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 the Weakest Ink".  
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**Victoria Day**

History has it that the Turkish ambassador who attended the coronation of Queen Victoria in 1838 was so struck by its magnificence that he could not walk to his proper place, but stood bewildered, muttering: "All this for a woman!" The pomp and display on that occasion formed a fitting prelude to the tremendous expansion which marked the sixty-three years of Victoria's reign, making it one of the most memorable in British history. Not only did she consolidate her throne and empire, but she captivated the hearts of the people and became a symbol of the high ideals of sovereignty which it has been the aim of her successors to maintain to this day.

Many insist upon calling May 24 "Empire Day", but no such national holiday exists in Canada. Where observed it is provincial, and is no more than a day specified by Departments of Education when, in the discretion of school boards and principals, patriotic exercises may be held in the schools. Victoria Day, on the other hand, has existed in Canada since May 2, 1901, when a statutory bill designating May 24 as an annual holiday to commemorate the Good Queen was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Tomorrow's observance of Victoria Day is of special interest, as marking the first such anniversary since the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, in whose character also one may read the hallmarks of true greatness, and whose reign may, in the goodness of Providence, prove equally glorious and beneficent.

**Flight From Taxes**

A common and persistent delusion is the idea that money can be saved by living outside city or town limits. The would-be home builder calculates how much he will save by not paying civic taxes and concludes that a little home a short distance out in the country would be an economic proposition.

If only a few reasoned this way it might not work out too badly, in spite of higher costs of transportation and for various services as well as the loss of time by all members of the household. An almost sure thing, however, is that the optimistic suburbanite is not alone in his ideas. Before he and his family are well settled in their secluded little home there are neighbours on all sides and primitive methods of water supply and sanitation become a danger to health instead of merely a nuisance.

Before long it becomes necessary to supply the services of urban living or have the community sink into the condition of a slum. Unfortunately development has usually been of a kind which makes it very expensive indeed to supply the ordinary amenities of water, sewers, streets and sidewalks, street lighting, telephone and power.

**New Law Of Treason**

A bill now before Parliament revises completely the existing Canadian law against treason. In part, notes the Globe and Mail, it only confirms the 1951 amendment making it treason to aid armed forces with which Canadian forces are engaged in hostilities, whether or not a state of war exists—an enactment necessary to cover the Korean situation. But the new law also makes it treason to use force for the overthrow of any Government in Canada; or to conspire with the agent of any state other than Canada "to do an act that is likely to be prejudicial to the safety or interest of Canada." A treasonable act, under the bill, may be committed in or outside Canada; and the penalty may be death or life imprisonment.

"Clearly," says our Toronto contemporary, "there are many difficult questions here for the legal brains in the Senate and the House. Is there danger of a witch hunt under the clause relating to conspiracy against the 'interest' of Canada? Will a man expressing an honest, non-violent opinion be able to claim the constitutional guarantee of free speech or should an explicit protective clause be inserted? Why does the amended law say 'Canada' where the old law, dating from an earlier reign, said 'His Majesty'? Does this change mean that it will no longer be treason for Canadians to aid the enemies of Britain or other Commonwealth lands? Is there need for clarification of the clause relating to hostilities without a state of war? Will it be possible

to obtain convictions for disloyal conspiracy when the death penalty may be imposed? "The overall question is whether the amendments really meet the problem of subversive Communism. They do not touch the incitement of illegal strikes. They cover neither the advocacy of violence nor the spreading of propaganda likely to cause class hatred. At least they do not refer explicitly to any of these actions; and perhaps that would only be possible in the part of the Criminal Code that deals with sedition. The whole structure of the Government's new law is thus open to debate; but in intention at least it is sound."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

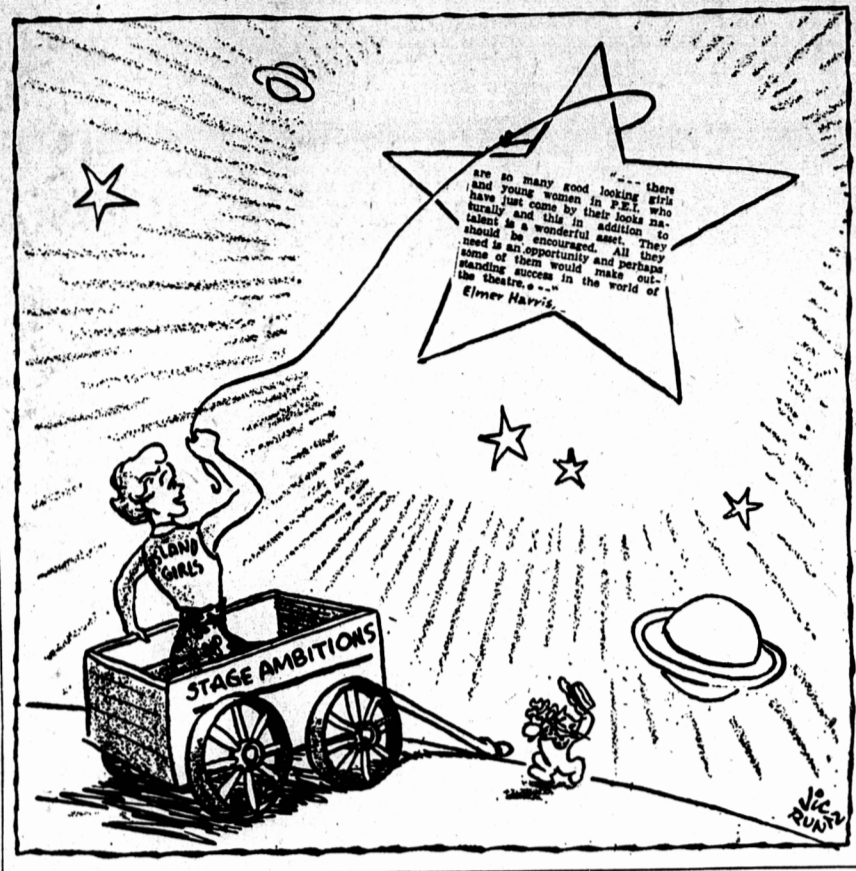
Day after tomorrow, Sunday after Ascension.  
 Tomorrow, Empire Day and Victoria Day combined.  
 Today, inspection of Queen Square and Prince Street Schools' cadet corps.  
 The war veterans want an investigation into the running of the Reserve Army.  
 Prospects now are that Parliament will not rise before the middle of July, and even then will merely be adjourned till September or October.  
 The holiday week-end was preceded by Traffic Safety Week. It is to be hoped that the impression made will be sufficient to prevent holiday accidents.  
 A New Brunswick man has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for being guilty in a head-on collision of two cars in which a passenger lost his life. A warning to reckless drivers.

Island potatoes are having the run of the Toronto markets with no Ontario competition. It is reported the price has advanced from \$600 the car lot to \$3,600. Who are the beneficiaries under the deal?  
 In New Hampshire a restaurant advertised, "Special today, baked potato, \$1.39". The meal was included free. The lowly spud is certainly becoming important in the world.  
 The battle of Ramillies in Belgium was fought this date 1706. It was one of a series of great victories over the French by allied forces under John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough, in the course of the war of the Spanish Succession.

The suggestion that town planners begin in a small way and build up to greater achievements is meritorious. The grection of receptacles for waste paper now scattered in the city streets will make an appropriate beginning.  
 The bagpipes "skirl" only when played badly according to a youthful piper visiting New York recently. The skirl is not unusual, it would seem, for the same Scot, one John Burgess of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, declares that for every good piper there are a thousand bad ones.  
 Right across Canada farmers are learning from the Charlottetown Experimental Station. One thing revealed is that seed potatoes dipped in a solution of zinc sulphate prior to planting grow more vigorously, blossom earlier, and yield better than untreated ones. An even greater increase was reported as a result of spraying the vines repeatedly with the same substance.

A rose by any other name smells as sweet, and the change of "conscriptive" to "selection" in the Legion's re-indorsation of compulsory service at the annual meeting in Montreal means that, notwithstanding the Defence Minister's claim that present recruiting indicated conscription unnecessary, the veterans decided otherwise. They have served their term of enlistment in days past, and consider every red-blooded youth should be called upon to do likewise, a belief in which the Quebec members approved, after the objectionable political application had been changed to "selective" instead of "conscriptive" service.  
 There will be three or four provincial elections this summer but the eyes of Canada (writes a correspondent in Vancouver) are on one province — British Columbia. The big question in the June 12 election there is, How strong is Social Credit? It is making an all-out effort to win the government in that province. If it can do so, the party will become a threat in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and possibly a major force in national politics. If Social Credit captures B. C., it seriously intends to storm the citadels in the two prairie provinces and to use its added prestige to strengthen its numbers in parliament. Social Credit national leaders in speeches have made that plain.

**A Star For Wagon-Hitching**



**Old Charlottetown**  
(And P. E. I.)

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
 "Monday last being the day set apart for the celebration of our youthful Sovereign, (Queen Victoria) it was observed here with every demonstration of respect becoming loyal and affectionate subjects."  
 "At 12 o'clock the detachment of the 31st Regiment, in this garrison, under the command of Major Thoreau, the First Queen's County Troop of Cavalry, the Militia Artillery, and four companies of the Queen's County Regiment, were reviewed in Queen Square by His Excellency, Sir Charles Fitzroy, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief.  
 "On the Governor's arrival on the ground, a royal salute was fired by the Artillery, followed by a feu-de-jote of small arms, at the conclusion of which three cheers for Her Majesty were given by the whole line, in which they were heartily joined by the assembled spectators. The troops then broke in separate columns and marched past His Excellency in review order, who expressed himself highly pleased with the appearance of the officers and men.  
 "The Charlottetown Troop of Cavalry appeared for the first time in their uniforms—blue with white facings—which were much admired."  
 —Colonial Herald, May 30, 1840.

**The Age-Old Story**  
 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.  
**Fetish Of Ultra-cleanliness**  
 (Vancouver Sun)  
 When an English skin specialist announced the other day that too much washing was bad for the skin, he accomplished something more than the delight of children. He uttered a profound truth.  
 Perhaps there is nothing in this world surrounded by more monstrous delusions than the fetish of ultra-cleanliness.  
 While we would not for a moment deny the need for rational sanitation about the person, there is such a thing as carrying cleanliness to an absurd passion.  
 A great deal of the bathing and showering and scrubbing of today is nothing more than a fad induced by the current American civilization in which the social position of the family is determined by the number of its bath-rooms.  
 Any reasonable person advocates normal cleanliness. But when "daily dipping" becomes a phrase applied to the body, it is interesting to recall that the most robust ages in European history have been the dirtiest.  
 The Tudor Elizabethans, for example, were renowned for their antipathy to the bath, an antipathy that rose to such magnificent heights that it created a powerful market for French scents and essences.  
 Children are frequently beguiled with the copybook maxim that "cleanliness is next to godliness." As a matter of hard fact, those races with the most intense spirituality are most frequently negligent of bathing.  
 In the Far and Middle East, a "saint" can often be recognized more readily by olfactory than by

**Notes By The Way**

When he missed a turn, an Ontario motorist and his car shot 90 feet through the air. This demonstrated one of Newton's laws of motion, and the fact the driver has more luck than sense. — Windsor Daily Star.  
 A tank car of California wine was derailed in a train wreck near Dunkirk, New York, and its contents went a-gushing. Nothing could be handier in such a situation than a stack of those sanitary cups the railways carry. — Hamilton Spectator.  
 At last an old woman has been discovered who did not attribute her longevity to hard work and pretty thoughts; she attributed it to drinking a bottle of beer every night of her life, and she has just hopped the twig at the ripe old age of 106. — Peterborough Examiner.  
 We note the opening in Ottawa of a conference on Eskimo problems. Government officials, Hudson's Bay company men and missionaries will sit around the table to talk about the Eskimos. Oddly enough, the only people who will not be present will be the Eskimos themselves though they, it may be presumed, have views about their own future which might be worth hearing directly. — Montreal Star.

Some Senators are worried at the amount of travelling done by members of the government and civil service at public expense. Yet Canada's growing position as a world power inevitably involves attendance at many international conferences which in past years the country could afford to ignore. Besides, travel broadens the mind. Maybe the Senators should do a little more travelling themselves. — Ottawa Citizen.  
 With horses having almost completely disappeared from the roads of Ontario, there is an increasing proportion of our population quite unfamiliar with this lovely animal. So much so the owner of a highway fruit stand near Oakville is seeking one of those old, life-sized plaster horses displayed for advertising purposes in front of saddle-makers' shops about 50 years ago. He already has an old democrat which attracts much interest and thinks if he had one of these artificial horses to go with it, plenty of motorists would stop to take a look. — Windsor Star.  
 The Niagara Frontier State Park Commission has decided to spend \$25,000,000 creating a park system similar to that which beautifies the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. This will be a vast improvement not only on their side but for us, for we shall enjoy a more colorful and attractive view than we now possess across Niagara. The Canadian park and flower beds systems added greatly to the natural beauty of the falls and has contributed immensely to the tourist revenues of this world famous scene. — London Free Press.  
 Highland Scots have a reputation for being bold and hardy settlers in wild and unsettled lands. But here is one who has gained renown—and cash—in a new direction. Instead of frittering away his time in toasting the caber, Mr. Andrew Christie of Balaclava (according to the BBC which had him tell his story) won a national competition having a more practical purpose. He is a champion knitter. — Ottawa Citizen.

There seems to have been something about Canada to make her the cradle of flying men. Is it a challenge of the vast distances, the rigors of the climate or the natural magnificence which lies below anyone aloft almost anywhere over the country? Or is it something inherent in the spirit of the youth of this relatively new country so recently emerged from the era of the pioneer? It is probably a combination of all these and other factors. Whatever it is, it is intangible, but it is definitely there. Canada is a land of fliers and for flying. — Montreal Gazette.

**Books Received**  
 A WORLD IN WAITING by E. Melville Aiken, D.D. (The Ryerson Press, Toronto, 87 pp.)  
 The author of this little book of sermons is a native of Prince Edward Island and now minister of the First United Church, Hamilton. As Dr. J. S. Bonnell says in a Foreword the author addresses himself to the problems and perplexities of modern day persons. The author considers, for instance, the danger of the Christian to whom early experiences were very real but which no longer exist. The salt has lost its savour, "you want salt to lose its savour," says Dr. Aiken, "you do not need to do anything about it — just leave it alone long enough, and the inevitable happens. You do not have to destroy the flame to render it ineffective — all you need to do is to encase it. For the Christian to cease to be a Christian all that is necessary is a period of inactivity."

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 We think it would be better if officials trusted people to use their common sense. We can all become hysterical if we are encouraged to do so; but everybody knows that most people can call upon deep reservations of courage, ingenuity and just plain gumption if they are asked to do so and trusted to do so. You can look upon mankind either as hysterical simpletons, or as courageous men and women; they usually respond according to the view you take of them. We think that it is better for every person in an official position to take the optimistic view. — Peterborough Examiner.  
 Tough talk seems to be an occupational disease with some senior officers in the U. S. services and occasionally the infection travels into Canada. An example was that R. C. A. F. group captain in Vancouver who, in the course of a speech attacking government defence policy on the Pacific coast, declared: "A few bombs are just what we need. A few bombs here would wake up a few people." It is difficult to understand the mentality of a man who could wish such a calamity on his fellow citizens, just to prove his point. argument. Incidentally, just what business has a regular officer to publicly attack government defence plans? — Edmonton Journal.  
 The West Germans have been fretting because they had no national song to sing at international gatherings, and they would accept nothing less than "Deutschland Ueber Alles," which might have been an expression of innocent patriotic fervor in the first place, but came to be identified with imperialistic truculence. The Germans might take a look at Canada. After all, we don't seem to have any national song, officially, and yet we are getting along all right. — Ottawa Citizen.

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**'Slanderous Falsehoods'**

(From Hansard)  
 Following is the statement made in the House of Commons by the Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, in regard to the charge made by Dr. James Endicott that the United Nations is using germ warfare in Korea.  
 I thought it likely that someone would bring up this question, Mr. Speaker, and I am therefore in a better position to deal with it than I would normally be.  
 The charge that the United Nations forces in Korea have engaged in germ warfare is so false and so fantastic that it would normally be unwise to dignify it by official denials. Nevertheless, it has become such a central feature of Soviet propaganda, and has been repeated so violently and so often for the transparent purpose of deriding persons who may not be aware of the Soviet purpose behind the charge, that I think some statement should be made about it. The Hon. gentleman's question gives me an opportunity to make that statement on behalf of the government.  
 The accusation of germ warfare is usually aimed specifically at the United States. It has been emphatically and indignantly denied in Washington and by the unified command in Korea. Within the last few days Mr. Acheson has repeated that denial, emphasizing that the trumped-up evidence to support—and I quote him— "these utterly false charges constitutes another example of the incredible length to which Communists will go to propagate the big lie."  
 Canadian members of the Communist party, who, of course, follow automatically every twist and turn of Soviet policy no matter where it leads them, and their fellow travellers, who do not always realize that they are travelling under orders from the Kremlin—these people tend to accept this trumped-up evidence rather than the official denials of our friends in the United States. The charge, Mr. Speaker, has also been categorically denied on behalf of the United Nations by its secretary general, Mr. Trygve Lie, as utterly false. I am sure that this house accepts those denials.  
 So far as our own position is concerned, it is, of course, a slanderous falsehood to say that Canada has participated in any way in the use of germ warfare. It is equally false and equally slanderous, but more cowardly and despicable, to imply without stating it in so many words that Canada is making any preparations in this field except for defence against such warfare. I may say, Mr. Speaker, that some of our best qualified scientists, though they would not of course be permitted to make on-the-spot examinations, have already examined the so-called evidence of Korean germ warfare that has been made public by the Communists and have pronounced it, in an oral report to me, to be a transparent and clumsy hoax.  
 Possibly the best proof that the Communist leaders themselves do not believe in these charges or in this evidence is the fact that for their so-called investigations they have used a Communist body, called, I think, the international association of Communist lawyers, and other agencies which are under their direct control. The United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and the other members of the United Nations with forces in Korea have, on the other hand, agreed that the charges should be investigated by men who would be bound—and of course this is unthinkable in Communist countries—only by their professional consciences, and who would act on their scientific knowledge by men—and this would also be impossible in Communist countries—who would not be subject to any form of reprisal or punishment if their conclusions were embarrassing politically to the governments of which they were nationals.  
 For this purpose it has been proposed that the investigation should be conducted by representatives of such impartial international organizations as the World Health Organization or the International Red Cross or the World Health Organization. Indeed, any international organization of this kind should be acceptable to the United Nations. The Communists, obviously embarrassed by the possibility that this kind of investigation might take place, have retreated to the position of denying the impartiality and objectivity of the two international organizations in question, a denial which denies no one except themselves but which very convincingly exposes their own bad faith and their realization that the charges could not be substantiated for a moment if a genuinely impartial investigation were permitted.  
 In spite of this there are some in this country, deluded but possibly sincere, who have been impressed by the shrill and continuous Communist propaganda on germ warfare to which they are subjected. There are others, of course, members of the Communist party and fellow travellers, who are neither deluded nor sincere but who will swallow any accusation and accept any statement, however absurd, if it comes from Moscow, and will ignore any evidence or statement in reply to such an accusation which comes from their own or from friendly governments. They will condemn in unmeasured terms the policies of their own and other free countries, while they will propagate any lie, however vicious, which is uttered against their own country and its friends on behalf of Soviet Communist imperialism.  
 Communist travellers and their friends, for instance, will return from Moscow with nothing but praise for the sordid and cruel despotism which has been forced on the Russian people and on those other peoples whom they have enslaved. Or they will come back from China without any word of criticism for the inhuman treatment of Chinese missionaries there, but with extravagant praise for the Communist regime in that country which is responsible for such treatment.  
 Some of these persons have a passion for publicity, and I do not wish to minister to that passion by referring to them by name. As long as they are Canadians they have the rights, of course, of Canadian citizenship, but within the law. If they break the law they can be punished. However, we should, I suggest, be careful not to make martyrs of them in a way which would only make them more dangerous to us and more useful to the Communists.  
 It is, I think, a small price to pay for freedom and for the preservation of human rights to permit such persons to condemn and discredit themselves by their own malicious and false statements as long as they stay within the law. A few of these people, I suggest, may sincerely believe that they are, if I may put it this way, fishermen of peace. They are, in fact, merely bait on the end of a Red hook. They are helping the Soviet Government achieve certain imperialist objectives which have nothing to do with peace or freedom, but which require the weakening and eventually the destruction of the friendly co-operation which has been built up between free states in the face of the menace of Soviet Communist aggression.  
 No true or loyal Canadian, I know, will subscribe to or assist in any way this subversive campaign which employs as one of its most dangerous tactics the longing for peace which we all share and use as one of its most destructive weapons, what I have already described as ideological germ warfare.

**The Poet's Corner**  
 SUMMER GROWTH  
 Now that the summer solstice has begun,  
 My heart like happy earth's has  
 My heart soaked with sun,  
 Is alternately drenched with rain  
 and gold  
 Until it is as full as it can hold  
 Of growing life, of berry, leaf and bloom.  
 My heart's bent apple branches  
 have no room  
 For even one more green globe  
 tart and small  
 Swelling toward sweetness and  
 the crimson fall  
 And earth and I turn slowly into  
 dawn  
 Ripening with every wind we lean  
 upon.  
 —Frances Frost  
 BECKBURY, England (CP)—  
 Lt.-Col. Byford Jones told a meeting in this Shropshire town that ridicule is ruining the home guard. His appeal that radio comedians be asked to avoid "malicious humor" concerning the organization was backed by home guard commanders.

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