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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Marshland Reclamation

In Nova Scotia much rich land was long ago reclaimed from inundation by the tide and has been farmed for generations.

Government grants have been made available to assist these farmers to retain their property and, quite properly, this Province claimed and was conceded similar monetary benefits.

The situation is rather different here, however, and further consideration should be given to the way in which the funds should be made use of in this Province.

The organization known as Ducks Unlimited is undertaking a great project to provide feeding-grounds for the migratory waterfowl and it seems at least possible that something could be worked out that would assist in this work and at the same time make use of our proper claims on the Federal purse.

CCF Tares Among The Wheat

It must have been distressing to Agriculture Minister Gardiner to discover that the \$65 million wheat "bonus" failed to achieve its political objective of assuring unwavering support for the tenets of Liberalism in the Prairie Provinces.

Easterners may be forgiven for not being much interested in what happens in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. In this instance, however, the defeat of the Liberal candidate in a constituency which has long been a Liberal stronghold shows what may be expected when a Government embarks upon a policy of political appeasement.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner managed to persuade a reluctant Parliament to "appease" the Prairie wheat growers to the tune of \$65 million for losses allegedly suffered under the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement.

A Great Movement

Founded in 1919 by the late Miss Eglantyne Jebb, the Save the Children Fund has to its credit a wonderful record of achievement. The story of the development of this organization is told in a most interesting manner in a book published in London under the title, "The Right of the Child: A Chapter in Social History", by Edward Fuller, editor of "The World's Children", with a foreword by Countess Mountbatten of Burma and an introduction by Capt. L. H. Green, C.B.E.

Miss Jebb turned her back on the well-to-do life which was hers by birth to look after the children in the famine areas of Europe, at first in the Balkans and then in the wide field opened by the First World War. The early supporters of the Fund came from leaders of the various churches—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish—and later were to include such widely differing sects as the Society of Friends, the Theosophists, the Salvation Army and the Baha'i faith.

In 1924, at the League of Nations Assembly, Miss Jebb put forward her Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which was adopted, and in 1946, with further amendments, was reaffirmed bringing it into accord with present-day conceptions of child welfare.

gun, to be developed in later years as a permanent service.

Before the war had ended the Fund started to plan for post-war relief of European war-victims and, within a few weeks of the end of the war, teams were at work in Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Poland and Austria. Their work was a potent factor in starting post-war relief and rehabilitation in Europe and further afield, helping DP's as well as children. Today the Fund is still expanding among refugees of all countries, and wherever there is work to be done in educating mothers in the best ways to care for and bring up their children.

Actively associated with this movement in Prince Edward Island is Mr. J. O. Hyndman, to whom The Guardian is indebted for a copy of Mr. Fuller's inspiring book.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In 1950 Scottish shipyards delivered 200,000 gross registered tons of new ships to overseas owners.

It is hard to tell these evenings whether a ring around the moon indicates rain to come, or forest fires ravaging woodlands far away.

Swimming classes are the order of the day in numerous centers. The water is so warm at present that even the longest instructional periods can hardly chill the instructors, much less their enthusiasm.

Unlike Toronto, Charlottetown did not find it necessary to spend \$900 testing sample parking meters for resisting extreme heat, cold, rain, sleet, dust and tinkering. But then climate and dispositions are milder here.

Present indications are that Their Royal Highnesses will visit this Province almost at the end of their tour. First impressions are, of course, lasting but it is to be hoped that final ones also may be remembered with pleasure.

This country cannot accept resignedly the process of dropping back from our position as an important food supplier to the United Kingdom. Supplies are still needed and we have in the past shown our ability to produce. It is a question of working out the right policies to revive that mutually beneficial relationship.

Miss Lily Pavey, 34, of London, England, has staggered the world of music by inventing and patenting the first type-writer that can type music in all the complexities of six octaves. Said an official of Britain's Musician's Union: "It may revolutionize the music-writing world."

Dr. William Gilbert Grace, famous English cricketer, was born this date 1848. In 1868 he scored 100 twice in one great match, an achievement he later repeated on three occasions. In his more than forty years in first-class cricket his highest score was 400 not out against twenty-two of Grimsby.

Recently, the Trade Unions Congress in Britain submitted a meat-marketing plan to the British Government which would provide for public ownership of both home and imported meat supplies, except at the retail stage. The plan calls for a Meat Commission to control all importing, slaughtering and wholesaling.

In the second of the Harewood estate sales at auction, ordered by Lord Harewood, brother-in-law of the King, to meet heavy death duties, 59 lots of farms and small-holdings comprising 5,500 acres with a rent roll of about £8,000, realized £269,400. The sale of 7,600 acres a year ago fetched £256,000.

Canada's Elgar Junior Girls' Choir arrived at Southampton last week. After a tour of England the girls will travel to Glasgow on August 12, Dumferline on the 16th and Edinburgh on the 18th. One of the singers is 12-year-old Sheila Palmer, of Vancouver, whose mother comes from Dundee. Sheila has won first-class honours as a pianist at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Here are some curious British farming records reported by the Farmer and Stockbreeder Year Book, 1951: "Old Billy", a 62-year-old horse, 1932; a pig three yards, eight inches long by four feet eight and a half inches high, that weighed 1,410 pounds live weight, 1774; a large white sow that farrowed 385 pigs in 22 litters, including 65 pigs in three litters within 12 months; 98 lambs from 40 ewes at one lambing, 1927; nine heifers in succession from a Guernsey cow and the same number from a Shorthorn cow; a calf that weighed 150 pounds at birth from a crossbred cow, 1945; and a Jersey cow that gave 18 pounds of milk daily after 18 years continuous lactation.

The Poet's Corner

BRIGHT DAY'S QUERY

On days like this one asks what life is for. But is content to be; the sail-boat's wake, The splashes that the dipping seabirds make, Speak life rich with contentment to the core; The long, soft seas that roll and plunge and break; Fill the bright day with sound; Lapsed leagues of shore Glimmer till sight grows dim where the waves shake High plumes of brightness. Why can't all men have A place like this to make their lives more brave Here where each clean wave on the other rolls? Why must the crowded city crush their souls? —Harry Kemp, in the New York Times.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

OUTDOOR PARTY

"A few of our idle citizens made off with a barrel of beer from the warehouse of James Duncan & Co. on Saturday night. They repaired to Victoria Park with their booty, and were having a good time over it when they were interrupted by the appearance of a few policemen who, after some hard running, succeeded in arresting six of the party." —The Examiner, June 25, 1877

Laurier's Testament

(Toronto Telegram)

In October of 1916 Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a rally in the Winter Gardens at London, Ont., accompanied by N. W. Rowell, George F. Garham, Charles Murphy, Charles Hyman and other Liberal stalwarts. It was reckoned a very successful affair, though London a few months afterward elected a Unionist and left the Laurier candidate at home. The gathering was sponsored by the then newly organized Young Liberals to whom a second chairman delivered a special message he called his "last testament."

Curiously, this passage has been attributed to Sir Wilfrid upon an occasion in 1918, when he again addressed a London meeting. It is so dated in Dr. O. D. Skelton's Life and Letters of Laurier, and has been cited, repeatedly in newspaper articles. The Toronto Liberal newspaper quoted it the other day as "spoken in November of 1918."

Although the tax-farming system is no longer used, the unpopularity of the tax-gatherer remains. No one accuses Mr. Abbott. Mr. McCann or their agents of personally profiting from their trade of extortion, but public demonstrations of affection for them are lacking. Like other prejudices, that against tax-collectors is unreasonable, particularly in a day when so many citizens are living wretchedly or partly on the avails of taxation. No one who accepts the baby bonus or an old-age pension should despise the humble instrument that makes the largesse available. What would be the fate of the civil servants in other departments if the Department of National Revenue were not on the job? Travelling expenses to Torquay, payment for the mistakes of Mr. Gardiner, balancing the books of the C.B.C.—all are dependent on the efficiency and zeal of Mr. Abbott, Mr. McCann and their minions.

Books Received

CCI CANADIAN INCOME TAX ACT, 17th edition, consolidated to adjournment of Parliament June 30, 1951, 321 pp., \$2.50. For sheer conciseness of information on Income Tax, past and present, this annual reference book is most valuable. Those wanting to know quickly what the Act says, and said, can find it here with a minimum of effort. There is no attempt, of course, to argue meanings or precedents but the employee can check readily his position on per diem, travelling allowance, union dues, auto costs and other matters. The gentleman farmer, for instance, can find what the act says about his farm losses. That, after all, is an indispensable preliminary to deciding what the Act means.

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The Lady Knows Best



St. Matthew's Day

(The Printed Word) The Hon. Douglas Abbott has been called the greatest tax-collector since St. Matthew. It is a dubious comment, for students of the Bible will recall that publicans, the tax-collectors of the Roman Empire, were not highly regarded. The biblical phrase, "publicans and sinners" is so familiar that one can hardly think of the other. The compliment, for what it is worth, should be shared by Hon. J. J. McCann, since it is his department that has the duty of collection.

Wesley Memorial Garden

(Scrutator in the London Spectator)

Charles Wesley wrote over 6,500 hymns (so it is said; I suppose they have been counted), including many of the most notable in the English language, lived and died a member of the Church of England, and was buried in Marylebone Churchyard. That was in 1788, and a plain tombstone was erected over his grave.

That was subsequently replaced by an obelisk, which in the course of time suffered much from neglect, and later from war damage. Now, owing to the demolition of Marylebone Chapel and some street-widening operations, a large piece of the old graveyard has been made available for conversion into a memorial garden, in the centre of which the Wesley obelisk will be erected.

All this is welcome news. Opinions will necessarily differ as to which is the greatest of Charles Wesley's hymns. Most Methodists, I fancy, would say "Come, O thou Traveller unknown," and I would not dissent.

Yet when it comes to comparing that with "Jesus, Lover of my soul" (to be sung, essentially, to "Aberystwyth"), it is clear how unfruitful comparison often is.

Visit Well Timed

(Financial Post) H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will be welcomed on this continent as ambassadors of goodwill, as her parents were in 1939. The years have brought a change of attitudes in the relations between the U. S. and Britain. In 1939 there was a large and active isolationist bloc in the U. S. carefully nurtured by Nazi organizations, and the Communists. The result of the isolationists' activities was an intense distrust of the British, as people who would drag the U. S. into war to save British investments.

Twelve years later the situation is somewhat reversed. Today we hear little isolationist clamor from the U. S. Pearl Harbour, Bataan, Iwo Jima, and Seoul have underlined the "one world" lesson very clearly. American lives have

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Notes By The Way

You cannot feel the water lilies with daylight or any other time. They work by the sun, coming out in the morning and retiring to rest in the evening. They retire early, getting their beauty sleep and looking glamorous next day. —Windsor Star.

With so much moisture—or so dang much rain, if you want to be vulgar about it—the farmer is having trouble saving his hay. But does this matter, in the modern scheme of things? Tractors eat gasoline—and that ain't hay! —(Ottawa Citizen).

The Korean war did not start because the South Koreans were provocatively strong but because they were invitingly weak. The North Koreans and their Russian sponsors believed that South Korea would fall easily to one swift drive—as it very nearly did. Had they known that they would have to fight a United Nations force, led by America, they would almost certainly not have attacked. The fruit of easy-going unpreparedness in South Korea has been a year of bitter and costly war. —(The Observer, London).

Time was when Canadians could be proud of their postal service. Now there is little or nothing even to be satisfied with. When a business envelope is mailed in the

bought time for the U. S. A. to learn that the leadership of the free world depends on the Americans.

In Britain today, contrariwise there is considerable dislike and distrust of the Americans. Led by the New Statesman and Nation an influential section of public opinion continually carps at all things American. This dislike was intensified when it was believed that General MacArthur was trying to drag Britain into a war against China.

The free world understands that men are free to differ in debate and have the right to thrash out questions of public policy. But it is sheer folly for the people of these two great powers, Britain and the U. S. A. to foster false ideas about each other. The visit of their Royal Highnesses will help to make manifest the great amount of goodwill that exists between Britain, Canada and the U. S. A. The visit is taking place at a most opportune time.

An orange lily in a garden must endure certain restrictions against its tendency to multiply mightily and spread like measles in a central school. But let the lily get started in a moist place by the side of the road and they have a grand time. Nobody weeds them, cuts them back or takes a bunch of them indoors. The orange lily is a good exhibit of the way a flower really doesn't need a garden club held over its lovely head. Flowers, like men, can thrive well in freedom. The best lily in a countryman's neighborhood is a libertarian one in a pasture lot's fence corner. And no early settler's tended English loose-strife was as beautiful as will be the purple expanse of an August swamp. When better orange lilies exist, a farm roadside will grow them, without benefit of any floral institution or a sundial an imprisoned morning glory has to punch as a time clock. —(New York Herald-Tribune)

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