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

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Naval Aircraft

There is ground for satisfaction at the announcement of Defence Minister Claxton that the Navy will for the present continue to use the types of planes now being flown from Canadian aircraft carriers.

The judgment was probably harsh and all three types are to continue in use. Meanwhile both Britain and the United States are making advances in design which can in due time be adopted by the Royal Canadian Navy without the embarrassment of having newly converted to an inferior model.

Crime and Punishment

The high cost economically and in terms of human values of perpetuating a criminal class has greatly stimulated interest in our penal system. The trend is away from making the punishment fit the crime and towards making it fit the criminal with the object of reclaiming him as a useful member of society.

The value of the altered approach is undeniable and we may expect great advances in methods of dealing with criminals, not, of course, a mere soft approach. In fact it may often happen that rehabilitation may require a longer term of confinement than is now considered appropriate as punishment for many minor offences.

There is, however, another aspect of the subject which cannot safely be ignored. One of the main purposes of the law is to act as a substitute for private vengeance. It is obviously undesirable that injured persons or their families should seek out the wrong-doer and pay him back in kind.

Poison Ivy Eradication

We hear little this year of the campaign for the eradication of poison ivy. Prince Edward Island is fortunate in being comparatively free of this scourge to summer vacationists, and a little attention directed every year to its total destruction would be time and money well expended.

Found in all parts of Canada, poison ivy grows in greatest profusion in Ontario and Western Quebec. From Quebec City east-

ward it is found less frequently and from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast it grows mainly at lake and woodland resorts. The ivy adapts itself to a variety of growing conditions — wet or dry, shaded or sunny — and to almost any type of soil from pure sand or rocky ground to rich woodland loam.

A point to remember is that poison ivy is the only native plant with three similar leaflets and white fruit. Trifoliolate-leaved plants such as the strawberry, raspberry and others do not bear white fruit.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Peter.

The Agricultural Scientists conclude their convention tomorrow.

Today the Progressive Conservative Convention to revise its constitution, elect a Provincial leader, etc.

The store-keepers will be working late tonight to make up, in part, for their longer than usual week-end holiday.

Most summer visitors are inclined to count wet weather as being days lost, but the delegates to the Agricultural Institute of Canada can appreciate and welcome rainfall.

After this morning the hopeful writers of matriculation exams cast aside, except, that is, for occasional misgivings about the appearance of their names on the pass list.

It is but logical that the convention of the Scientific Agriculturists should be followed here by the convention of the Canadian Chartered Accountants — just as a check-up.

An insurance study shows that men between 30 and 39 with high blood pressure die twice as fast as the average for that age group, perhaps because they also live twice as fast.

It is not a fault in a political convention delegate to be swayed by oratory at the meeting. A candidate who can influence him can probably have a similar effect on the voter at large.

The late Mr. J. A. Glen, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons was personally known to not a few here, who gave him a hearty welcome when he visited us while still in office.

Island swine breeders seem to have cast their bread, or Yorkshires, on the waters to have it return as orders for additional carloads. The flood may have been a blessing in disguise also for the Manitoba breeders who will now be in business with superior breeding stock.

The Mount Herbert ratepayers meeting at which they decided to see what could be done to build a grade school to include the surrounding districts, recalls the MacDonald Consolidated School of five classrooms, a manual training room, and household science room, etc., which once served the community.

Latest product of a Scottish firm is a fishing rod designed to eliminate many of the bugbears of angling. With an overall length of 14" closed, and measuring 25" fully extended, the "pocket caster" does most of the things a full-size rod will do and has special advantages in awkward or unusual circumstances, such as fishing in confined spaces, among trees, on steep banks or from a boat.

Thomas Henry Huxley, one of the greatest of English geologists, died this date 1895. Educated for the medical profession, he received appointment as assistant surgeon on H. M. S. Rattlesnake, and during a four years' cruise in Australian seas he studied the delicate fauna of the ocean, the result being he abandoned medical for biological science. He laboured strenuously to make abstruse-science clear to average people.

A David By Any Other Name Might Do The Trick



PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

FLYING THE FLAG Sir,—We wish to bring to your attention a matter which has caused considerable comment among the visitors and residents of Cavendish, P. E. I. We have noticed that the Canadian flag is flown at the three National Park establishments in this area.

Editor Blames Doctors (The Canadian Doctor) L. R. Blanchard, general executive editor of the Gannett Newspapers, who spent some six weeks observing Britain's national health plan, did some plain speaking before the Orange County Medical Society.

Books Received Canadian Sales and Excise Tax Guide—(CCH Canadian Limited \$2.194 pp.) This useful guide for business men, accountants and lawyers organizes and explains the law, rulings and departmental circulars.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) MATCH AT FALCONWOOD The annual plowing match under the direction of the Royal Agricultural Society came off on Thursday, the 19th instant, at "Falcon Wood", the seat of the late John Grubb, Esq., in the Royalty of Charlottetown.

Matheson & Peake A. W. MATHESON, E.C. A. E. PEAKE, B.A., LL.B. Barristers, etc. Collections - Mon - y to Loan 80 Great George Street Charlottetown



How do you look behind your desk? Ever envy the fellow who sits back of his desk with complete comfort and confidence? We think the clothes behind the man behind the desk have a lot to do with his air of ease.

Notes By The Way

Fitting right in with the idea of houses that can be expanded as the family grows, is this green lumber.—Edmonton Journal.

Mrs. Fairclough: Everything that is spent in the department of welfare reflects itself in municipal costs. Municipal costs in turn reflect themselves in the tax rates which are struck in the municipalities, which in turn become a burden upon the small home owner.

There are many people who believe that present speedometers should be abolished. In their place should be installed a device which will tell the motorist at a glance just how far he will have to travel before he can possibly stop his car.

Some, we suppose, will be weak and stupid enough to keep rents under control—and thus to perpetuate the housing shortage. Others will have the sense to let rents find their own level—thus causing the housing shortage to disappear.

The Age-Old Story To them that rebuke the wicked shall be delight; and a good blessing shall come unto them.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Grid of professional advertisements including: Dr. A. L. MacIsaac (Dentist), J. A. McGuigan (Notary), M. Alban Farmer (Money to Loan), Dr. W. R. Carson (Chiropractor), J. S. Taylor (Optometrist), Chas. R. McQuaid (Barrister), Joseph R. MacMillan (Barrister), Frederic A. Large, K.C. (Notary), A. Walthen Gaudet (Barrister), H. R. Doane & Co. (Chartered Accountants), and McDonald, Currie & Co. (Chartered Accountants).