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

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Old Home Week

It is a moot question whether visitors or stay-at-homes get the more enjoyment out of the institution of Old Home Week. The thrill which returning Islanders get from revisiting familiar scenes and greeting old friends and neighbours has its counterpart in the delight with which they are greeted by those who choose to remain Islanders in fact, as well as in origin. Our visitors, however, have the additional opportunity of meeting others who are also returning, perhaps even neighbours in their present place of sojourn, but brought together in their travels to this pleasant isle.

In any case, the disgruntled are few, rather one and all are pleasure bent when they make for the focus of all festivities, the Exhibition Grounds, with its exhibitors from all parts of the Island, the races with their unfailing appeal to horse-loving Islanders, as well as sundry minor attractions which lend colour and gaiety to the whole.

Schools Reopening

There is more than the usual confusion with regard to the re-opening of the public schools this year, inasmuch as the opening date for the new School Unit No. 1, comprising the Royalties, Parkdale, Winsloe and Spring Park, has been set for Sept. 5, the same date as the opening of the City schools, while the rural schools which have taken Fall holidays will open today, and others not until the 28th.

It is hoped that the appeal for closer co-operation between parents, trustees and teachers made by the Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Shaw, will be effective, as it is only by teamwork of this kind that the most can be made of our existing educational facilities. These facilities, for the most part, represent a marked improvement over earlier years. Government grants towards improvement of school grounds and buildings, coupled with the work of the Women's Institutes in arousing public interest in educational matters, have worked wonders, but there is much yet to be done before we can claim to have reached the standards prevailing in some of the other Provinces.

One certain way of raising the standard is to encourage, in every way, competent and gifted teachers to remain in their profession. That means not only generous treatment financially on the part of both the Government and the school districts, but understanding and sympathy with regard to the teacher's duties and responsibilities. Democracy can be victorious on a battlefield, and fail ingloriously if it does not provide an educational system commensurate with the problems its citizens are required to face. It is truer today than ever before that "where there is no vision, the people perish." Scientific progress alone is not enough. Not even in the elementary grades can education be given properly unless those giving it have grasped its overall meaning and purpose.

If Korea Is Lost

Armchair strategists who speculate on the possibility of Korea falling to the Communists do a distinct disservice to the cause of peace. Argument most frequently used by these folk is that even if the Americans are driven from the mainland and forced to retreat to Japan, it does not really matter, for Korea is of little if any strategic importance in the much greater task of containing Soviet imperialism across the face of the globe. Why, they ask, should the United States risk a war with Russia for the sake of an isolated bit of the Asiatic mainland like Korea?

People who talk this way are playing right into the Kremlin's hands. For what is at stake in the bloody struggle in Korea is something far more vital than the threat of war with Russia, or even of the fate of South Korea as a strategic base on the Asian continent.

Real issue in Korea is the loss of prestige that the western democracies, and in particular the United States, would suffer were the Korean fighting to result in a Far Eastern Dunkirk. Confidence in the strength of the United States as a bastion against Russian aggression would be seriously undermined not only in the Far East but in Europe as well. That the Kremlin is banking on the efficacy of just this sort of psychological warfare is evidenced by the fanatic efforts of the North Korean communists to drive American forces into the sea no matter what the cost in human life. The issue in this critical stage of the

Korean fighting is to establish an understanding all along the borderland of Soviet influence that any form of aggression, whether in Russia or satellite garb, will result in immediate and effective retaliation. That is why Canada's response to the appeal for ground forces is significant and of an importance out of all proportion to the fighting strength this country is prepared to provide.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Old Home Week opens. All roads from now on lead to the exhibition. To co-op, or not to co-op, that is the question facing P. E. I. Potato Growers Association.

An attractive recruiting office is an asset when appeals are being made—located where all and sundry can see it.

A potato immune to late blight will be welcomed here, though the seed cannot be procured until for next year's crop.

The Bank of Prince Edward Island founded this date, 1856. It lasted until the financing of the new railway exhausted its resources.

The Canadian Teachers' Federation opens its sessions in Saskatoon today, but most of our Island teachers are already back in the classroom.

Total building remains at a satisfactorily high level in the city but the picture is not nearly so bright in the matter of planned housing development.

It seems Sunday ball or other athletic games are illegal if even a collection plate with fixed admission sum be indicated to gain admission. Any one who chooses must be admitted without let or hindrance.

Plumbers and other contractors in the City will have a busy time the next three months connecting up old-time residences with flush toilets, etc. It is an innovation long overdue and it is the Provincial Government's Public Health Department that is responsible for taking the initiative.

That progressive and expanding outskirts of the City, Parkdale, is to be the second township to take advantage of incorporation under the provisions of the Village Service Act, to become effective September 1. The residents of Parkdale are "live wires", ever foremost in the development of community interests.

The decentralization of defence industry advocated by the Maritime Board of Trade is essential both for the security which dispersal gives from danger of attack, and also in order to make full use of this country's productive capacity.

Mr. Leo A. McIsaac has left his post as secretary to the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture in order to increase his usefulness to that organization and farmers generally by taking a course in agricultural extension economics in the United Kingdom and European continent. It is to be hoped that the Federation has both assured him of re-employment and ensured his eventual return to this Province.

The trend to self-service food retailing will continue unabated during the next ten years, was the prediction made at the mid-year meeting of Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., at White Sulphur Springs. Self-service stores now account for only 18 per cent of all grocery outlets in the United States, but they are doing two-thirds of the total business, said Charles Wright, general sales manager, Kraft Foods Company. He cautioned that this trend in food retailing makes pre-selling the consumer more important than ever and indicates an increasing need for product advertising in all media.

Our Ottawa special correspondent in Saturday's issue outlined the prospects of this Province under the present war-time regime. He emphasized that Summerside would benefit considerably by being selected for international airforce pilot training—under the Atlantic Pact agreement. But he indicates that apart from our potato and turnip produce for the supply of armed forces, the Government has not in view any major industrial projects due to the fact that we have not cheap electric power as have Ontario and Quebec. This should not discourage our Government and business men generally from urging the claims of Bruce Stewart & Co. and other industries for consideration when war work is required. During World War II considerable contracts were obtained after pressure had been brought upon the powers-that-be.

The Three R's Come First



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) SOUTHPORT FERRY Legislative Assembly, Feb. 10, 1882.

Hon. Mr. Coles said that during last summer many complaints were made to the Government relative to the irregularity of the steam-boat plying between Charlottetown and the other side of the Hillsborough. The justice of these complaints, together with an inspection of the boat, convinced the Government that the contractor, Mr. Thomas Tremaine, had broken his contract, and notice was given him to that effect. Advertisements were then published soliciting tenders for a steamer to take the place of the one belonging to Mr. Tremaine. Only one tender was received, that from Mr. John Hazard. It was accepted, but a few days before the meeting of the Legislature, Mr. Hazard declined to sign the contract, unless the Government should agree to advance him some \$500 to erect suitable docks on each side of the river. This the Government declined to do, as all the advantages of rights, for twenty years, were to be secured.

Things being in this state, and the House so near its session, the Government determined to leave it till it assembled, and then to bring the whole subject under its consideration. Mr. Coles was inclined to think that it would be advisable to fall back upon an old Act, and obtain a team-boat for a few years, as one upon a much improved principle could now be constructed, so as to afford sufficient accommodation for passengers, and at the same time admit of four horses to work it being kept constantly under cover. Such a boat could be built for the \$500 required. As he felt persuaded that there would be no steam-boat this year, they would be obliged either to fall back upon a steam-boat, or throw the ferry system open to the competition of sail-boats, which would never do. One fine day there might be a dozen boats plying, but on a rough or stormy day, not one. As to Mr. Tremaine's old boat, she was neither safe nor suitable, and if again employed would some day be the means of taking the lives of 100 or 150 people.

Hon. Mr. Pope would recommend the procuring of an iron boat, which would draw much less water than one built of wood. Such a boat could easily be procured from the United States. It would be necessary to lay her up at times for cleaning and repairs, and to prevent inconvenience to the public, on such occasions, another steamer would be required to supply her place. Some hon. members might, perhaps, object to this expense; but to such he would reply, that if two suitable small steam-boats, with necessary accommodation, always kept neat and clean, were put on at Charlottetown, to ply directly across the Hillsborough and between Charlottetown and Capt. Cumberland's, the speculation would prove a highly remunerative one; for, besides the regular passengers of necessity, families and parties of pleasure would, almost every fine day during the season, be found availing themselves of the opportunity of making the trip in one direction or the other. The only valid objection which there could be to such a scheme, was the want of spare capital.

It was finally decided to expend a sum not exceeding \$200 for protection blocks and accommodation slips at both sides, and to "allow the Government to make the best of it."

MILITARY ATTACHE

OTTAWA, Aug. 8 (CP)—Major William J. Strachan, 37, of Ottawa, well-known Canadian Army marksman and Bisley shot, has been appointed assistant Canadian military attache to Sweden and Finland, Army Headquarters announced today. He will work in co-operation with Group Capt. H. H. C. Rutledge, 41, of Waranosa, Man., and Ottawa, who is Canadian air attache to both Sweden and Finland.

SALT LAKE

Utah's Great Salt Lake is 80 miles wide, and is 4,225 feet above sea-level.

The Age-Old Story

A faithful man shall abound with blessing; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

The Duchy Of Cornwall

(London Times) Cornwall was the first dukedom ever created in England. It was conferred by charter of Edward III, in the Parliament of 1337, upon his son Edward of Woodstock—called in later centuries the Black Prince—with remainder to the eldest sons of the Prince's heirs, those heirs being Kings and Queens of England. The long list of castles and manors named in the charter were intended to protect the maintenance of the heir-apparent to the throne; and so, through all the changes and chances of history, they have remained to this day.

At present however, there is no heir-apparent. In those circumstances the charter lays down that, the Duchy and its possessions shall revert to the Sovereign until such times as there is an heir to inherit as Duke. When the Civil List was fixed at the beginning of the present reign, the incomes assigned by the House of Commons to the Duke of Cornwall and the Duke of Gloucester were made, at the King's desire, a charge upon the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, and the surplus devoted to reducing the cost to the Consolidated Fund of making provision for His Majesty himself and other members of the Royal Family. This surplus was about £90,000 per annum, and therefore, although the Parliamentary grant to Princess Elizabeth was raised on her marriage from £5,000 to £50,000 annually, the upkeep of her household still remains well within the total which would be the unchallengeable private inheritance of a Prince of Wales, if he existed. Though the Duchy is in the King's hand, the title of Duke is treated for the time being like those peerage dignities held by the Sovereign which "merge" in the Crown. It has been suggested that it might be used to provide Princess Elizabeth with a peerage in her own right, or should be conferred upon Prince Charles. Though there are subtleties in the law relating to the Duchy which make it dangerous to dogmatize, this course seems legally impossible, even if there were no other objections.

The charter of 1337 is still in force, and keeps the dignity continuously existing, though sometimes, as now, in a kind of abeyance peculiar to itself. It is generally held, therefore, that it is in the King's disposal to regrant to a person not within the limitation of the charter. It is true that when the first Duke died in his father's lifetime, the Duchy was granted to his son, who within the year ascended the throne as Richard II. But in the Prince's Case of 1607 the Judges held (perhaps erroneously) that the charter, being granted in Parliament, had the force of statute, and on that interpretation it limits the royal prerogative. Accordingly, when a similar situation to that of 1376 occurred on the death of Frederick Prince of Wales in 1751, his son, the future George III, was made Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, but not Duke of Cornwall. Moreover, if Princess Elizabeth were now made Duchess of Cornwall, or her son Duke, there could be no words of inheritance in the patent, the succession being already determined by the charter.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM 'THE KINGFISHER'

It was the Rainbow gave thee birth, And left thee all her lovely hues; And, as her mother's name was Tears, So runs it in my blood to choose For haunts the lonely pools, In company with trees that weep. Go you and, with such glorious hues, Live with proud peacocks in green parks; On lawns as smooth as shining glass, Let every feather show its marks. Get thee on boughs and clap thy wings Before the windows of proud kings. —William Henry Davies.

Egg Ration 25 p.c. Greater This Year

(By a Sunday Times Correspondent)

Though last week's egg allocation dropped to one per book, it is believed that the ration of eggs for this year will be nearly 25 per cent above that for 1949. At the end of July last year the allocation had reached 73 eggs per book; this year the figure was 94 at the same date. The Ministry of Food believes that it will be possible to keep up a weekly average of approximately one and a half for the rest of the year. As the supply of eggs of the ration this year was much greater than last year, the position is actually even better than the official figures indicate.

Catering establishments are now officially back to a single allocation for every 400 meals, but they too benefited enormously by the free market which existed during the height of the glut in the spring and early summer.

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Notes By The Way

A motorcycle has the power of a car; but it affords its riders no more protection than does a bicycle. When it is driven with the speed of an automobile and an accident occurs, the results are disastrous. —Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

A Saskatchewan man, no fisherman, went to British Columbia and gallantly helped a lady from a boat, carrying her fishing rod for a moment. The game warden came along and he was fined for having no licence. We share his wrath. —(Ottawa Journal).

Taking notice of the number of little dolls and gewgaws that decorate the interiors of automobiles these days, is just a reminder that many motorists on our streets and highways are just small children at heart. —(Sudbury Star).

Alberta has become an important spot in hemispheric defence, and in the defence of the Western democratic nations generally. With some 900 producing oil wells and another 25 or so coming into production each month, the defence and industrial strength of North America has been greatly enhanced. —(Lethbridge Herald).

The real meaning of the Prime Minister's speech is evident at first reading. As for the reasons and consequences of this move of the authorities, they are already known. The game of two alliances carefully prepared has for its principal purpose the imposition of prudence on the encroachments of a power as detestable as it is strong. We may discuss further the means to be taken to this end, but on the question of principle national unity is imperative. —(Le Soleil, Quebec.)

Perhaps there should be more emphasis on the beauty of old age. It is indeed an art to grow old with grace—a word which has even greater significance than "beauty"—and those women who manage to make this accomplishment add strength to the idea that romance and beauty do not end at the age of 30. The chief difference between a beauty contest among young girls and one among old women is that the girls must give God a good deal of the credit for their good looks, but when we are old—and have passed gracefully through the wearing problems of life—we are entitled to more of the credit for ourselves. —(London Free Press).

There is no doubt of the need for a national theatre movement able to overcome the geographical problems of Canada. Touring companies in many cases find it nearly impossible to get across the Rockies—either way. If the Vancouver Civic Theatre Society can develop a scheme for exchange of scripts, or even of players with similar groups in other Canadian cities, the result could well be an upsurge in theatre business and an added filip to encouragement and development of young acting, singing, musical and dancing talent all across the country. —(Vancouver Province).

The Police department in Kitchener, Ont., is reported to be considering establishing a school for young bicycle riders, particularly children under 12 who have received their first bikes and are just learning to ride. It is planned to not only teach the youngsters how to handle a bike, but also to instill in them the fundamentals of traffic safety. The idea appears to be an excellent one, and undoubtedly will find favor among parents who buy wheels for their children and then spend considerable time teaching them how to ride the vehicles. —(Cornwall Standard-Freeholder).

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