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

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Law Compliance Comes First

It is to be hoped that our civic authorities will at once make arrangements for the calling of a Mayoralty by-election this month, as ordered in the writ of mandamus issued out of the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice, and put an end to the unfortunate situation which has arisen as a result of their non-compliance earlier with the law.

Of more importance in this issue is the attitude of our elected representatives toward their duties as citizens and public men. Obedience to the law is required of everyone, and the conscientious citizen will strive to obey it in spirit as well as in letter.

It seems evident that the validity of all the actions taken by our City Council since the election of Mayor MacDonald to the Legislature last May was in jeopardy, yet the Council proceeded complacently on the assumption that the issue could be ignored.

The wisdom or unwisdom of the legislation prohibiting the Mayor of Charlottetown from sitting in the Legislature is not here in question. The place to thresh this issue out is on the floor of the House.

Footnote To History

According to a version of events generally accepted in the United States, Mr. Churchill opposed an overseas invasion of France and proposed to throw the major weight of the allies into the Balkans.

The United States military authorities rejected Mr. Churchill's Mediterranean plans and afterwards comforted themselves, he says, by reflecting that "at any rate we have stopped Churchill entangling us in the Balkans."

leaders made a grave mistake in refusing to use their strength adequately in the Mediterranean. "In this clear statement of the record," comments the Winnipeg Free Press, "Mr. Churchill refuses to accept credit for foresight which he did not possess."

Fisherles Progress

It used to be a common point of view, that there is only a certain amount of business or a certain number of jobs available. It followed that the way to protect those already in an industry was to discourage others from getting into it.

With the large and relatively stable catch provided by the larger boats the industry must become better organized and it is possible to reach out for markets which were unattainable under earlier conditions.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Four more days and the Royal Visitors will be with us.

It will take a lot of carrying to bring the Amherst winnings home.

Everything works together for good to them that sow in faith and reap in abundance.

Now that there is a scarcity of wool, women are beginning to wear knitted stockings.

To be, or not to be, has been decided in the affirmative by those starting the course in play production technique at Winsloe.

The first shipload of the main part of the 27th infantry brigade sails today from Quebec City. Those at home will wish them God speed.

William of Orange, King of Great Britain and Ireland, landed at Torbay this date 1688, driving from the throne his father-in-law James II, thus ending the line of Stuart sovereigns.

A trade magazine, "Taylor and Cutter", has described Churchill's new cabinet as "the best dressed we have had for a number of years".

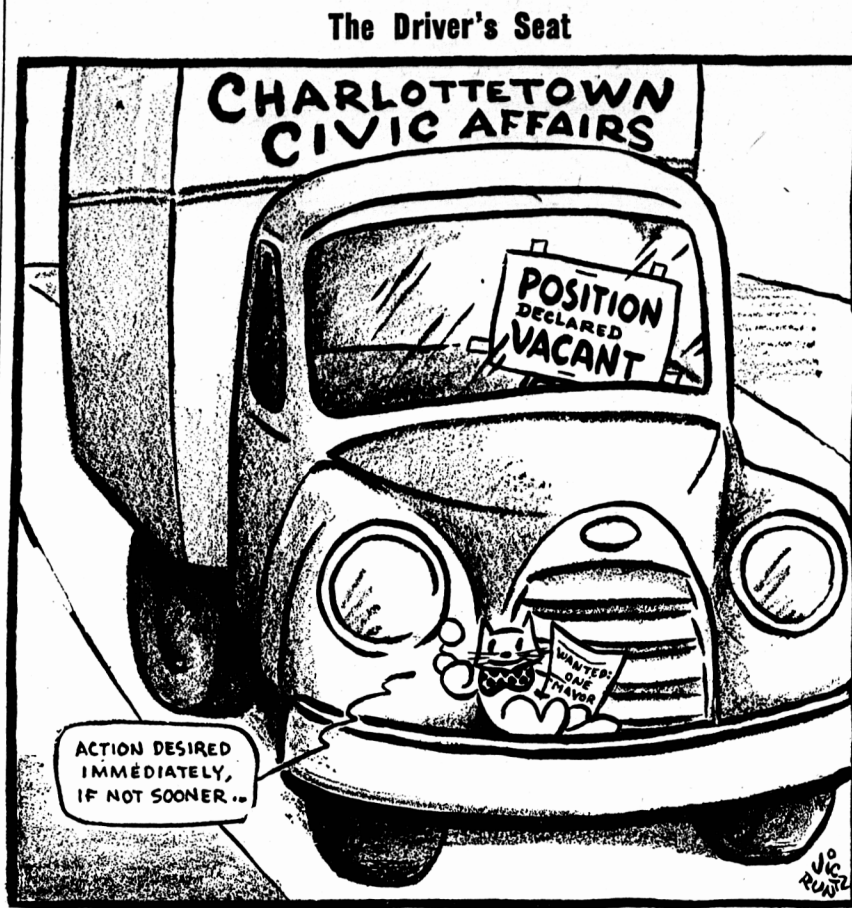
Close to half a million Canadians bought \$157,000,000 of sixth series Canada Savings Bonds by the end of the second week of the campaign, an increase of \$20,000,000 over the total rung up at the same date last year.

One result of the dissolution of Newfoundland's Legislature is that that Province has no M.L.A.'s at the moment to be included among the V.I.P.'s taking part in the reception of the Princess and Duke.

Are the Maritimes prospering? Standing among the various payroll savings regions showed, the Atlantic Provinces ahead with the dollar total up about 36 per cent over the same time last year and the number of transactions up 25 per cent.

Alas the poor fox! A meeting of the Fish and Game Association at Sackville passed a resolution to be forwarded to the Department of Lands and Mines at Fredericton, requesting a bounty on foxes and raccoons as they are said to be destroying pheasants, partridge and other game birds.

The city of Hamilton has been told that the cost of treating the water supply with fluorine to check tooth decay would be only 10 or 11 cents per capita annually or less than \$22,000 for that city.



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.

SCRIPTURAL PRECEDENT

Sir.—Is it not remarkable how our every day affairs seem to be tied up with the Scripture? The law that gives our Princess the right to be our future ruler is the same one that raised our women out of a class that had no rights of any kind and elevated them to the high position they occupy in our society today.

Notes From Another Island

LONDON, England.—Recent references by political analysts over here to what they call the "swing" of electoral favour brings to mind the theory of one commentator some time ago that the whole business of elections may be likened to the pendulum of a clock.

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Notes By The Way

Calgary Herald thinks "the trouble today is that there are so few horses around to learn horse sense from." Ain't it the truth! And one of the best of the few is the milkman's horse.

Vancouver Island has an area almost six times greater than that of Prince Edward Island, yet the former is only a fraction of the huge province of British Columbia and PEI is an entire province. You can make this prove what you please but it cannot be denied that the biggest pumpkins often grow in the smallest gardens.

A German farmer in the Soviet occupation zone went into Allied held West Berlin with two small pigs and his plow horse. He was stopped there all for a brisk young horse. When the farmer returned he was arrested by the Communist police for violating the law by taking livestock out of the Soviet zone.

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Today's crop of marriageable men got a rough going over from a group of young women interviewed about their hopes of finding mates as admirable as their men's mothers married. The girls resented the fact that they do not receive from their male contemporaries the same self-sacrificing consideration and security that they did from their fathers. It is also the habit of the young men to compare with their mothers the prospective wives that they meet, and to find the comparison equally unfavorable to the girls. Especially as cooks. We would like to offer both the cheering thought that their parents, now so exemplarily, felt the same way about it, and so will their own children. Perhaps the discouraged young women would take a different view of the men they are appraising if they realized how fond of them their daughters are going to be. — Chicago Daily News.

Then we came to the Festival display which is concerned with Biology and its related sciences, the study of plants and animals, the study of insects, pest control, etc., all of which have contributed so much to our modern standard of living from the standpoint of health and of economics. It emphasized the tremendous importance of Chemistry and the connection that such men as Boyle, Black, Cavendish, Priestly and Dalton have made to the knowledge of the structure of matter, and how the conception of atoms, molecules and elements arose.

One of the outcomes of Newton's genius has ultimately been the jet engine. Classic experiments with a magnet and some coils of wire made electric power possible; Kelvin's mathematical insight helped to create the refrigerators; Rutherford provided the means for releasing nuclear energy. Medicine, Biology and Metallurgy owe a great deal to the British for the provision of research tools. These facts are explained not in print, but in the most interesting methods of practical illustration.

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It explains how this happened; it shows the people lived, what they looked like, what they ate and how they worked in each of those ages. It describes the coming of Christianity, the gradual growth of the people that moulded their thoughts, their feelings and their behaviour all into one whole which today makes up the "English tradition and way of life."

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Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

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BRITISH GENIUS ON DISPLAY

There is a section on ship building (at the Festival of Britain) showing the development in that craft even before the days of the Vikings, and step by step to the development of our great merchant marine fleets of today. The contribution that British has made to transport, not only the steam engine, but the propellers, the different shaping of hulls, experimental tests, special ships for special purposes like passenger liners, oil tankers, freighters, whalers, etc., is reviewed. There are samples of 24 different types of vessels specially designed for a particular kind of duty with the special points of each explained.

Steam transport from the days of the Rocket to the powerful standardized steam, diesel and electric locomotives of today is depicted, also the development of automobiles and road transport from the days of the Romans, to the bicycles, motorcycles and the Rolls Royce. This whole field of transport was explained in the arena by the exhibits and through a recorded story of the particulars. Another part of the South Bank Exhibition is in the form of a huge mushroom, called "The Dome of Discovery". In it there are eight sections showing in detail just how British explorations have contributed to the development of the overseas territories—Livingstone to Africa, to explore its jungles and lakes; Scott to the icy Antarctic; Stuart to the barren lands of Australia, and dozens of others who have explored the Seven Seas, contributing more in one place than another it is true, but nevertheless mapping the way for future generations.

Another section of the Dome reveals the structure and the age of the earth, and depicts it as it appeared to the early scientists and astronomers. Now there are explorations within the earth, and below the crust which contribute to the life of the earth, 3,400 million years. Science is finding new resources and riches every day, and every day too, new uses for these resources and riches. And in all this, the British people have played a leading part. Science and mechanization have greatly aided discovery. The British started to sail the Arctic seas more than 400 years ago and by observation, charting and mapping, since that time, have contributed more to Geography than any other race. They not only charted the lands but the seas, the ocean beds, the habits of the fish, the safest roads for navigation, the tendency of the weather; they developed meteorology and weather forecasting to the status of a Science.

Continuing on a little farther our attention is drawn to the universe in miniature, and in molecules before us. The world of astronomy, which gives us knowledge of the solar system and permits us to look at the universe as it is now known, is dealt with here, too. There is a clear explanation of the physical world, seen through the powerful telescope of today, revealing some things that, perhaps, would have shocked even the promoters of the last Festival of Britain in 1951.

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The Poet's Corner

SONNET

Nuns fret not at their convent's narrow room. And hermits are contented with their cells. And students with their penance cloisters; Males at the wheel, the weaver at his loom. Sit blithe and happy; bees that soar for bloom, High as the highest peak of Furness fells, Will murmur by the hour in fox-glove bells: In truth the prison unto which we doom Ourselves no prison is: and hence for me, In sundry moods, 'twas pastime to be bound. Within the Sonnet's scanty plot of ground; Pleased if some souls (for such there needs must be) Who have felt the weight of too much liberty, Should find brief solace there, as I have found. —William Wordsworth.

The Age-Old Story

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

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