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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The National Film Board

Before the Royal Commission on Arts and Sciences a submission on behalf of the National Film Board recommended that the Board's functions be extended to control the motion picture industry in this country in the same manner that the CBC controls radio in addition to operating itself the largest networks in this country.

History's Biggest Blunder

Communists will not like it, but Winston Churchill says that Stalin made probably the greatest blunder in history when he failed to guard against Germany's attack in 1941.

"War is mainly a catalogue of blunders," Mr. Churchill says, "but it may be doubted whether any mistake in history has equalled that of which Stalin and the Communist chiefs were guilty when they supinely awaited the fearful onslaught which impended on Russia."

Mr. Churchill praises the Russian people's courage and credits Russia's ultimate resistance with breaking the might of the German armies.

Russia's entry into the war, he says, diverted the German air attack from Great Britain and diminished the threat of invasion, while giving Britain great relief in the Mediterranean war.

British Immigration

The statement of the Immigration Department on the number of immigrants to Canada last year shows a drop of more than 30,000 in immigration from all countries in 1949 from the total of the previous year.

The bad feature about this decline, notes an exchange, is that it almost wholly represents a decline in immigrants from Britain.

There are a number of factors contributing to this. Currency restrictions are making it increasingly more difficult for British immigrants to come to Canada, and many are finding it easier to migrate to Australia.

One new avenue to bring desirable young Britons to Canada was opened up when McGill University some time ago decided to reserve 100 vacancies a year for British men and women students.

The advantages here, both to Canada and the students, are readily apparent. A correspondent to the London Times not long ago pointed out that there are many young Britons who traditionally might have sought a career in the Indian Civil Service who would now be interested in making a career in Canada.

advocated special assistance from British sources.

The Canadian-British Education Committee in London, on whose behalf the Times' correspondent was writing, was urging the appropriate ministries in Britain to help advance the idea.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We will be more or less fasting from now till April 9th.

The Boy Scouts financial campaign has started. Every dollar counts.

The Charlottetown Hospital new extension had a grand opening yesterday.

We did not do too badly after all with our potato export for the past year.

This date is sacred to the memory of Lord Baden-Powell, who has left a monument to his life work in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements.

A Japanese parliamentary delegation is visiting this country to study our system of government. Their reception here will probably influence them at least as much as will their studies of the mechanics of democracy.

Rev. Donald Macdonald, Presbyterian Minister, founder of the Macdonaldites section of the Church of Scotland, died this date 1867. His parish was the Island, with congregations in each of the three Counties which he personally supervised.

Now all who derive their income from wages and salaries can use the T1—special short form of Income Tax return. The Department may not be letting the taxpayer get away with very much, but at least it is making the process of tax-paying as painless as possible.

If the Dominion-Provincial constitutional conference next meets at Quebec, as Premier Duplessis has suggested, it would be most appropriate that a subsequent and final conference be held in Charlottetown, thus exactly reversing the roles played by the two cities at Confederation.

A Gallup Poll recently found that 44% of U. S. citizens felt that present labour laws in that country are not strict enough; 24% that they are about right; 17% that they are too strict.

Next week the Provincial Legislature will again be in session to review the record of the executive and to enact laws for the better government of this Island. It would be unfortunate if an understandable zeal for the dispatch of business resulted in overly long daily sittings.

Welsh anthracite coal may appear on the Canadian market again in the near future. National Coal Board in Britain has allotted almost half a million tons for this outlet, and Canadians like the product, and are seriously interested in increasing imports from Britain.

This is a worthwhile housing scheme. The first tenants recently moved into houses at Hemel Hempstead, one of Britain's six new towns being built near London.

A professional cross made of the wood from H. M. S. Victory and the recently sunk Implacable was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. W. L. S. Fleming, Bishop of Portsmouth, in Portsmouth Cathedral on February 5th.

There appears to be some misunderstanding with regard to the position of Fire Marshall. This is a Government appointment, and is entirely separate from the office of secretary of the P. E. I. Board of Fire Underwriters.

The Dial Phone Takes Over Summerside

IT MAY TAKE A DAY OR TWO TO REALIZE AFTER A FEW DAYS OF HIT AND MISS THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH THE MASTERY OF ANOTHER MODERN DEVICE. BEING MORE INTRICATE THE SENTIMENTALIST: ALL HE GETS NOW IS A MECHANICAL HUM, NO SING-SONGY GREETING: WHAT NUMBER PLEASEEE-UZZ?

Notes By The Way - Children should try to understand parents, a mental hygiene official says. This might be easier if parents understood one another.—London Free Press.

The mere provision of capital does not necessarily invigorate the economic life of a nation or even make any difference to the conditions of the masses.

A flying boat equipped not only with retractable wheels but also with retractable skis, has been constructed by the Norwegian company, Norsk Flyindustri A-S at Lysaker near Oslo.

During the war and post-war years our agricultural program was beamed to produce cereals because grains are quick food for starving countries.

Old Charlottetown

Legislative Assembly, Friday, March 24, 1950: Hon. T. H. Haviland, agreeably to notice, presented a petition from James Peake and others for a bill to be passed to incorporate the Joint Stock Banking Company.

The Age-Old Story

And I will walk among you, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people.

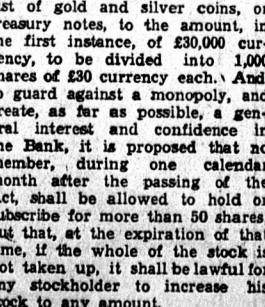
Square Dancing

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record.) "Probably our young people won't go back to taffy pulls and pinning the tail on the donkey while blindfolded as forms of evening entertainment, but they are taking to square dancing and enjoying it too."

The Poet's Corner

A COT BESIDE THE HILL Mine be a cot beside the hill; A bee-hive's hum shall soothe my ear; A willow brook, that turns a mill, With many a fall shall linger near.

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