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

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Forgotten Melodies

A noted English critic has the following comment on the subject of forgotten melodies:

"Our mind is unable to conceive of all those thousands and thousands of combinations of notes which were heard once upon a time, and are now heard no longer. Gone, disappeared. And whither? Vanished totally, like the sunset redness of yesterday, or last year's roses. The roses return, and so does the reddening sunset; but these other things, that were as lovely as they, do not. They have ceased to exist along with the recollection of the men and women in whose mind they had their sole real existence. The thought is strange and difficult to grasp. Yet there is something stranger still, and more difficult for our weak imagination to realize. It is the thought of all the minds in which those melodies were once re-echoed; of all the hearts which, swept by them, shivered with pleasure or pain; of all that life, in short, which is now dead; of all that present which has become the past, and by whose side, even while we are listening to the songs of today, there noiselessly takes its place this present of our own, becoming itself the past."

One of the vital functions of Music Festivals, such as we are now enjoying in Charlottetown, is to stimulate interest in our musical heritage of the past. It is rich in beautiful melodies, which share our own frail mortality and die when they perish from our memories. Music is unique among the arts in this respect; it exists absolutely in us who listen. It has not—like architecture, painting or sculpture—any external life of its own. Hence we must re-create an old folk tune or other classic every time we perform it or hear it performed, and it is this which gives music a cultural value beyond all other forms of artistic expression.

Don't Want Citizenship

The world today, and this country is no exception, is rapidly adopting government measures designed to provide "security" of every conceivable kind. Workers are after unemployment insurance, manufacturers seek protection against outside competition, farmers demand price support and "the man in the street" must have family allowances and old age pensions.

It is interesting to note that here in Canada we have a group who have enjoyed the protection of a paternalistic Government for many generations. The Canadian Indians are wards of the Crown and have lived under a system of almost complete social security. The positive results of the system are not impressive. Today the Red Man makes nothing like his proper contribution to our national life. Enterprise and ambition have been almost eradicated from the great majority of those living under the system and, according to Senator T. A. Crerar (L-Manitoba), the vast majority of this country's 135,000 Indians do not want to acquire the rights of citizenship with attendant responsibilities.

The citizen of tomorrow will almost certainly have less freedom and more "security" than now. Is there any likelihood that he will be more prepared to throw aside the mess of pottage than is the Indian of today?

West Indies Trade

The Maritime Provinces found a powerfully ally in their efforts to promote increased trade with the West Indies the other day in the House of Commons from Dr. George Fulford (L. Leeds), a Brockville, Ont., business man.

The Ontario M. P. urged in the budget debate that government pressure be applied on the Colonial Office in London to improve Canada's position in the B. W. I. markets, at least to the point of being allowed to balance her exports and imports. The situation, as outlined by Mr. Fulford poses a problem for Maritime exporters which has been keenly felt by them because of the loss of a large part of the heavy trade which in the past had been carried on between these provinces and the islands.

Currency controls have been employed to erect barriers to trade between Canada and the B. W. I. At present dollars spent in London and in some instances find their way into New Zealand, Australia and other sterling countries which are usurping markets formerly held by Canada in the West Indies. It is a case of Canadian dollars being permitted to work to the disadvantage of this Dominion's trade, and while it may seem insignificant when regarded in the

light of Britain's over-all dollar problem, it nevertheless poses a very real problem to exporters in these provinces.

On several occasions in recent years it has been suggested that the B. W. I. join Canada as an 11th Province. Such a move doubtless would contribute a lot toward unification of the nine administrations which now govern the islands. A big market for Canadian farm products beckons in the West Indies, and, given full rights to trade there, Maritime exporters and importers, because of their advantageous geographical position, doubtless could do much to help improve the economy of the islands

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the resumption of the Wood Islands-Caribou Ferry service comes the feeling that Spring is really here.

Gardening and lawn repairs will be the order of the day now till the 24th, when the family can go afishing in comparative comfort.

If potential tourists read all that is being said about them these days the hats they buy when visiting here will have to be out-size.

The chess tournament should serve to arouse interest in the ancient game. As with almost every form of contest a player can only develop by being matched against superior skill.

Perhaps it is just as well Summerside aerial navigators did not repeat last year's feat of flying over the geographic North Pole. It would be difficult to avoid the Russian side, with who knows what outcome.

The practice of "legislating by estimates" has been criticized by the Auditor General and members of Opposition parties. This short circuiting of legislation enables the Government to provide money for expenditures which have not been authorized by previous legislation.

Nova Scotia by her Small Tree Act prohibits the cutting of undersized trees. In this Province the fact that almost every landowner lives on his own property should provide an equivalent care for the land's future.

What is now being done about weed control? A series of meetings devoted to discussions of weed control methods was recently completed at 11 points in north-eastern Saskatchewan. Sponsored by local agricultural societies and committees, they were conducted by G. R. Fraser, provincial weed control representative, and E. A. Martens, one of the agricultural representative branch.

This makes one envious. A speckled trout caught in Quebec waters during the course of 1949 won premier honors in the annual "Field & Stream" competition. The trout in question weighed exactly eight pounds and was taken in Lake Mattawa, within the limits of the Homamo Club, north of Roberval. Mr. D. Howard, of Attleboro, Mass., was the lucky disciple of Izaak Walton who landed the prize winner.

In days gone by, Americans had a long way to travel to attempt to get their political wrongs righted. Just 240 years ago (April 20th, 1710) four Mohawk Chiefs travelled to London for an audience with Queen Anne. The occasion was celebrated the following day in a broadsheet reproducing the "Speech of the Four Indian Kings". The broadsheet will be auctioned at Sotheby's, London, this month, together with other Harmsworth Americana now being disposed of.

Leonardo da Vinci died this date 1519. Born in 1452 near Florence, he studied art under Verrocchio and later settled in Milan. Besides doing many paintings including "The Last Supper", he devised an irrigation scheme for the plains of Lombardy. He returned to Florence and painted "Mona Lisa", designed a palace for the King of France, projected a great canal between the Loire and Saone, wrote indefatigably on anatomy, astronomy, hydraulics, physics, geology, geography and made eager experiments in the art of flying.

Our family allowances. Ontario is first and Quebec second among Canada's provinces in the number of persons receiving family allowances. In a written answer to a question by P. E. Wright (CCF-Melfort) Mr. Martin disclosed 603,847 families receive family allowances in Ontario and 507,727 get the payments in Quebec. In other provinces the total number of family allowances paid as at March 31, this year were: Newfoundland, 50,694; Prince Edward Island, 13,165; Nova Scotia, 91,012; New Brunswick, 72,410; Manitoba, 105,611; Saskatchewan, 116,917; Alberta, 130,686; British Columbia, 156,367 and Yukon and Northwest Territories, 3,833.

Staying Home And Missing All The Fun Of The Fair



The Poet's Corner

FROM "A SONG FOR ST. CECILIA'S DAY"

From harmony, from heavenly harmony This universal frame began: From harmony to harmony Through all the compass of the notes it ran. The diapason closing full in Man...

The trumpet's loud clangor Excites us to arms, With shrill notes of anger And mortal alarms. The double double double beat Of the thundering drum O'er the ranks the foe come; Charge, charge, 'tis too late to retreat!

The soft complaining flute In dying notes discovers The voice of hopeless lovers, Whose dirge is whispered by the warbling lute.

Sharp violins proclaim Their jealous pangs and desperation, Fury, frantic indignation, Depth of pains, and height of passion, For the fair disdainful dame.

But oh! what art can teach, What human voice can reach The sacred organ's praise? Notes inspiring holy love, Notes that wing their heavenly ways To mend the choirs above...

As from the power of sacred lays The spheres began to move, And sung the great Creator's praise To all the blest above; So when the last and dreadful hour This crumbling pageant shall devour, The trumpet shall be heard on high, The dead shall live, the living die, And Music shall untune the sky.

—John Dryden (1631-1700).

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MUSIC & TEMPERANCE

"At a recent general meeting of the Sons of Temperance the following resolution was adopted: 'Whereas, in the opinion of this meeting, in order to make our meetings as entertaining and interesting as possible, it is needful that we should provide Music, vocal, instrumental or both; Therefore resolved, that a committee of nine be appointed to instruct a choir, and re-organize the band.'"

—Hazard's Gazette, Dec. 27, 1854

The Age-Old Story

You shall do My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do keep them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

TAUNTON, England.—(CP)—A robin here nested in Mrs. W. F. Whitteman's letter box.

The Sensitive Safeguard

(The Montreal Gazette)

Victor Hugo once said that "the truth is always naive." Certainly there are times when simplicity is astonishingly near to reality. So it is in the statement made recently by Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Shinwell, Minister of Defence in the British Labor cabinet. Said Mr. Shinwell: "Unfortunately, while the Labor movement has quite properly focused upon the fundamental principles and ideals of socialism, little attention has been paid to the extremely difficult technical problems which the carrying out of nationalization involved."

The original principle and ideal were that these industries, by being made public, would become public property. But the first difficulty now is that of giving the public any real control over the industries they are said to own. And the second difficulty is that of giving the public an effective way of registering complaints about their own industries.

It might be presumed that the public could exercise control over the public industries through the examination of their activities in Parliament. But when any definite question is asked about the way any public industry is functioning, Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison has arisen to make an explanation on procedure.

He has said that the admission of question on "day-to-day administration" (such as the question of why trains run late) would be inconsistent with the responsibilities of the boards that run these industries. It is a principle of socialist nationalization that these boards should be free from the detailed ministerial or parliamentary supervision of their commercial operations.

Some constitutional authorities have remarked that Mr. Morrison's explanation may "be blown for a yarn," and is no more than a neat dodge for escaping responsibility. But the citizen with a complaint against his own industry, if he cannot get information from Parliament, may try to get satisfaction on his own. There is a very true, a machinery for taking care of complaints. But it is a type of machinery that can also

REMINDER TO HOUSEHOLDERS
Persons removing their Furniture and Personal Effects, from one location to another, should notify Underwriters, and obtain a removal permit, under their policy of insurance. In the case of premises becoming vacant for more than thirty days, it is also advisable to notify Underwriters and obtain permit where necessary. As a safeguard, make sure that your Fire policy includes Supplemental Covers. Consult our Agents, or write or call on

Notes By The Way

In one of the most bizarre moves of the cold war to date, the Russians have brought several witch doctors from British and Belgian African colonies to Moscow for training as Communist agitators. Although the practice of witchcraft is now forbidden in these colonies, the voodooists still have big followings among the natives, and Moscow figures they can stir up a lot of trouble against their "colonial masters."

The Star believes that there should be a new and distinctive Canadian flag, preferably one containing the Jack for reasons of tradition and sentiment, if the French-Canadian population wish the fleur-de-lis included there should be no objection. But prominent on the flag there should be a maple leaf or an arrangement of such leaves. The maple leaf is the most widely known Canadian emblem.

The 16 new K. C's whose appointment the King has just approved will find the new honor involves them in some expense. The fee for the patent — an imposing document, with a huge seal attached — is 100 guineas, and there are numerous officials, major and minor, who levy a guinea or so for more or less nominal services. A new K. C's own clerks also have a traditional claim to a new suit and silk hat at their master's expense.

Kitchener-Waterloo has the most up-to-date hotel in Ontario for pigs. All guests come from the very best families and their fare is paid by the government. To this Advanced Registry Feeding Station a breeder must send several animals if he wants to own a qualified herd of advanced registry pigs (these are several rungs higher on the social ladder than pure-bred pigs). The station has air-conditioning, four-ply lumber in the insulated walls and ceilings, double windows and a conveyor system for floor cleaning. There's always a full house.

We cannot escape the fact that who would shut off "questions on day-to-day administration" in Parliament, does believe that the public has one great safeguard in relation to its own industries. He has said: "Under the competitive system the threat of the withdrawal of custom can be a spur to efficiency. The corresponding safeguard in the case of socialized industries should be their sensitiveness to public complaint."

STURBEY, Kent, England.—(CP)—An old tith barn here has been converted into an outdoor cricket school. GLASGOW, Scotland.—(CP)—Burglars who raided a tailor shop here used the stock of coats and suits to muffle the sound of the explosion when they forced the safe.

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