arms borne by the Chiefs of the MacLeods of Dunvegan for centuries before, but the first matriculation of Arms in the Court of the Lord Lyon was in 1753 by the 19th Chief (in corrected order, the 22nd Chief), the Arms thus matriculated being designed as the Arms of "Norman MacLeod of that ilk."

There is record in the repositories at Dunvegan Castle of the Arms in 1764 of General Norman MacLeod of MacLeod, the 23rd Chief of the MacLeods of Dunvegan, being the Arms of "Norman MacLeod of MacLeod." These Arms were the Arms borne by Norman Magnus, the 26th. Chief, who was the immediately preceding Chief of the Clan Society, and were matriculated by him in the Court of the Lord Lyon in 1828, being the Arms of "Norman Magnus MacLeod of MacLeod, Esquire, in the Island of Skye."

These Arms, on his death in 1829, succeeded by his next brother, then became the Arms of Sir Reginald, the 27th. Chief, and the late Chief of the Clan Society. Flora, Mrs. MacLeod of MacLeod, is the heiress and successor of Sir Reginald MacLeod of MacLeod, K.C.B., the 27th. Chief of the MacLeods of Dunvegan, and the late Chief of the Society, in the Land of MacLeod, embracing the Lands and Castle of Dunvegan, and the owner thereof, and she is in right of the Family Arms, being the Arms as known in 1764, and matriculated in 1828. These Arms, but without the Crest, which is inapplicable in the case of a female successor, have been matriculated in her person in the Court of the Lord Lyon as the Arms of "Flora, Mistress MacLeod, in the Isle of Skye."

The Poet's Corner

THE ECHOING GREEN

The Sun does arise, And make happy the skies; The merry bells ring; To welcome the Spring; The skylark and thrush The birds of the bush, Sing louder around, To the bells' cheerful sound, While our sports shall be seen On the echoing Green.

Old John, with white hair, Does laugh away care, Sitting under the oak, Among the old folk; They laugh at our play, And soon they will say: 'Such, such were the joys When we all girls and boys, In our youth time were seen On the echoing Green.'

Till the little ones, weary, No more can be merry; The Sun does descend, And our sports have an end. Round the laps of their mothers Many sisters and brothers, Like birds in their nest, Are ready for rest, And sport no more seen On the darkening Green.

—William Blake (1757—1827).

The next generation, of the MacLeods of Dunvegan, viz., Lieutenant Ian Breac MacLeod, Royal Highlanders (Black Watch)—was killed in 1915 in World War I.

The committee expressed itself as being aware, and fully sensible of the claims of the male representative in Australia of the "MacLeods of Tallisker" to be the male representative of the "MacLeods of Dunvegan," as originating from the 16th. Chief, from 1885 to 1828 of the MacLeods of Dunvegan (Sir Roderick MacLeod of Dunvegan, alias Harris in the title of King James VI, but the title "MacLeod of MacLeod" appears to pertain to ownership of the Lands and Castle of Dunvegan, and right of the Family Arms of the MacLeods of Dunvegan under the description "of MacLeod," and the matter of what is now the male representation, and in whose person, the MacLeods of Dunvegan, through descent from a former ancestor of the "MacLeods of Dunvegan" does not appear to arise in the present connection.

The following description of the burial of the present Chief's father, Sir Reginald MacLeod of MacLeod, appearing in 1935 in the "Obit Times": "MacLeod's Tables were wreathed in soft mist that rose and fell on the light morning air, and the moors of Skye were purple with heather in all the glory of its bloom, when the remains of MacLeod XXVII, Chief of the Clan, were laid to rest in the burying grounds at Kilmuir, beside the blue waters of Loch Dunvegan. MacLeod was the last male representative in the direct line of a family who have lived in their strong castle of Dunvegan from the time when the Isle of Skye was Norwegian territory.

"At noon, in clear bright sunshine, a service was held outside the Castle, and before the mourners set out for the burial ground, a mile and a half distant, Mr. Seton Gordon of Upper Duntulm played on the pipes by special request the Lament of Rory Mor, a MacCrimmon composition which is believed to date from the seventeenth century. During their last journey the remains of the venerable Chief were borne by relays of clansmen and friends who were anxious to pay a last tribute to the Chief's memory. On the blue waters of the loch two yachts rode at anchor, their ensigns at half-mast, the tops of the Black Collins rose faint, through the blue haze of a day of summer heat. "Up the hill to the graveyard

Notes By The Way

It says in the news that "caviar is now cheaper than spring lamb." What we'd rather know is what spring lamb is cheaper than, if anything. — Ottawa Citizen.

It is reported in the eastern press that the Communist party is about to drop Tim Buck, its president. The one sure thing about any such move would be that the Communists in making a change would hope for greater success in deceiving the public. In more ways than one it would be a case of passing the Buck. — Winnipeg Free Press.

"To gather a pound of honey, a bee flies approximately 20,000 miles." It just goes to show that a bee hasn't as much knowledge as you think; otherwise, instead of all that expensive air travel it would buzz the corner grocery, where they have more honey than they know what to do with. — Ottawa Citizen.

If your offspring suddenly doubles up and lets loud groans and moans roll from his gasping mouth don't throw up your hands in dismay and make reservations for an appendectomy all at once. He (or she) may have an attack of appendicitis. Then again the little dear may just have been over indulging in green apples, which are very plentiful on the wild apple trees just as they are in the "tame" varieties. Then too there is a plentiful supply of green plums, which also seem to have an attraction for even the best fed youngster at this time of the year. The appeal of green fruit is an oddity, hard to explain. It doesn't look nice. It hasn't a nice taste... But it seems to be nice to eat nonetheless. It is a falling which has been common to the various generations down through the years. In fact, perhaps it can be traced back to Adam and that first historically mentioned apple. Perhaps it is worthwhile warning the boys and girls about the dangers. But we

doubt it. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel peace prize winner, is being mentioned as a possible United States ambassador to Moscow. As a Negro, Dr. Bunche's value in this post would be valuable. But even more important than that, Dr. Bunche proved himself a brilliant, tactful diplomat when in 1948 he brought Israel and the Arab League countries together to conclude an armistice. If he could do that, he might succeed in Moscow where other diplomats have failed. — Ottawa Citizen.

There is the morning garden and the evening garden. The morning garden belongs to the women. You see them, in housedresses or dungarees, straw hat or sunbonnet, doing fine weeding in the rows, or picking beans, or cutting lettuce for the day's salad. The evening garden belongs to the men. You see the men there after their day's work is done, with a wheel hat or a hand hoe, or with nothing, but a pipe and an alibi of contentment. But whenever you see these gardens, or whenever they are a satisfying sight; for the garden that is still clean and green in mid-July is the garden of someone who loves the land and all the green things it grows. — New York Times.

The court of the Bank of England issued a handsomely illustrated and wittily written brochure, telling the story of the Bank's development "over two and a half centuries... in a typically British way into something quite different from what it was to start with." The brochure is designed for Festival visitors to the city but one suspects that some of the sidelights in it — such as why the banks' messengers wear pink tail-coats (they are in the private services of the first governor) or the reason for the wind-vane in the court-room (which is there to forecast arrival of sailing ships in the Port of London and with it the probable variation in the day's demand for money) will be new to some of those visitors' hosts. — London Economist.

For some unfathomable reason people thrown together on long sea voyages get a sort of romantic fever which seems only to be cured by marriage. Then the fiction comes aboard that the captain of the ship can marry them. It used to be so on the old windjammers which were very long on the oceans. The status of the matter now dates from 1914 when an international convention of the big Maritime powers, held in London put a stop to all that. It produced the Merchant Shipping convention act which provides that a ship's Official Log Book must carry this notice: "Masters are reminded that they have no power to perform the marriage ceremony on board their ship, and if such a ceremony is performed by them the marriage is not a legal one." — Brandon Sun.

The Age-Old Story

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

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