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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Missing Chieftain

The Clan MacTavish has renewed hope of acquiring a chief after many years of waiting.

The late John William Alexander MacTavish of Sherbrooke leaves behind a brother Dougald and also a nephew.

It seems a pity that the chieftainship of a Scottish clan should thus go begging.

Even in literature the MacTavishes were reluctant heroes.

A Good Augury

In a move to rid the country of all visible reminders of former British rule the Indian Government has asked the various Provincial Governments for suggestions on how to effect the removal of hundreds of monuments which were set up in other times in honour of British officials and soldiers.

One Government took the view that, while some statues might be taken away without offending any one in its jurisdiction, others were better left untouched, since they did honour to India as well as to Britain.

In no instance, it seems, was there any indication of haste in carrying out the proposed demolitions.

An Almost Vanished Trade

It is worthy of note that buggy making, though not exactly booming, still is a business in the United States.

For steady transportation, says the National Geographic Society, only two groups of Americans still buy buggies in any numbers; Amishmen, the devoted Ammanite farmers whose somber garb and German idiom may be found from Pennsylvania to the Midwest; and the French-speaking Acadians of Louisiana's southern "Cajun country."

Probably half the buggies built in the United States go to Louisiana. New buggies are seen as often as new cars in some small bayou towns.

What happened to all the countless old coaches and carriages of a short half-century ago? Who has ever seen a buggy dump comparable to auto graveyards?

Still Badly Needed

A recent United States publication reports that the famous Trudeau sanatorium in New York state has closed its doors to tuberculosis patients.

That, comments the Winnipeg Free Press, may well be the prevailing belief in some parts of the United States, or at least in New York.

The day is probably not far off when prolonged treatment in sanatoriums will not be needed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Innocents' Day.

This is the time of year when youngsters and others are tempted to try the ice before it is thick enough for safety.

Thomas Babington Macaulay, Baron Macaulay, English historian and statesman, died this date 1859.

One of our suburban bus passengers says that chivalry on a public conveyance has always been more or less of a standing joke.

Women who smoke, so we read, are taking to the pipe.

A shoe shine man with an artificial leg was knocked down at his stand in Dallas by a young woman who robbed him of his wallet containing \$29, and fled leaving him with his wooden leg shattered and the other leg broken.



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OTTAWA REPORT

A Different Paris

By Patrick Nicholson

The last time I saw Paris, that nostalgic song was a tragic liar. Her heart was neither warm nor gay; nor did I hear laughter in every street alleyway.

True, there has been a drive against excessive consumption of alcohol. But to the French, alcohol as a word does not embrace every liquid containing alcohol.

I went into one corner cafe for coffee and a croissant one morning about 8.30. Other customers standing at the long serving counter were about fifteen men in their work clothes.

Stability of government remains impossible under the present constitution, and Mendès-France is commonly expected to get a knife in his political back in the near future.

The truth on this subject is somewhat different from the sensationalist and superficial stories put out by some of the less responsible news magazines.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There was nothing objectionable in them. We trust the czar and his staff will use all their efforts to get rid of the 25 to 30 per cent residue of "objectionable matter" as soon as possible.

But yesterday we heard about the most extraordinary Christmas card in history. It appears that a few years ago a German industrialist, one Herr Hollinger, bought a pleasant, but inexpensive old painting, and sent it to a friend, having written "Froehliche Weihnachten, lieber Freund" (Happy Christmas, dear friend) across one corner.

The comic book czar, Charles F. Murphy, says that by early next year 70 per cent of "objectionable material" in comic books will be removed.

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The Poet's Corner

WINTER DEED

When snow has covered every boundary line And changed the shape of bush and rock and tree Then only is the whole of this earth mine. Then only does the earth belong to me.

—Anobel Armour in the Christian Science Monitor.

The Age Old Story

The way of the just is upright; the path of the just, Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

U.S. PRICE INDEX UP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported Wednesday its consumer price index rose one-tenth of one per cent in November.

Montreal doctor discovers how you may live longer

Is stress the cause of all disease? Research by the University of Montreal's Dr. Hans Selye indicates nearly all disease—whether a heart attack, a mild case of asthma, or just that "sick" feeling—is due to chemical imbalance brought on by worry, other stresses.

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By Observer THE QUEEN'S TERRITORIES

The Queen's Christmas address to her subjects is a reminder that, although the word "Empire" is not in high repute just now, it still represents a very considerable force—social, economic, political—in world affairs.

In land area the Empire remains about one-fourth as large as the Commonwealth; and at this moment nearly 100 million British subjects live in variously designated territories which are administered by the Colonial Office in London.

The largest in population, and the second largest in area, is Nigeria in West Africa, with approximately 24 million. The smallest in both area and census figures is Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific.

It is the old story, no doubt, of prospects being much better across the border or a few miles further on. This doesn't always make sense but the Empire owes its existence to that frequently mistaken concept.

So it seems that the Empire, quite as much as the Commonwealth, has an important responsibility towards peoples of many races and languages in widely separated lands.

Nevertheless, it is clear that emigration from Britain will have to be stepped up if the surplus population is not to get out of economic control. It would seem reasonable to suppose that with our roomy spaces and immense resources Canada is the logical country to absorb the greater part of this surplus.

From the standpoint of space, Canada is the most favoured member of the entire group. Its land area is roughly one-fourth of the Commonwealth and Empire combined; its population is only about one-fortieth.

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population is only 4 to the square mile. Congestion must be Britain's number one problem—500 to the square mile. In fact, while we hear more about the "teeming millions in India and other Asiatic areas, Great Britain is the most congested community in the whole Commonwealth. In India the figure is 300.

However, bad as Britain's situation is from the standpoint of living space, there are worse situations in the Empire, as distinct from the Commonwealth. The most heavily populated area in the Empire, and perhaps in the world, is Hong Kong, with an incredible total of 6000 to the square mile. Singapore is next, with something like 3500.

There are, of course, other things besides figures which must be reckoned with in any discussion of populations and living room. As between Britain and India, for example, the 500-300 ratio is not an accurate measuring rod. Britain is a highly industrialized country and has been for more than a hundred years, while the industrial potential of India is only now entering the phase of recognition; and that makes a difference.

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So it seems that the Empire, quite as much as the Commonwealth, has an important responsibility towards peoples of many races and languages in widely separated lands. True, the concept of Empire is not as it was in other days. Its burden in our day is not that of keeping "lesser breeds" on their good behaviour, but that of caring for the colonial territories until such time as they, or a federation of them, are ready and able to look after themselves.

MANITOBA EXPANDS

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