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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink

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Knowledge Is Power

A successful politician must have at least two talents. He must be able to win elections and he must also be able to carry out the duties which the electorate have thrust upon him by their votes.

All too often it is otherwise. Politicians, who are not lacking in intelligence, have discovered that it is much more profitable in votes to shake hands with their constituents than to devote a similar amount of time to the study of questions of the day.

The history of our dealings with Ottawa strikingly reveal this weakness. Delegations which have appealed for Federal action have all too often been ignored because their claims were unsupported by facts and figures so that they seemed to be merely beggars, whereas when the facts came out our various claims have been recognized.

Timely Warning

A timely warning has been given by the Provincial Fire Marshal, Mr. T. A. Campbell, with respect to Christmas tree dangers. The drier the tree becomes, the greater fire menace it presents.

A few days ago, ten lives were lost in a Halifax store blaze as a result of the ignition of inflammable decorations. Accidents of a less serious nature occur annually in hundreds of communities throughout the land.

Revealing Figures

The latest set of national income figures released by the United Nations statistical office—those upon which annual dues payable to the world organization are based—throw a revealing light on the economy of Soviet Russia.

The Soviet Union ranks fourth in total national income; the cited figure being slightly better than one-quarter of the U.S. total. It ranks 23rd in per capita income, which is what counts for the individual citizen.

Russian citizens have now lived under Bolshevik dictatorship for 33 years. Their rulers have exerted absolute sway over boundless resources, material and human.

Whatever miracles of industrialization have been wrought, it has so far been impossible to bring the Russian even within hailing distance of the living standards enjoyed in the least fortunate or most war-impo-

ocratic world. Communist propaganda has frequently depicted the United States as a militarized power. But the Russians have steadily supported a vastly greater military establishment on the basis of a per capita income only one fifth as large.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The King's Accession this date 1936.

Official opening of Winslop School tonight.

In the north eastern sky in the wee sma' hours there is due a shower of meteors.

Not for a long time has the city been so crowded with shoppers as it was on Friday and Saturday. The stores must have done an enormous business.

The seasonal out-pouring of generosity is now here, with perhaps some overlapping. But better duplication in this respect than that any expectant recipients be overlooked.

It will be a glad boast of veterans of another generation to declare in answer to their children's question—"Daddy, what did you do in the Korean war?" "Don't mention it, but I got my head shaved!"

The Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick potato marketing boards are to get together. If they can succeed in carrying out complementary policies the farmers of both Provinces will be the gainers.

When we all get a pension of \$60 a month at 65, we will all have to pay increased cost of living taxation on an average of \$80 per month per capita when we are between the ages of eighteen and retirement. The money must come from some materialistic source—it does not grow on berry bushes.

The Atlantic Pact nations have decided to arm Western Germany as a first line of defence. With Russia as the great threat to world peace the decision was forced upon even such reluctant members as France. An unarmed Western Germany would soon have been a Soviet Germany as a first step in any westward aggression.

One recent Tuesday morning, a U. K. firm received an urgent cable for special rugby jerseys needed for a game in Montreal the following Saturday. By 3 o'clock the same day the jerseys had been specially made up, and shipped by fast air freight to Montreal by B. O. A. C. in ample time for the game.

The task of providing Canadian machinery for constitutional amendment has been shelved in favour of working out plans for old age pension changes. The latter, of course, has a very more direct election appeal to great numbers of Canadians, though the former concerns every province directly, especially ours, where "the economic need" plea is our main necessity.

A permanent memorial to the founder, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, of the Women's Institutes and kindred rural organizations throughout the world, has been suggested by the newly elected president of the Women's Institute of Ontario. No one is more deserving such an honour, but the best memorial, of course, is the continuance and development of such country women's organizations which have become so valuable an asset in the hands of those women on the farm who hitherto figuratively "ruled the world" but were not formally recognized as a body politic.

Dr. Brock Chisholm, who, while Deputy Minister of Health at Ottawa, wanted to abolish Santa Claus, now advises that dependence should no longer be made on the atomic bomb, as science has discovered scientific disease germs which will make the bomb obsolete. This sort of talk, says the Ottawa Journal, "mystifies us, as it must mystify others. Because if Dr. Chisholm knows that biological science has perfected such weapons, or can perfect them, then the British War Office and the U. S. War Department must have the same information. Seems to us there is but one thing to conclude here: Either Dr. Chisholm is talking through his hat or our governments, buying more bombs and battle-



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

CATHOLIC COLLEGIATE SCHOOL Last week we were gratified with an invitation to be present at the first - we believe - public examination of the Catholic Collegiate school, at their noble edifice in the Royal of this City.

Canada's Strength Through Diversity

(From a recent address by Dr. Sidney E. Smith, President of Toronto University). In 1867, less than four million persons set themselves to the task of building Canada. Within a generation, the new Dominion extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific and to the northern seas.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows!

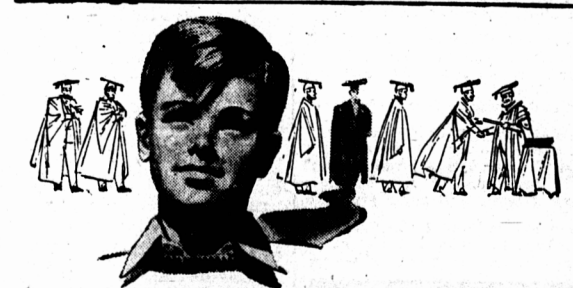
Is your boy to have the advantage of a complete education? If you are here to pay for it, he certainly will! But what if you are not here when the time comes? Fathers with cherished dreams for their children cannot afford to take any chances... especially since it is so easy to guarantee the fulfilment of plans through the wise use of Life Insurance.

The Age-Old Story

A man's pride shall bring him low but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. ... I would not be in favor of eradicating the differences among the various sections of Canada—the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

The Poet's Corner

COME IN As I came to the edge of the woods Thrush music went—hark! Now if it was dusk outside, Inside it was dark.



Notes By The Way

In the recent election there was, for instance, the Democrat who was re-elected treasurer of Blackford County, Indiana, by a two to one majority in spite of the fact that he has been missing since Oct. 11, when a "substantial shortage" was found in his accounts.

In spite of frequent warnings, there are still far too many people who persist in leaving children unattended. With the onslaught of Winter, bringing with it the necessity of maintaining furnace fires, the potential danger of death and disaster in the home is greatly increased.

One of these nights in Glace Bay the vandals who break windows and street lights are going to be caught and they won't get off lightly. When vandalism reaches the shameful proportions it has in Glace Bay, drastic measures are needed to curb it.

A strange story has been told by two Russian aviators. Not long ago they parachuted from their aircraft near Minsk. But instead of descending in the usual manner they went up. These airborne Russians said they fell on top of ascending air currents and ascended into the clouds.

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