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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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A Great Success

The success of this year's Music Festival has eclipsed the most optimistic expectations, and has placed this Province in the forefront musically.

The organization of this year's festival entailed a tremendous amount of work, and all concerned in its success are to be warmly congratulated.

The Red Shield Campaign

Almost as famous today as the Red Cross is the Red Shield—symbol of the Salvation Army which is always on active service in its humanitarian warfare and whose front line extends across the globe.

In this Province, the Red Shield campaign is scheduled to start on May 15 but in the meantime the special names committee will go into action, starting next Monday, and it is to be hoped that the appeal will meet with the same prompt and generous response as in other years.

An Ill Wind

The Maritime Provinces and the West have long regarded the heavy freight rates on the long hauls across this country as being part of the penalty they have had to pay for Confederation.

The industries of Ontario and Quebec were built up to replace those of the United States as a source of supply and also to fill the growing requirements of a rapidly expanding frontier.

Now a new phase seems to be beginning. The Department of Industry of Manitoba has issued a review of its work last year, listing some remarkable figures on the growth of industry in that Province which just recently was almost wholly agricultural.

Higher rates, it is explained, make it profitable for firms to operate closer to their selling place instead of shipping finished goods from Ontario and Quebec.

Islanders are likely to view the possibility with understandable doubt. We have not the expanding population of the West and it is unlikely that the trend to wide spread industrialization would be pronounced.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow the 4th Sunday after Easter.

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Edward VII died this date 1910. He was successor of Queen Victoria, and was

known as the "Ambassador of Peace" on the continent of Europe where he was popular with all classes. At home in England he was popular with all classes, also, but especially with sportsmen as he followed with keen interest all forms of out-door sport, especially horse-racing.

Statistics, for what they are worth, show that the average English wife spends more than three hours a week darning her husband's socks. That should convince even the Chancellor of the Exchequer that it is time for a new pair.

Defence Minister Claxton's statement that Canada's Navy has more men at sea proportionately than either the R. N. or U. S. N. is decidedly gratifying. One of the principal problems of a fighting service is to maintain a high ratio of effective fighting men to total manpower.

Nova Scotia's Dominion-aided land settlement scheme has splendid possibilities for the immigrants concerned and for the agricultural development of that Province. The unfortunate experiences after World War I, however, should put a brake on any move to place families on marginal or sub-marginal land.

The Canadian Legion's Memorial Day church parades tomorrow commemorate those who gave their lives, not in any idealistic spirit of making the world safe for democracy or of producing a land fit for heroes, but in the sober knowledge that they must meet the threat of barbarism whatever the price in lives and happiness and treasure.

The recent building officials conference at Ottawa hoped that municipalities will avail themselves of the opportunity of the various building and safety codes for this country. There has already been considerable study given these matters by Charlotte-town organizations, but wider public interest is essential to assure appropriate action.

Of a world increase in gold production of 700,000 ounces over 1948, Canada's increase was no less than 545,000 ounces. It is certainly satisfactory from the exchange point of view, but it seems clear that other countries are putting relatively more effort into increasing the production of goods rather than the extraction of gold.

The proposed fish meal factories at Souris and Hunter River, recalls that Georgetown was offered a similar factory under the Mathieson Government. That eastern capital at that time was hopeful of developing a large tourist trade by the erection of summer cottages, and was afraid a fish factory would not be an added attraction.

Business conditions in Canada remain, says The Letter Review, at what is really a boom level, after making a complete recovery from a recession that was scarcely to be noted, despite all the talk of unemployment, and some real local pockets of men out of work.

Of interest to us here in connection with our bus transport situation. Regulation of passenger traffic on New Brunswick highways is subject to control of the Legislature, the New Brunswick Appeal Court has ruled.

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The Poet's Corner

LIFE AND DEATH
I thought of death beside the lonely sea
That went beyond the limit of my sight.

Old Charlottetown

From an open letter addressed to His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Sir Henry Vere Huntley by the Hon. Joseph Pope, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Dec. 11, 1846:

"Among your first acts of folly—without referring to the several unconstitutional acts of suspending the laws of the Colony, and violating the Royal instructions by illegal dismissals of public officers—was that of issuing your famous edict, proscribing every private member of society who should dare to partake of the hospitality of the Hon. Charles Young, who, in the independent discharge of his Legislative duties, sought to obtain some information respecting the Government Farm, with a view of arresting an act of vandalism which was then in progress, and has since been consummated by your Excellency, on the beautiful groves and ornamental trees and shrubs on the Government grounds, with which the private funds and good taste of your predecessor in office, and his amiable lady, had adorned them.

"The act of your Excellency in withdrawing your patronage from all the public institutions of the Colony, and from the Central Agricultural Society in particular, because you could not succeed in inducing them to coerce the House of Assembly into adding to your salary, and of affording you the means of converting a portion of the Government House into a Coach House, for which purposes you had used the Salon, has, I believe, been in part forgiven, as it resulted in transferring the patronage of the Society from yourself to His Royal Highness Prince Albert."

"But, Sir, from the lowest depth there is a lower: the fatal plunge was consummated when the Representative of Her Majesty condescended to change the day for the meeting of the Executive Council from the second day of April (for which day the members had been summoned) to the first of April, being All Fools Day, in order that Her Majesty's Representative and his juvenile associates from the back stairs windows might have the gratification of seeing the Speaker of the House of Assembly waylaid by the Messenger of the Council with a missile, suspending him

It Might Happen Here



Whistle While You Work

(Ottawa Journal)
Mr. W. A. Brown, as a senior official in the Agriculture department, wanted more eggs for Britain in the war years. As director of the Poultry Marketing and Production Services, he set out on a campaign of education to encourage poultry owners to increase the production of their flocks.

Isn't Sporting

(Owen Sound Sun-Times)
Lately we have been viewing with alarm the tendency to make fishing tackle more and more deadly and more and more sure-fire—if indeed anything connected with a sport so uncertain as fishing can ever be said to be sure-fire.

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Notes By The Way

Is the fight against taxation worthwhile? Where Paul Revere pulled up that night, before the home of Isaac Hill in Medford, a parking meter now stands. —Detroit News.

In the Australian town of Gordon, New South Wales, Sid Sachs a nearly blind man, is helped of his walks by Gus, a seeing-eye-gander. Gus was originally intended for Sachs Christmas dinner four years ago. Today he is Sachs' constant companion, stays by his side and honks a warning to traffic. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The day when man brought nothing into this world and took nothing out of it has, strictly speaking, gone. He still starts with nothing, but he leaves a mess of unpaid taxes for his family. —Peterborough Examiner.

Cross the American continent by train for \$1.26. Or buy a round-trip ticket or \$2. These were the new rates, effective April 16, offered by the PRR. The same railroad announces that there will be five trains daily in each direction coast to coast. It's no joke. This is the published tariff. You can check rates at the offices of the PRR at 24 State Street, New York. One thing though, don't assume that the PRR is the Pennsylvania Railroad, for it's not these initials stand for Panama Railroad which runs from Colon on the Atlantic Ocean to Panama City on the Pacific Ocean across the Isthmus of Panama. The timetable shows the distances between stations add up to slightly less than 49 miles, across the American continent. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The Village Of Scarsdale, N.Y. is planning a new building ordinance which would make it impossible to construct two homes in the same neighborhood that look alike. This is a splendid idea. Many men have been forced to leave a neighborhood when in the early hours of the morning they stumbled into a house that looked just like theirs, but wasn't. —St. Thomas Journal.

Spring rains release the last patches of winter snow from grassy meadows in the fields. They fill the brooks with rich, wholesome laughter and scrub the hillsides clean. In dale and wood they leave mirrored pools in which birds preen for spring debuts. Spring rains defrost the earth and reach deep beneath the surface of the ground to stir the early flower into bloom. They replenish wells, sprout the seed, and turn the brown grass to green. Tiny singing rivulets they send racing to the sea, and they rinse and rerinse the roads thoroughly. —Christian Science Monitor.

enough sense to keep his mouth shut, he doesn't get into trouble. (We won't labor the analogy which is so obvious in that statement of fact.) But every fish is surely entitled to the old tentative nibble (in the case of bait) or the odd false rise (in the case of a fly or other surface lure). This is purely a sporting proposition. It is eminently fair to the fish, and these nibbles and false rises are what keep the sport interesting for the angler—even though they may provoke unphilosophical bursts of streamside profanity.

LAUNDRY DRIVER ROBBED
TORONTO, May 3 — (CP) — Two gunmen who robbed a laundry-truck driver today of \$1,150 escaped after firing three shots at a man who chased them. L. Lasowsky, the driver, said the men took a briefcase containing the Towel Supply Company payroll and his day's collections. Hymie Boot ran out of a repair shop and chased them. The man carrying the briefcase fired three shots at Boot as he rounded a corner. Boot dropped to the ground for protection. No one was injured.

The Age-Old Story

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