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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Encouraging Figures

One of the objects of the annual meetings of the Maritime Fire Chiefs who are in session this week in Summerside, is to discuss the latest techniques in fire fighting and prevention and exchange experiences with a view to improving the already admirable service our volunteer fire brigades are giving in every Maritime community.

It is encouraging to note from an exchange that the trend of fire losses in Canada this year is definitely downward. For the five months from January 1 to May 31, 1951, losses resulting from fires across the Dominion totalled \$23,817,030, which sum is also inclusive of \$2,900,000 to cover unreported losses.

Much of the credit for this improvement goes to our organized fire fighters, who are on the job not only when needed but are in the forefront in the educational campaigns which have been carried on to bring about a greater realization of the grave dangers of fire and the need for eternal vigilance in preventing outbreaks.

Income Tax Dodgers Beware

If you've worked out a way to avoid paying income tax, or have helped someone else to do the same, think again, says The Gazette. The Department of National Revenue is launching its biggest drive in decades to locate and deal with tax-evaders. The story here is that professional men—medical doctors, lawyers, dentists—are a special target.

Why Prices Are High

There is nothing mysterious or inexplicable, says the finance committee of the Canadian Senate, in the forces of inflation now gripping this and other nations. All the ingredients of this process are known, can be identified and could lead only to the present result.

The last war, like all great wars, resulted in a huge expansion of the money supply as governments everywhere, unable or unwilling to finance out of revenues and the borrowing of real savings, created new money out of thin air.

"If labor costs rise," says the report, "without an equivalent increase in production per unit of labor, these increased costs are almost always added to the cost of goods or services, and thus in effect are inflationary. As at the end of May the

cost of living had increased 82 per cent in the last twelve years. The general index for wages stood at 225.5 for April, 1951, compared with 100 in 1939." In other words, wages on average had risen much more than prices but, lacking an equivalent increase in production per man-hour, were bound to drag prices up with them.

The solution of the problem, the committee concludes, can be found only in a combination of measures. Productivity—the output of the average man-hour of work—must be increased, which means that Canadians must work harder and more efficiently to produce the goods needed for defence and for their own purposes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A cure for high blood pressure is to "rest and be thankful."

It was game of that 51-year-old mother with her 12-year-old son to hitch-hike from Kelowna, B.C., to Halifax, to compete with the "Herring Choker Special" and visit her relatives in Halifax. But it is the return journey that will take it out of them.

The U. S. A. was among the first to break diplomatic relations with Franco Spain, and the last to resume them. Now she wishes to out-do Britain, France, the Netherlands, etc., in her haste to collaborate with that generalissimo governed republic.

The condition of the weather here may be gauged by the complaint of an amateur gardener that he had invested in a garden hose at the beginning of the season, and had not yet had an opportunity, or excuse, for using it—sunshine and rain alternating making artificial watering unnecessary.

The first women's rights convention was held this date 1848 at Seneca Falls, N. Y. Leading figures were Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Martha C. Wright and Lucretia Mott. In England women's suffrage, as a public question, dates from 1865 when John Stuart Mill put it in his election address.

The estimated New England potato crop is down 20 per cent from last year according to United States Government figures. The acreage has been reduced by 22 per cent or by 45 per cent below the ten-year average for 1940-49. Despite the lack of support prices the prospect would seem to be reasonably favourable.

With Japan soon to be admitted to the circle of friendly nations, memories of low-cost Japanese products are worrying the rest of the world. Before such benefits as the "most favoured nation" clause are extended to that country's products it would be prudent to observe her marketing policies.

Deputy Postmaster-General Turnbull is not noted for saying too much; indeed there is the story of an official who waited upon him to complain that a certain scheme would not work. Replied the Deputy: "You have taken half an hour to tell me it would not work. I'll give you five minutes to tell me how it could be worked."

Following the Judges in boost of salaries come the Deputy Ministers. Salaries of 12 Federal Deputy Ministers have been increased to \$13,500 from \$12,000 a year. Among the Deputy Ministers receiving the increases are: Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Veterans Affairs; J. C. Lessard, Transport; E. P. Murphy, Public Works; Charles Stein, Undersecretary of State; Walter Turnbull, Deputy Postmaster-General; David Sim, Customs and Excise; Dr. George Davidson, Welfare; Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, Health; Marc Boyer, Mines and Technical Surveys; Arthur MacNamara, Labor; Stewart Bates, Fisheries; and Col. Laval Fortier, Immigration.

Welcome Back, Visiting Sons And Daughters!



The Poet's Corner

TO A FRIEND

When we were idlers with the loitering hills, The need of human love we lit, Our love was nature, and the peace that floated On the white mist, and dwelt upon the hills. To sweet accord subdued our wayward wills: One soul was ours, one mind, one heart devoted. And wisely deoting, asked not why it dawned, And ours the unknown joy, which knowing kills. But now I find, how dear thou wert to me; That man is more than half of nature's treasure, Of that fair Beauty which no eye can see. Of that sweet music which no ear can measure; And now the streams may sing for others' pleasure. The hills sleep on in their eternity.

Hartley Coleridge.

Effects Of Alcohol

(Winnipeg Free Press) Several conclusions are established in the report by Mr. Walter O. Menge, of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, on the effects of alcohol on habitual and casual drinkers. The study was conducted objectively with Mr. Menge being interested solely in the use of alcohol as it affects insurance risks. As expected, the statistical survey revealed that the death rate is much worse among "social drinkers" than among "sober drinkers." Even in the latter case, the mortality rate is higher than normal. But it established the unexpected conclusion that the relative mortality is highest at the younger ages for all types of habit cases, and decreases steadily with advancing age. This is directly contrary to the usual practice of accepting habits cases at the younger ages on a more liberal basis.

Mr. Menge's report showed that automobile accidents, among users of alcohol under 30 accounted for nearly one-third of the deaths among policy holders in this age group. For all ages combined, the report adds, deaths caused by 11 types of accidents were twice the normal and suicide and homicide were approximately three times normal. In commenting upon this report,

Crerar Scholarships

(Winnipeg Free Press)

The provision of overseas scholarships has been generally and rightly regarded as an excellent means of fostering international understanding and goodwill. A new and rather striking experiment, made possible by the will of the late Mr. James P. Crerar, a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia, is now announced. Its avowed purpose is to strengthen the already close ties between Canada and Scotland.

Mr. Crerar, who belonged to a well known Nova Scotian family, finished his education at Cargillfield school and Fettes college, both in the vicinity of Edinburgh, prior to entering the employment of the Bank of Montreal. Somewhat later he obtained a controlling interest in a Denison, Texas street car system and, after managing it with some success, disposed of it profitably. The First World War found him with commissioned rank in the 28th battalion.

Scotland has long been famous for her educational institutions and Mr. Crerar was apparently anxious to ensure that various young Canadians of the present generation should enjoy in their time the advantages which had been afforded him in earlier years. The Crerar scholarships, of the approximate value of \$900 annually, are the result. Approved candidates are to spend four years at Cargillfield and four at Fettes College.

This clearly opens magnificent opportunities for what is offered is the prospect of a first class education at these Scottish institutions. The selection will be based not purely on academic standing but on general merit as is the case with the Rhodes scholarships. It is to be expected that the standards set by the three trustees—Mr. John Stevenson and Col. A. F. Duguid, D.S.O. of Ottawa, Mr. Robert Fleming of Toronto, all graduates of Fettes college, will be high and that the results will reflect deserved credit upon the enterprise.

Mr. R. J. Campbell, assistant vice-president of the Continental Assurance Company, drew a distinction between the "social drinker" and the "pathologic drinker." He emphasized, particularly, the problem of the very young drinker. First, he said, there is the "teenager who does not know how to drink." Then he reaches the stage when "he thinks he can drink but can't." Third, he finally observed: "reasonable caution when he drinks. With age comes the tendency to slow down physically and to use caution in action." Generalizations about drinking

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

PERSUASIVE ADVERTISING

From an announcement headed "Devonport Brewery and Distillery", inserted by James H. Down, Devonport Lodge, in the Royal Gazette of Jan. 18, 1931:

"The Subscriber, having availed himself of the opportunity afforded by his late visit to the United States, of selecting and importing to this Island the remaining part of the necessary apparatus for carrying on the above Brewery and Distillery, in full and extensive operation, fondly anticipates, that the superiority of his Still (which was constructed by Mr. John Benson of the city of New York, who is considered to be one of the best Mechanics in the line in the United States) will prove an efficient benefit to the Island in general, and the Agriculturists in particular; that it will, in a great measure, supersede the present pernicious practice of importing large quantities of deleterious Liquor, called Rum.

"To the insalubrity of that exotic composition may be fairly attributed Five-Eighths of the causes and effects of our local complaints and maladies, whether mental, physical, or pecuniary; and the Subscriber trusts, that the mellifluous and entire Aquavitae which will be produced from his Brewery, and the delicious Nectar which will be continually emanating and transparently flowing from his Still, will prove complete antidotes to the above mentioned evils, speedy restoratives to the convalescent, and preventatives to the incautious.

"In addition to their real value, they will be made from the agricultural productions of the Colony, which must necessarily enhance the value, and secure a ready market for grain. They will assist in retaining the small quantity of coin now in circulation on the Island, within her own power, and prevent it from falling into the hands of our rivals. In exchange for Wheat, Barley or Oats, he will give one-half of their price in Cash, and the remainder out of his well-selected and general assortment of European, Indian and American Goods and Merchandise."

have to be made with reserve, for there are great personal variations that must be taken into account before anything like a complete report can be presented. But this latest survey, prepared under the impartial auspices of an insurance company, contains enough material to justify the assertion that the age of caution in the use of alcohol cannot come too soon.

Notes By The Way

Recent reports of how successfully nylon fur is being used by members of the Air Force in Arctic service need not presently alarm any owners of royal pastel or even sable scarfs likely soon to lose caste. But this new fur, made from nylon and other laboratory developed fibers, promises a saving to the taxpayer, as it costs only a fifth as much as the real wolf and mouton skins, now in short supply, which have heretofore been used to line Arctic fliers' jackets and hoods. — (Washington Post).

The term "Royal Mail" is made obsolete only by the Post Office department itself. Postmaster General Rinfret has let his department bury the phrase by the wording of Bill 322. It made "Royal Mail" obsolete by the very service it now gives. It would be a disgrace to the word to call a postage service which Canadians are getting today "Royal Mail." The only thing that could possibly be called regal about today's mail is the Post Office department's autocratic disregard of the public. It is time to bring the service back to a condition where it will warrant the name "Royal Mail," and to put officials into the department who will make it Royal in fact and in name. — Peterborough Examiner.

Two diplomats vanished without a trace from the British Foreign Office. Now two American diplomats are suspended from the State Department. The investigation about them relates to "security" rather than to "loyalty" but it will seem to most people difficult to draw the line between them. If a man possesses secrets and is careless of them, at what point does the carelessness denote a lack of loyalty? The news from Washington will start the witch-hunting of Senator McCarthy all over again. But sober-minded observers will probably come to the conclusion that the State Department is able to keep its house in order without his help. Neither of the two men now suspended were major targets of the Senator's attack, though one of them had been mentioned by him. The McCarthy charges in the main collapsed miserably when subjected to scrutiny. — (Montreal Star).

Butterflies are among the most interesting of the earth's insects; the name "lepidoptera" means scaly-winged, and refers to the fact that scales on the wings are flattened. Butterflies fly by day while many moths prefer the darkness. Perhaps you have noticed that butterflies at rest hold their wings erect, while moths fold theirs against their bodies. There are some 700 species of butterflies in North America and the life span of most is complete in about a fortnight. One of the spectacular life cycles of the insect world is concerned with Monarch butterflies. They gather in large flocks in the Fall and fly to the southland; they return in late Spring or early Summer. It is a handsome butterfly in its coat of blended, rich browns, yellow and soft creams. It is easily identifiable by the double row of cream white dots around the wing margins. The male has a small black patch on a vein on the upper side of each rear wing. The four-cycle life is interesting and one that can be easily watched through the phases of egg, caterpillar or larva, pupa and adult butterfly. The egg, about the size of a pin head, is laid on the underside of a milkweed leaf; in five days it hatches into an arresting black, white and orange striped caterpillar approximately an inch long. For 15 days the caterpillar feeds on the milkweed; then as a pupa it builds its chrysalis or cocoon—a beautiful, jade-green, silk covering with a gold-dotted rim. In 19 days a newborn butterfly emerges and the wings expand with amazing rapidity. If you want a thrilling, oddly-stirring experience, watch a cocoon as the Monarch comes forth. Within an hour or two it will spread its wings and fly away. In Summer sunshine the Monarchs are like dancing flowers. As one thinks of the magnificent coloring studies the magnificent coloring he can understand why the pioneers gave the folklore name, Monarch, to this insect which uses the milkweed as its birthplace. — (Ottawa Journal).

The Age-Old Story

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various practitioners including lawyers (A. Walthen Gaudet, J. A. McGuigan, Frederic A. Large, K. C., Bell, Mathieson & Foster, J. S. Taylor, Dr. John E. Sterns, Allison M. Gillis, J. A. Caruthers), accountants (H. R. Duane & Co., McDonald, Currie & Co.), and other professionals.

NOTICE

Two double head Traffic Lights have been installed at the intersection of Elm Avenue, Great George and Euston Streets. These lights will go into official operation on Tuesday, July 24th.

Vehicles approaching this intersection will stop on the Red light and will proceed when the light changes to the green. For general information as to these lights, vehicles coming into the City on Elm Avenue will be guided by the light on the southeast corner of Great George Street. Vehicles proceeding eastwardly on Euston Street will be guided by this same light on the southeast corner of Great George Street. Vehicles proceeding west on Euston Street will be guided by the light at the Cudmore Grocery corner. Vehicles proceeding northwardly on Great George Street will be guided by the light on the Cudmore Grocery corner.

J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk.