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

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Parking Meters

As the practical details of installing and financing parking meters are discussed there is a danger of their real purpose being forgotten. Their only reason for existence is to facilitate the conduct of business in the city.

It would be short sighted policy to make sure that the meters are profitable if it is at the expense of cutting into the volume of business of the merchants and of making the public pay for parking space at times when there is any amount of it vacant.

The proposal to follow an "all or nothing" policy of placing the meters is sound from the point of view of meter operation but decidedly less so for city business.

Freight Backlog

It should be no cause for surprise that heavy backlogs of freight are resulting in jammed warehouses all over Canada. The nine-day rail strike effectively stopped the normal flow of traffic for much longer than its actual duration and the resulting congestion came at the beginning of what would have been the busy season for the railways in any case.

The overloading of handling facilities results in a slower turn around for the individual cars while at the same time there is the tendency for cars to be ordered earlier than would ordinarily be necessary to allow for the anticipated delay.

The situation is not yet, of course, serious here but the efforts made here to speed up the turn round of rolling stock will pay dividends later easing the supply situation.

Fine Literary Supplement

The London Times Literary Supplement of August 25 is of unusual interest, presenting as it does a comprehensive critical and descriptive survey of contemporary British writing in every important field.

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A Matter Of Principle

To what extent is government policy in the economic sphere based on firm principles and to what extent on political expediency? A recent address by Dr. W. A. Mackintosh of Queen's University invites serious consideration of this matter. For, although Dr. Mackintosh does not suggest that government in Canada is any more or any less conscious of the importance of basing its policies upon recognized principles of economic conduct, he does lay down four important factors that no government can afford to ignore if the country's economy is to remain healthy.

First of all, says Dr. Mackintosh, "government functions should not be extended to the point where they interfere significantly with the operation of a reasonably free price system." Second principle is that the Queen's economist directs attention is that government ineasures should not seriously impair incentives. "We hear a lot of talk," says Dr. Mackintosh, "about the profit motive, but there is no profit motive except in the sense that there is a rent motive, an interest motive and a wage motive. It does not account for the higher forms of achievement either in business or in any other class, but it does carry most of us over the low spots."

Thirdly, warns Dr. Mackintosh, "all measures undertaken by governments should look to an enlargement of opportunity for individuals and not to restriction. Finally, before programmes of expenditure are undertaken, it is important that there be a wide understanding of the policy proposed and a general willingness to pay for the benefits expected."

A periodic assessment by Parliament of government policy in terms of Dr. Mackintosh's four principles would be in the public interest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow 16th Sunday after Trinity.

This is, according to the calendar, the first day of Autumn.

Now we can stop apologizing for summer and brag about the fine Fall weather.

There is to be the annual Fox Show in November.

The proof of the parking meter will be the prein' o't.

The sun will be directly over the equator at 10:44 this morning, Autumn being here.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Ice Cream Manufacturers Associations will be in session here on Wednesday.

Heavy yields of grain crops reported throughout the Province owe little to an early spring, much of the seed having originally baked in the moistureless June soil.

The Fall is bringing about as usual, interest in inside organizations, hence the revival of political and other organizations which flourish when outside interests diminish.

The Y's Men have good reason to pat themselves on the back as the result of their Trade and Industry Fair which concludes tonight, combining as it did enterprise and entertainment of a beneficial description for both young and old.

There would be less heartburning in scientific circles over Russia's "discovery" of non-cellular forms of life if the matter of language received more attention. Life to the Russian man of learning undoubtedly could be more accurately translated, "death."

Councillor Beaton, and all connected with the successful cancer drive for funds, are to be heartily congratulated upon the outcome. The City and Province have a fine record for generosity, in supporting worthy causes, and the present city effort is no exception. But it required well directed planning and organization "to do the trick."

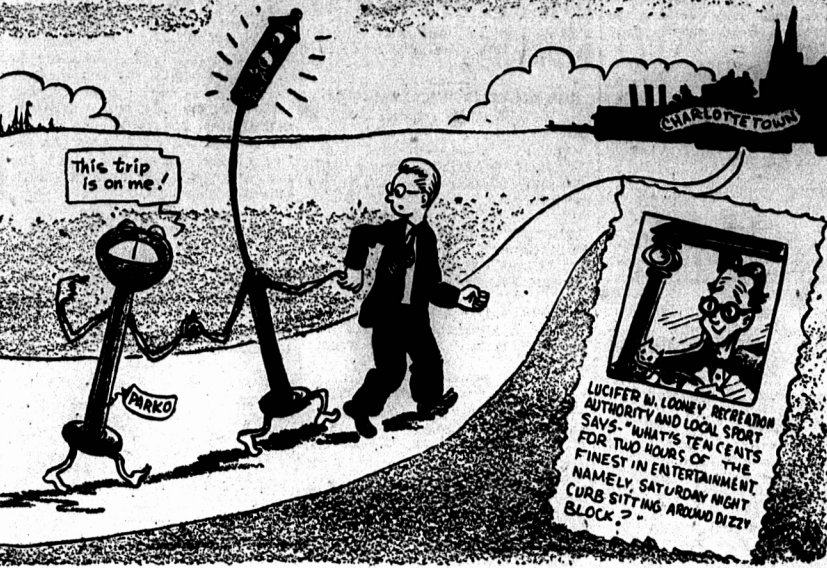
John Nicholson, British soldier and administrator in India, died this date 1857. A brilliant ruler, despotic but just, described by Lord Roberts as "the beau ideal of a soldier and a gentleman." A statue was erected in Delhi to his memory by Indians, and is still worshipped by a small native sect, the Nikalsains.

Road building in Canada seems to be about to enjoy a fillip as part of any programme of national defence. The railways originally benefited from similar calculations but in the long run considerations of security proved an "old man of the sea" to the railway systems. Any defence considerations applied to the Trans-Canada Highway should be clearly defined as such, and the overall highway plan designed for maximum service to the public.

Seven years ago next month, in October 1943, the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, then in Britain, swarmed ashore on the Dorset coast at Studland Bay, near Bournemouth, during a large-scale amphibious exercise designed to develop the assault tactics learned at Dieppe and to pave the way for the invasion of Europe. So realistic was the manoeuvre, known officially by the code name "Pirate", that at least one or two public-house keepers about Southampton where part of the force embarked were heard to remark that "this was the real thing." The assault brigade went ashore at Studland Bay on the morning of October 17 in the wake of a storm of fire laid down on the "enemy position" by all three arms of the Service. "Exercise Pirate" developed this combined fire plan for providing assaulting troops with heavy and immediate support which had not been available at Dieppe. It was, in effect, the real thing on a reduced and preliminary scale. Eight months later Canadian troops who took part in "Exercise Pirate" were in the van of the assault on the Normandy beaches.

Little Brother Must Tag Along

News Item: TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED IF METERS PAY THE BILL.



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.

SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE

Sir, - Canada is beginning to make a choice, perhaps the most crucial she has ever made. Already she has chosen the liquor traffic. Every Province in Canada has chosen to foster and support the manufacture and distribution of booze, with all its consequences, but Canada is now beginning to make a choice far more intrinsic in the life of this country than the choice of the liquor traffic, and that is commercialized Sunday sport.

The city of Toronto last year chose Sunday sport by a plebiscite of the people. The churches, both Catholic and Protestant, were against it. The city dallies were against it, but the materialized masses carried the day and now Toronto has Sunday sports with its vast crowds, its excitement, and its noise, and this passion for Sunday sports has already begun to spread to other cities and threatens to spread all over Canada.

Here, in this Province are indications of a trend toward Sunday sports in a big way, such as ball games and golf tournaments. Of course, in past years, Sabbath desecration has been common in many forms such as picnics and fishing excursions, but now this same trend is appearing in large, organized, advertised gatherings for sport of one type or another. We seem to be on the way to commercialized Sunday sport on a level with horse racing and boxing, with big money moving, and all that that implies of betting and corruption.

If the Sabbath goes, the Church cannot survive. The people who support this trend "don't care a damn" for the church. They would say, "The church isn't much good, anyway." It is true the church is not as good as it ought to be by any means, but if the church were closed up, in twenty-five years we would be purely a heathen country. If we want to keep the church we shall have to keep the Sabbath.

I was glad to read what Cardinal McGuigan said recently about keeping the Sabbath day. Men occupying high and responsible positions in church and state can do a great deal in drawing attention to the importance of Sabbath keeping, according to the purpose for which it was given. This summer a minister in a city church, after preaching a very fine sermon, was driving out in company with an elder to another appointment. In passing a golf course where men were playing, he remarked, "Now Mr. A., what harm can there be in playing a game like that on Sunday?" He was saving his own conscience, for on his vacation when far from his people he himself had played golf on Sunday. In itself there cannot be much wrong in being out in the fresh air and sunshine and in good company playing golf. It is one of the most enjoyable of games, but if the example makes it easier for other people to disregard the Sabbath, and tends to destroy its purpose, then what about that? Have we no responsibility? Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is a very old commandment given along with others: "Thou shalt not steal." "Thou shalt not kill," and their disregard has brought ruin on individuals and nations.

Blue laws, and blue people who advocate them! Joy killers, they are called. All right boys, say what you like, but the present trend pursued will not be good either for the church or for the nation. I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge, Sept. 20, 1950.

MAY ABOLISH VEIL

BELGRADE, Sept. 22 - (Reuters)—Yugoslavia may shortly pass a law abolishing the veil for the 750,000 Moslem women in this country who have preferred to retain them. The head of the Moslem community, the Reis Ul Ulema Hadji Ibrahim, has come out officially against them.

HEART BURIAL

The burial of the heart in a separate place from the body was practiced by the ancient Egyptians and introduced into Europe in the 12th century; the practice is still used occasionally.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. I.)

A LANDOWNER'S COUNTER-BLAST

Excerpts from a letter to Lord John Russel, Downing Street, London, from Robert Bruce Stewart, Esq., dated at Charlottetown, May 19, 1855:

"As the proprietor of about 80,000 acres of land in this Colony, I beg to be permitted to address your Lordship on the purport and objective of certain Acts recently passed by the Colonial Legislature, and about to be transmitted for the Royal assent. I am but too well aware of the amount of self-government conceded to the inhabitants of this Colony, and exercised by them in unlimited or universal suffrage, still I cannot willingly believe that Her Majesty's Government intend to denude themselves of their just right and prerogative as a court of appeal in extreme cases of injustice, such as those intimated here . . .

"A penal tax upon the ownership of wilderness land, in the form of that land assessment to which I am already subjected, is now intended to be seconded by a penal tax of 5 per cent upon the rental of leased land; a penal tax, I say, upon bad debts; for at least 50 per cent of the rents due to me under lease may well be termed bad debts, and not recoverable without an outlay of time, money and trouble, which may demand the sympathy of British noblemen and gentlemen, unused to such evils and annoyances in the recovery of their just dues from tenants on their lands.

"By one existing local law of this Colony, the landlord is debarred from the remedy open to all other classes of Her Majesty's subjects—the Small Debt Court; by another existing local law, the process of distraint for rent is rendered so difficult as to be almost impossible, especially on property managed by agents.

"By means of my own active personal agency on my own land, and by the aid of two or three active, honest and resolute followers, I am able occasionally to effect a distraint by way of making example of some more than ordinarily knavish or insolent tenant; but this cannot be done without employing two or three men, and those actuated by attachment and good feeling towards myself, instead of the one man for whom the law allows me to charge expenses; and maintaining and supporting, as it were, a garrison in the enemy's stronghold during the injuriously long period to which the law has extended the time for holding possession of the distrained goods, before sale.

"The preamble of the Act against which I address your Lordship recites that the proprietors, by certain covenants in their leases, connive to evade the payment of the land assessment, and to saddle the tenant with it. The tenants indeed are generally bound to pay the land assessment, and as tenants in England are bound to pay tithes and rates, but many of our tenants here pay neither land assessment nor rent; and if the proprietor in such case do not pay the land assessment, his freehold is proclaimed and sold by the Sheriff.

"Besides this, and much more than this, is the oppressive penal tax on wilderness or unoccupied land on which there is neither lease nor tenant; the proprietor cannot even attempt to evade the tax upon this portion of his property. In my case it amounts to nearly as much as all the rents which I receive from my leased land.

"The preamble of this Act, and its consecutive sections, cannot but strike any impartial reader as breathing the strongest spirit of hostility to the landlords, — speaking of proprietors, factors, trustees, receivers, or owners of more than 800 acres of land' much in the same tone as old Acts of Parliament use in denouncing rogues, thieves and vagabonds, to be suppressed and put down for the benefit of the community.

"With regard to defraying expenses for any armed force which may be required on account of the removal of the troops, our local Legislature are not likely to deem such force necessary for any purpose, and most assuredly not for the benefit of the proprietors, in enabling them to recover their rents in the face of open and violent resistance to the Sheriff, as I myself can testify from experience. Nor was the case different under

The Poets Corner

THE BUGLES

God dreamed a man; Then, having firmly shut Life like a precious metal in his fist. Withdrew. His labour done. Thus did begin Our various divinity and sin. For some to plowshares did the metal twist, And others—dreaming empires—straightaway cut Crowns for their aching foreheads. Others beat Long nails and heavy hammers for the feet Of their forgotten Lord. (Who dares to boast That he is guiltless?) Others colored it; most Did with it—simply nothing. (Here again Who cries his innocence?) Yet doth remain Metal unnumbered, to each man more or less Whereof to fashion perfect loveliness. For me, I do but bear within my hand (For sake of Him our Lord, now long forsaken) A simple bugle such as may awaken With one high morning note a drowsing man: That whoso'er within my That motherland That sound may come, 'twill echo, far and wide Like pipes of battle calling up a clan, Trumpeting men through beauty to God's side. —Frederick William Harvey.

The old or exclusive regime. The late Colonel Lane, when acting as administrator of the Government after the decease of Sir Donald Campbell, assured me that he had instruction forbidding any such employment of the military force. This was in reply to my application to him on the circumstances of one of my tenants having stabbed a Sheriff's officer with a bayonet, and when at length arrested at my suit, he was rescued from the hands of the said officer by a mounted body of armed ruffians, who were accompanied and seconded by a member of the Legislative Assembly.

"I am no party man. The two opposing parties who divide our little state, abusing each other under the names of Tory and Liberal, or in Colonial phrase, 'Snarler and Snatcher', differ solely upon the division of the spoil, and are, as it were, constantly bidding against each other for popularity, by promising their constituents, — and so far as they are able, performing their promise, — to keep up an incessant and sweeping attack upon all the rights of property and laws of justice. It is to Her Majesty's Government alone that I can look for either protection or redress against whatsoever party may, by such promises and performances as I have mentioned, happen to be in possession, for the time being, of the reins of local rule in this Colony. If an impartial view were taken of almost every Act sent home from this Colony, during many past sessions of our Legislature, they would appear like guns in a long line of battery, converging upon one devoted point of attack, the Proprietary interests. "I beg to assure your Lordship that I can confidently and safely challenge the most searching inquiry into the lenity of my own conduct towards my tenants; and further, that during the nine years that I have been in this Colony, there has not been a single instance, on the part of my proprietor, of that oppression and tyranny with which we are charged by the demagogues who gain their bread by asserting falsehoods."

The Age-Old Story

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. . . She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. . . Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one that retaineth her. . . The wise shall inherit glory.

Notes By The Way

The German attempt at world domination seems only to have given place to a similar attempt by Russia. And while it is repugnant to us, as lovers of peace, to have to rear, it is far more repugnant to contemplate becoming helpless servants of the Kremlin like the countries of Eastern Europe. — London Daily Herald. Unfortunately — but with reason — we have come to dread public holidays, mainly for one reason. Scarcely one of them passes without its shocking casualty lists of dead and injured in highway accidents. The tragedy of these mishaps is all the greater because 99 out of every 100 of them need not have happened. "Somebody blundered" explains them nearly all. — Montreal Star.

Our proverbial orchids go this week to the Town Council, for its assuming the entire deficit of the Old Home Week celebration. This is one expenditure that will receive the unanimous approval of the majority of the taxpayers, and the citizens in general, because the reunion has been reputed to be one of the most successful of such events ever held in Ontario. — Smith Falls Record-News.

New Delhi — Delhi's Hospital for Birds — the only one of its kind in Northern India — is soon to have a three-storied building of its own to accommodate the growing number of sick and injured "patients". Established 20 years ago by a philanthropic Jain family of Delhi, the hospital at present consists of a dispensary which stocks medicines, a general ward and a number of boxes which serve as special wards for cases which need segregation. A full time bird doctor and dispenser look after patients of whom over 1,000 — pigeons, parrots, crows, sparrows and even kites — are admitted as indoor patients every month. For any patient admitted, sick or injured, tame or wild, no fees are charged. But after recovery the birds are not given back to their owners. They are set

at liberty. — Halifax Chronicle-Herald. Canadian Boy Scouts are very proud of the fact that Brigadier John M. "Rocky" Cockburn, CBE, DSO, Officer Commanding the Canadian Army Special Force for action with the United Nations in Korea was once a King's Scout in the 8th, Halifax, N. S., Boy Scout Troop. — Boy Scout News. Science leaves nothing alone these days, and now it is turning a critical eye on the humble spud. While the potato is admitted to be an admirable vegetable, it is felt that its figure could be improved. Consequently, in the eastern United States, agricultural scientists are reported turning the processes of selective breeding to work on streamlining its regularities, so that it will fit more neatly into a dish. They are also considering the problem of the eyes, and hope to breed them down to such a small size and depth that they will no longer interfere with peeling. Thus the "spud of the future" joins the modern war, which was reduced in size to fit the smaller ovens — and smaller families — of the present day, and the seedless oranges, lemons and grapefruit designed to save trouble for the ultimate consumer. When the scientists get through with the potato, they may head an anguished call for help from the Mediterranean fig-raisers. This time-honored fruit has long been a favorite in Europe, but lately the market has fallen off drastically. This is attributed to the great increase in the wearing of false teeth, especially in Britain, where the new national health service supplies them free. It seems that the seeds get under the customer's plate, and after hours of misery, he is likely to forewear figs forever. Mountains of the fruit are reported piling up at the London docks — with no takers, and something will have to be done about it. Seedless figs would really be a sight to see, but after sweet potatoes, we suppose anything would be possible. — Edmonton Journal.

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