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**J. WALTER JONES,**  
Minister of Public Works and Highways.

Charlottetown,  
Prince Edward Island,  
26th February, 1951.

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In November, 1872, the "Mary Celeste" sailed from New York bound for Genoa. Thirteen persons were on board, including the captain's wife and daughter. Some weeks later a British vessel caught up with the "Mary Celeste" which was steering a crazy path across the ocean. The British ship drew up alongside of the other vessel and sent some of her crew aboard it. All sail was set and not a rope out of place. The table showed a partly eaten meal. Sewing personnel to be that of the captain's wife lay beside her seat. Only the ship's papers and chronometer were gone, and the ashes in the galley stove were still warm.

There had been no storm for some days. The ship was in first-class condition, and it had not been looted by pirates. Yet there was not a living soul aboard her. What became of them? The mystery has never been solved, and this strange saga of the sea has become a classic that will be retold as long as tides run and mornings break.

Another mystery connected with the sea had its final setting at Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia, in 1854, when a mysterious character was picked up on the beach, with a can of water and a few biscuits beside him. Both legs had been amputated. The man, apparently in his early twenties, never spoke or took the slightest interest in anything, though he lived for 58 years as a public ward of the district.

The musical instrument that can almost talk — the saxophone — was invented by Adolphe Sax in 1840 and officially introduced into the French Army bands, July 11, 1846. It became an orchestral piece in 1844. . . . The highest mountain pass in the world is in the Himalaya Mountains. It is about 18,500 feet above sea level.

Oak Island has been the scene of countless treasure hunts ever since the notorious pirate Captain Kidd sailed the seas, robbed ships, and buried loot. In 1796 three men while hunting on the Island saw an old ship's block hanging from the limb of a large oak. The ground below showed a depression about 30 feet in circumference.

The men got excited, hurried home and armed with shovels began digging. Ten feet below the surface they came to a layer of oak planks. Excitement ran high. They worked like demons. At the depth of 20 feet their picks struck a plank floor covered with charcoal. At 30 feet their picks struck a third floor. Day after day the three treasure hunters toiled on and on. At ninety-six feet more planks were uncovered. Then the fates stepped into the picture; water rushed in and filled the pit, putting further operations at an end. Later, borings were made and three oak chests were delved through at a depth of 150 feet.

Since those days, many expeditions have sought to master the water barrier, but so far their efforts have proved fruitless. The last effort to recover the chests was begun in 1948. If part of Kidd's vast treasure is not buried on Oak Island then how do you account for the ship's block, the depression in the ground directly under it, the planks which the workmen uncovered, and the chests which lay buried 150 feet below the surface?

### WELSH CHURCH

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## CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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**ENGAGEMENT**—Mr. Walter H. Bell, Tryon, announces the engagement of his youngest daughter, Eva May to Donald Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacDougall, Charlottetown. Marriage to take place in the near future.

**NAMES OMITTED**—In the recent reception for Mr. and Mrs. John Falle held at the home of Mr. Lloyd Robertson, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Victor were omitted from those who contributed to the gift and presentation.

**CITY POLICE COURT**—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man charged with breaking and entering a place of worship with intent to steal, elected summary trial, pleaded guilty to the charge and was remanded one week for sentence. The incident occurred at the Holy Redeemer Church early last Sunday morning. A man charged with being drunk and incapable was sentenced to 20 days in jail. Three men charged with being drunk and disorderly were all remanded one week for sentence.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear wife,

**MRS. FRED STEWART**  
who passed away  
February 25th, 1950.

You left a beautiful memory,  
Day and night we sadly miss you.  
I never will forget your sweet smile  
I hope we meet some day again.  
Always Remembered by Husband  
and Family.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Father, who passed away February 27th, 1950.

One year has passed dear Father,  
Since you went and called away  
How well I do remember,  
That sad and weary day.  
You suffered much, you murmured  
not,  
We watched you day by day,  
We cried and prayed that your  
dear life,  
Would not be taken away.  
Fondly Remembered by Son  
James F. McQuillan,  
Mt. Stewart.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of James A. McQuillan, who passed away February 27th, 1950.

You left us a beautiful memory,  
A sorrow too great to be told,  
But to us who have loved you and  
lost you,  
Your memory will never grow old.  
Remembered by His Wife and  
Family.

## Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank the Doctor's Nurses and Staff of the Prince County Hospital, especially Dr. Simpson for their kindness to me while a patient. Also to all friends who sent treats, cards and flowers, during my long illness.  
Mrs. Charles Doull,  
Scarlettown.

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## Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA—A few weeks ago the Government was all set to give Australia and New Zealand a firm "No" on the proposal that Canada help to make up the operating deficit of the Royal Mail ship "Aorangi".

She's the aged white liner which plies the placid Pacific between Vancouver and Sydney, the last scheduled steamer operating among the three dominions. I saw her once, from a porthole of a Canadian Pacific Airliner which was helping create her deficit. And from 12,000 feet she was a picture of beauty.

But she wasn't \$266,666.66 worth of beauty—which is the amount the government has now decided to spend to keep her running for another year.

What made the government change its mind about subsidizing the Aorangi? Sentiment. A second thought that maybe after all it was worth while to maintain this last sea link with the Antipodes, particularly in these uncertain times. And strong pressure from the other two countries.

### Air Lines Cut In

The Aorangi—a Maori name meaning "cloud piercer", and applied originally to Mount Cook in New Zealand—is the last of three Canadian-Australasian line steamers which have plied the Pacific Commonwealth run almost without interruption since 1893. Last year, due largely to the competition of airliners, which fly in 35 hours the distance she takes three weeks to steam, the Aorangi ran up a deficit of about \$400,000.

The ship's owners announced that unless they got government help they would have to suspend operations. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which owns 49 per cent of the line, asked Ottawa to subsidize the Aorangi. Prime Minister Menzies of Australia also supported the subsidy proposal when he was in Ottawa last fall. But to each, Canada's answer was "No", and the Aorangi was taken off the Vancouver run at the end of December.

Then, at the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London last month, Menzies spoke to Prime Minister St. Laurent about what a shame it would be to break this Commonwealth link. A couple of weeks later Prime Minister Holland of New Zealand visited Ottawa and also strongly supported the subsidy proposal.

At that point Transport Minister Chevrier reluctantly agreed to a Canadian subsidy of two-thirds of the estimated 1951 deficit of \$400,000 if Australia and New Zealand would make up the rest—they agreed to do so.

It wasn't the amount of the subsidy which bothered Chevrier, but rather the difficulty of justifying, on the grounds of essentiality, the expenditure to keep the old ship running. Often she carried fewer passengers than crew.

But as I said, she makes a pretty picture from the 12,000 feet up.

**Chevrier Worries Washington**  
Despite the Aorangi deal, Chevrier is a sharp man with whom to do business—as the U. S. Congress is currently learning.

He's suspected, for one thing of running the biggest bluff the capital has ever seen in many a day by telling the Americans that if they don't come in on the St. Lawrence Seaway project, Canada will proceed without them. Canada could make American shipping on the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes pay through the nose to use the new canal.

The Americans realize that Chevrier's trying to needle their Senate into action to ratify the seaway treaty, but they don't know if that's all. They're not sure it's merely a bluff; not sure that if the treaty is again blocked in the U. S. Senate, Canada won't go ahead on her own and leave Washington looking rather foolish.

An all-Canadian waterway, built along a route already surveyed on the north shore of the St. Lawrence is both physically and financially feasible. Its billion dollar estimated cost no longer scares Canadians.

Washington's concern over Chevrier's threat came into the open the other day when U. S. Interior Secretary Chapman told

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## Lenten Meditations

JUDGMENT AND MERCY

(The London Times)

The Christian story did not begin originally with Jesus Christ, but with John the Baptist, and our earliest Gospel opens with an account of his personal appearance and ministry.

The simple but tremendous affirmations of the Hebrew prophets—that God is wholly righteous and asks righteousness of men, and that while his mercy is for all mankind, neither man nor nation may presume upon his favour—these rang out again across Palestine. The baptismal ceremony he practised was the outward symbol of the drastic inner change he required, a change as far-reaching for the born Jew as that which the Gentile underwent on becoming a Jew by conversion.

Great as the Baptist was, he is remembered, not for his own sake but as the forerunner of one whom he acknowledged to be greater than himself. In him the old order reached its consummation, for "the law and the prophets were until John." But after him there came a new and better order, and while he could point others to it, he did not enter in himself.

If we are told of the wistful question which he addressed through some of his disciples to Jesus at the height of the Galilean ministry—"Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?"—we only know the reply which those disciples took back to him in prison. We do not know how their master received it.

What made the message of Jesus, while apparently the same as that of his predecessor, so fundamentally different? Each, we are told, spoke of the coming kingdom of God, and each summoned his hearers to a speedy repentance. Yet for one the kingdom was the expectation of a certain and fiery judgment, while for the other it was the good news of a wholly unanticipated mercy.

The work of the Baptist was essential as a preparation, for the mercy of God is sure to be misunderstood and abused where it is not seen as rooted in an inflexible righteousness and an inflexible holiness.

But it could not suffice of itself, for the heights to which men climb by moral effort there are those to which they can rise only in grateful response to a love that has descended to seek them out.

John was true to his mission to the end. Fearless in rebuke, he won the reluctant homage of a king's conscience even when that king, bound by a foolish oath, sent his executioner to kill him. Yet even here he falls short, for in that rugged character of his there is no suggestion of sympathy, no trace of that gracious, even reckless, adventure of love by which Jesus drew to himself the despised and sinful.

### BONSHAW SCHOOL

Report for the month of January.

Grade X.—1, Joseph McQuaid; 2, Gerald McQuaid.

Grade VII.—1, William MacKinnon; 2, Joyce MacDonald.

Grade VII.—1, Eugene McQuaid; 2, Damien McQuaid; 3, Gordon MacFadyen.

Grade III. Sr.—1, Charles MacKinnon.

Grade III. J.—1, Neil MacDonald.

Grade II.—1, Eileen McQuaid; 2, Barbara McQuaid; 3, Le Roy McQuaid.

Teacher—Patricia Clarkin.

a congressional committee that "Canada is going to build the seaway on her side, even if we don't," and that "American shipping would have to pay tribute" in tolls.

If the Congress does okay the seaway, some tribute should be paid, all right—by Central Canada to Chevrier.



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