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

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Harvest Month

September is an exciting month. Youngsters are reunited for school and college but give not a thought to examinations in the distance. Corn-boils and get-togethers of all kinds are the order of the day.

We can work harder and play harder in September than in the mid-summer months and, despite the calendar, it is the beginning of another year for schools, churches, clubs and even businesses.

Soon the "conker" will make its appearance and boys will be keeping watchful eyes for prize chestnuts which when dried and strung can survive contests with the toughest challengers and emerge the champion.

Days shorten but who can altogether regret it when the Northern Lights flicker and dance across the heavens?

Summer has gone indeed, but it is a good time of year nevertheless.

Peril From Within

With the railway strike terminated, Parliament's attention will now be focussed mainly on this country's international commitments in respect of the Korean war.

It would be unfortunate, however, to imagine that the peril from without is all that Canadians have to contend with. The peril from within is no less menacing and far more insidious.

It is the problem of the peril from within to which parliamentarians must seriously address themselves. Not the menace of a communist fifth column, with which police and others can effectively deal.

Reveille For The CWACS?

Informed sources in Ottawa say that Defence Minister Claxton is seriously considering recruitment of the 1950 equivalent of the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

Puzzling aspect of the matter is what Mr. Claxton proposes to do with a women's army corps at this stage of the Canadian defence rearmament programme.

Problem at the moment, however, is not to release men for combat duty. Recruiting efforts for the special brigade force suggest that men are available in large numbers for service abroad.

be the reason, for, even when the present defence forces of the army are brought up to strength and the ranks of the special brigade force filled, total strength of the Canadian army will not be much over 10,000 men.

Some wags suggest that Defence Minister Claxton wants to revive the CWAC to meet the UN's need for ground troops in Korea. Most likely explanation is that ex-CWACS and other Canadian women feel that this country is "dragging its feet" insofar as the Korean crisis is concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Giles. Dieppe captured by the Canadians this date 1944.

The first of a new month, the last of the recognized holiday season.

Labour Day holiday will be all the more appreciated now that railway services have been resumed.

It is strange how much better sounding the horns of diesel locomotives seem than they did when replacing steam a short time ago.

On Monday Montague will play host to the Legionnaires and their friends at their Provincial Convention. On this occasion King's County is doing itself proud.

Prince of Wales College students will again be with us after the holiday, and will still be seeking boarding houses. The proposed residence will enable many students to do better work, but not yet.

Recruits for the Special Service Force deserve more recognition than they have so far received. It should be possible to move them from the Island in larger drafts, with the accompaniment of a band and some advance notice to the public.

We lost the Maritime Retail Lumber Merchants Convention which was scheduled to meet here on September 1 and 2. The uncertainty of the rail schedule and the Charlottetown Hotel service were given as the explanation for cancellation.

The West Devon fire disaster, involving the death of a child, and serious burns to another child and her rescuer a week ago, has caused a great deal of sympathy for the parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyle.

"Food stores are now the nation's No. 1 sellers of cigarettes. With a cigarette volume of \$1.4 billion a year, food stores dispense more than 40 per cent of all the cigarettes purchased in the United States."

Sales this Fall will be better than those of 1949, predicts Department Store Economist. "Profits should be better and will be if we resist the pressures which are now developing to increase inventories."

Anne, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland (after whom the new Princess is named), died this date 1714. She was the second daughter of James II by Anne Hyde. She married Prince George of Denmark.



The Poet's Corner

THE HANDY MAN Slab-sided was his old gray house, Lopsided the gable where tufted eaves And humped and spat like sin.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) PIGS AT LARGE Legislative Assembly, Feb. 26, 1950. House in committee on a bill to prevent the running at large of swine in Georgetown.

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Hon. Mr. Pope moved an amendment for the extension of the provisions to the whole Island. He supported his motion by many arguments, contending that the frequent disagreement between the neighbours, the difficulty of keeping the improved fences required and the necessity for being continually on the watch not to speak of the cost of feed during the winter, would be found to be a certain loss.

Mr. Palmer, in seconding the motion, said he was glad to see the farmers themselves were becoming daily more sensible on this question. When it was last mooted, several hon. members said the prevention would be a great injury to the settlers in the green woods, and besides that, it was not necessary.

Hon. Mr. Warburton said that to the westward a great number of pigs were kept which, in the summer and fall, were dependent for food upon the fish along the shores, and particularly, in the fall, upon the mast or beech-nuts in the woods.

Mr. Laird argued that the people alluded to would find it an advantage, in many respects, if they were compelled to shut up their swine. They might then live in peace with their neighbours, and have more time at their disposal for more profitable employment.

Mr. Mooney was for waiting a few years longer. Let it first be seen whether or not the potato crop could be depended upon. If that time should again arrive, there would no longer be occasion to say anything about beech-nuts, though he admitted he had seen much fine pork produced from that source.

Hon. Mr. Coles thought the time was come to put an end to the nuisance. Some contended that the pigs did no harm if confined to the public roads; but let them visit some parts where the roads were all alive with them, and see the damage they did, and then their opinions would be changed.

The Fishing Industry

Canada ranks first among exporting nations in value of fishery products shipped. In 1949 these were worth almost U. S. \$103 million. The same year Norway, a major competitor, exported U. S. \$83 million worth of fish and its products.

Canada has the fishery resources needed to develop a large-scale industry. With better methods for quick freezing, refrigeration and canning, as well as better trawlers and other fishing equipment, the whole field of activity has expanded in recent years. New products and new market forms show that new life is entering the fishing industry.

The Dominion Government some months ago started a fisheries development and a rehabilitation scheme. With the long term prospects of the industry in mind, further measures are being taken to preserve stocks of fish, protect spawning grounds and eliminate exploitation.

Apparently impressed with Meyer's show of piety, or else just overcome by maudlin sentiment, Mr. Ashford has now suggested that Meyer, a former German general, be released from prison to lead a German army under an international flag. This is one of the most preposterous ideas advanced in a long time.

The Atlantic fisheries present the greatest opportunity for expansion. The entrance of Newfoundland into Confederation added about \$35 million to the \$140 million value of Canadian fish production in 1949.

The inland (fresh water) fishing industry is limited by the availability of resources. A well organized conservation programme, however, together with the opening up of new areas for fishing such as Great Slave Lake, provide some scope for expansion to meet the strong demand for fresh water fish.

In all labour there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

SPECIAL MEETING

P. E. I. POTATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION LEGION HALL, CHARLOTTETOWN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th-7 P.M.

A meeting of all members which includes contract holders of 1935 and all patrons, including Debenture Holders since that time is called for above date for the purpose of: "Authorizing the directors to proceed to register the Association under the Cooperative Ass'n. Act of this Province."

By Order of Directors P. E. I. POTATO GROWERS' ASS'N. HORACE M. WRIGHT, President, E. D. REID, Secretary.

Notes By The Way -

Old-timers were immune to germs. Otherwise they could not have shared the same roller towel. -Victoria Times.

According to a filler item, a man is not qualified to hold office in certain parts of Africa until he has killed a rhinoceros. There is no similar qualification in this country, although men occasionally win to public office by shooting the bull. -Kingston Whig-Standard.

Walking down the Charing Cross road late the other night, we over-arm. They were talking about the Faroe Islands. "That," I said to my friend, "is the sort of thing that makes London rather endearing."

A living chronicle of events in Kashmir for the last one and a half centuries, a 160-year-old Kashmir Moslem villager has testified again. He appears quite smart even now and goes to assist his children and grandchildren in the fields. He is Ali Sheikh, who relates eye-witness accounts of the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and all the Dogra rulers of Kashmir since 1843, it is said. Ali Sheikh is a widower and has a host of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A friend was recently pleasantly surprised to see a well-worn Bible in the home of the people he was visiting. The book evidently was being used considerably. The sight was so unusual in these days, when too often religion is pushed far into the background, that he studied the children in that family during his stay. They were intelligent, friendly and unselfish - unusually so. The Bible was worn like a dictionary in a newspaper office, the cover gone, the pages were thumbed and curled and many passages were marked. Here indeed was a treasured book, one that evidently gave the readers comfort, inspiration and happiness. It was a home where family prayers were held at least on Sunday and often on other days, where grace was said before meals and where Sunday was just that - a family day and a day of rest. -From Kitchener-Waterloo Record

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