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

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Not A Sinecure

With reference to a correspondent's letter in yesterday's issue prospective political leaders should think well about the implications of being Premier of this Province.

The Hon. John A. Mathieson was the first to find that the affairs of this Island cannot be properly ordered except by the Prime Minister giving his full time to the task.

Ministers and civil servants for the most part are competent and conscientious but their efforts are more likely to lead to frustration than to the full development of the Island's possibilities unless co-ordinated by one general authority in close touch with all the other branches of Government and with internal and external conditions.

Someone must always be able to speak with authority in answer to questions of every kind from other Provinces or the Federal Government. A part time Prime Minister of this Province at this stage would be an intolerable millstone around the people's neck.

Army, Navy and Air Cadets

In this "cold war" age the Cadet Corps of the three services need little argument on their behalf. It may be, however, that as in the past a considerable body of public opinion will again take a sentimental stand against "training our boys to be soldiers."

Those who are not so sentimental will recall that the need for opposing the might of Nazi Germany was forced upon us in spite of, or rather even because, the British Commonwealth and the United States had allowed themselves to be left far behind in military preparedness.

It is not the case, however, that Naval Cadets are being trained to be future sailors, Army Cadets to be soldiers or Air Cadets to be airmen, although certainly their training will prove valuable in any of the services.

The sugar coating is the uniform and affiliation of their fathers and brothers in the fighting services, but the meat of the training is chiefly that introduced by the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell for the Boy Scout movement.

Mr. Hannam At Stockholm

Before representatives of farm organizations of 25 nations at Stockholm last week, Mr. H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and head of the world organization, spoke of surplus food being a menace and a threat to the economy of some nations while it remained the greatest need of other countries.

He expressed great disappointment over the "negligible progress" made by the Allied nations in translating into practical programs the principles laid down at the first FAO conference at Hot Springs in 1943 and endorsed at many international conferences since.

On the other hand, farmers of many nations are concerned over declining agricultural prices, fear surpluses, and in most cases face rising production costs. Mr. Hannam traced the cause to a breakdown in what was once considered normal international trade, this the result of the currency muddle; to a lack of international machinery to cushion the impact of various support and price stabilization plans which may be considered desirable for domestic purposes; and to the upset within Europe due to uncertainty as to what will follow the end of the Marshall Plan.

In most of the Northern countries food surpluses already are causing troubles. Like most planners today Mr. Hannam fears dumping. This could be as disastrous to farmers, he states, as the dumping of an army of industrial workers, or doctors, would be to other wage earners. He believes that if surpluses cannot be sold and must be given away they should be moved into world markets at reduced prices by an international agency able to supervise their distribution and see they do not cause trouble for producers in the receiving countries.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The ladies were far from being merely "also present" at the Charlottetown Male Chorus concert last night.

The holiday makers had, on the whole, a good day Monday. The rain the previous day helped to lay the dust, and the heat had moderated considerably.

Saint John is happy in once more becoming the terminal of the Canadian Pacific shipping which has been making its headquarters in this respect at Halifax since 1931.

According to a Montreal writer in The Gazette the Progressive Conservatives are confident of a win in the forthcoming Annapolis-King's by-election, and the Liberals equally so in Halifax.

The Ottawa Anglican Synod has decided to ban the raising of church funds through raffles, bingo or draws. It also protested against opening Sunday for commercialized sport. "Lose Sunday," it was claimed, "and we lose Christianity."

Tonight's Progressive Conservative annual meeting in Summerside will be merely a preliminary to the Provincial Convention here next month, but there is no doubt but that Provincial leadership prospects will be to the fore along with the election of officers.

Queen Victoria made a wise selection in picking Ottawa as capital. The summer heat of that city, 81 degrees on Monday, is a potent factor in encouraging all concerned to finish up Parliamentary business and get back to more temperate climes.

The danger of fire is present over great areas of this country, and will continue. Even heavier rainfall than experienced earlier in the week may not be effective in putting out a fire that has a firm hold. The only effective remedy is to prevent fire breaking out in the first place.

Governor George Dundas arrived in Charlottetown from England this date 1859. Previously he had represented Linlithgow in the British House of Commons. He held the post for ten years, during the critical period of the Confederation of British North America. He was subsequently Lieut.-Governor of St. Vincent, West Indies, and died there in 1880.

An Islander, who has been on the mainland for sometime, visited here over the week-end, and was loud in expressing his amazement at the progress and development that had taken place in the Interval. He expressed the opinion the Island was in for a boom both in business and as a first class health resort, both summer and winter. But, he complained, our roads are 25 years behind the times.

As already announced Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent has just bought a summer residence at St. Patrick, Que., on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, four miles from Riviere du Loup and overlooking the river. Woods, it was recently modernized by Montreal owners. Mr. St. Laurent is the second prime minister to pick St. Patrick as a summer haven. Sir John A. Macdonald used to summer at a home a couple of doors away, now occupied by Mr. H. J. Symington of Montreal. A nearby golf course is a prime attraction.

"There is too much stress on certificates and degrees in our modern education," Dr. Douglas Wilson of McGill Theological Faculty, declared at the Stanstead College, Sherbrooke, annual alumni meeting. "A string of letters after your name doesn't mean you are educated." Dr. Wilson discussed "muscles, winds and men," and told graduating students, guests of the alumni, that they should consider their graduation as not the completion of their education but as "graduation to another stage in the process of growth." "When that process stops you have died," he said. "You should graduate into a frame of attitude that will stick with you."



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.

FISHERMEN'S LOAN CASES
Sir.—It is now about three months since the Attorney General stated in the Legislature that a full investigation of the alleged conspiracy to defraud the Government through the Fishermen's Loan Board of upwards of \$3,000 would be held and a Commission appointed for that purpose.

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Notes By The Way -
A new type of portable canoe that can be assembled in a matter of minutes is on view at the British Industries Fair. The makers confidently look forward to a record turnover this summer.
A British clock-making firm has had to tell its clients it can't go on winding their clocks for them any longer. The reason is that their official clock-winder, at 74, is retiring, and no one in the younger generation seems to want to wind clocks when it means clambering up church bellies and on the parapets of public buildings to handle the "big fellows."
Grant W. G. McConachie, president, Canadian Pacific Airlines, used an arresting illustration to demonstrate flying passenger safety records in an address to the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association. He said that if a baby was put into a plane at birth and was flown continuously at 200 miles per hour, it would be 57 years old before it would experience its first crack-up. He added that a man could stand 200 degrees temperature for 33 minutes and 240 degrees for 23 minutes - provided he wears long underwear. We'd imagine, though, that his breathing would be in short pants.—Napier Moore in The Financial Post.

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