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

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Municipal Borrowings

Summerside Town Council has decided to borrow \$300,000 at 4 1/2 per cent to cover the cost of capital expenditures. It was originally intended to borrow \$250,000 at 3 1/2 per cent, but when it was realized the Federal Government was to issue bonds at 3 1/2 per cent, the councillors came to the conclusion it would be necessary to raise their interest in order to sell their issue in competition with the Federal issue.

Bowdlerizing Nursery Rhymes

There is always someone attempting to upset cherished memories of happy, bygone days, and take the early joy out of life. The latest is a modern versifier Michael Hall, who has come to the conclusion that children's rhymes are the foundation of juvenile delinquency, and has spent two years re-writing 300 of them.

The Yukon Trail

To many people the Yukon is still the land of '98; a distant, rugged and forbidding wilderness of mountains and ice. They are the people, suggests the Northern Miner, who could benefit most from a trip along the Trail of '51.

Yukon's 206,427 square miles stretch from British Columbia on the south away up past the Circle to the Arctic Ocean; from the border of Alaska on the west to the McKenzie watershed on the east.

Thanks to its mineral wealth, Yukon is growing. Not in the fabulous mushroom fashion of '98, when fortunes could be dug from the creeks with shovel and sluice-box to make men wealthy in a matter of weeks, but slowly, more solidly, with the aid of modern equipment and mining know-how.

Mineral output in 1948 was \$4.2 million. In 1949 it was \$5.1 million. Last year it rose to \$7.8 million. This year the total will increase again. Days of lower metal prices may bring set-backs, but they would not be more than temporary.

Newsprint For Korea

Newsprint paper is a commodity much in the news these days, with many people seeking supplies of it the world over, and many of them seeking in vain. One allocation of newsprint, says the Montreal Gazette, must meet with general approval. This is a gift of 1,000 tons that has recently been made to the Korean Government to

make possible the replacement of public school text-books destroyed by the Communist invasion.

Dr. George Paik, Korean Minister of Education, now lecturing at the University of California, had long been trying through government channels to find enough paper for the printing of some 62,000,000 needed textbooks. The Committee For A Free Asia learned of the plight and was able to purchase the newsprint at a cost of upwards of \$100,000 from supplies in Japan.

In a message to President Syngman Rhee, accompanying the gift, Braton Wilbur, chairman of the committee, a private, non-profit organization, said the committee believed that "by assisting boys and girls in Korea to have school books from which they may learn the lessons of a free society, despite the bloodthirsty attempts of the Communists to destroy that society, we will make a substantial contribution toward the continued growth of freedom in Korea, in Asia and throughout the world."

It is to be hoped that this generous gesture may be the forerunner of assistance on the United Nations level and of much greater magnitude to these unhappy people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fourth day of Old Home Week and the third of the Exhibition.

Yesterday was the usual half-holiday, but many who do not usually observe it, joined in order to go to the Exhibition.

A German, F. A. Winsor, first used gas lighting in London streets this date 1807. He had seen the work of Philippe Lebon in Paris but developed his own methods to provide the illumination which took place in Pall Mall.

It was most encouraging and uplifting to have the veterans 8th Siege Battery of the First World War having a reunion in our midst this week. "A good time was held by all", especially by those from a distance who were able to renew friendships with "boys of the old brigade."

Ottawa families are all in a flurry over the report that their milk supply is deficient in quality. Ottawa has no standard bacteria count. The recognized standard bacteria count is 200,000 in a cubic centimeter of raw milk and 30,000 in pasteurized milk. Dr. Johns, Federal bacteriologist, reported that after laboratory pasteurization of some raw milk received by Ottawa dairies the bacteria count was more than 200,000. The bacteriologists and Dr. Day said the high bacteria count was no cause for panic, but to see the standards of milk improved an additional milk inspector is necessary.

Perhaps the most outstanding newspaperman Mr. W. R. Hearst developed and exploited was the late Arthur Brisbane. It was he who introduced the practice of "writing down" to his readers which made the Hearst papers so popular with "the man in the street." Brisbane editorials were as simple and easily-read as the A.B.C., and were intended to reach and influence the many thousands of immigrant readers and their offspring who settled in New York and other large cities in the States. Hearst was so impressed with Brisbane's style that he made it mandatory on all his many newspapers—simplicity of language and bold-type editorials.

It is reported that next month several Quebec M.P.'s will receive promotion as senators or judges, and by-elections will ensue. The Montreal Gazette says the Progressive Conservatives at headquarters have asked the Quebec party men to survey the prospects there, as they are of opinion that the Government will select candidates sure of election in order to win the by-elections to counterbalance Progressive Conservative wins elsewhere. Encouraged by the party's upset victories in Winnipeg, Brandon and P. E. I., the Progressive Conservatives are wondering about their chance of repeating, even in Liberal party strongholds in Quebec.

Not a few trite remarks by distinguished men are polished into gems of first water, and then literary authorities overlook the fact. A case in point: The present, the seventh Duke of Wellington has dampened the legend that his great ancestor once said, "the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." The Duke offered £50 to the National Playing Fields Association if anyone could prove to him that the victor of Waterloo uttered those words. But an exhaustive search has failed to produce definite proof. The closest anyone has come to pinning down the statement is Robert Birley, headmaster of Eton; who said the famous quotation first appeared in Montalembert's "De l'Avenir Politique de l'Angleterre," published in 1855. Montalembert quoted the Duke of Wellington as saying at Eton: "It is here that the Battle of Waterloo was won." Which, surely, is near enough the fact to justify the quotation.



PUBLIC FORUM

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AN APPLE TREE

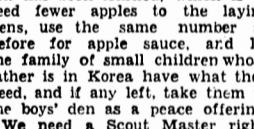
Sir,—I am a capitalist. I own three apple trees and about 100 square yards of ground under them. And believing in free enterprise, I cared for them just as I saw fit. I pruned them some, but the spraying in springtime was neglected.

Two of them are late varieties and might be better than they are. But the one in the "midst" is a yellow transparent and gives us more value than the others. The fruit now is falling, small ones and the most infected first. We make apple sauce from the best, eat a few raw and feed the poorer ones to the chickens.

Yes, I am a capitalist. Little I thought that any of my neighbors would care anything about my wormy apples. But still I am a "have" and there are a number of "have nots," made up of boys 10 to 12 years of age. They have a ten or small shack built for themselves. But feeling both hungry and thirsty a troop of five or six made a raid on my fruit. Just as the North Korean Reds would do they proceeded to shake the tree. We do not shake the tree. There are plenty falling. So the writer bounded out to protect his worldly goods and the enemy look to flight. One large hand wagon was left behind with a flour sack in it. They would only have taken about a bushel altogether. So at present writing I have the wagon, waiting for the owner to come in person and say "I am sorry."

But to finish the story: A lesson has been learned, which is to feed fewer apples to the laying hens, use the same number as before for apple sauce, and let the family of small children whose father is in Korea have what they read, and if any left, take them to the boys' den as a peace offering. "We need a Scout Master right now. What a field to work in. No end to the moral results that would follow. "God loved the world of sinners lost" — even young thieves and liars. And I must say that the writer was no "George Washington" at all. I am, Sir, etc.

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THE POOR MAN'S PIG

Already fallen plum-bloom stars the green And apple-boughs as knarred as old loads' backs Wear their small roses ere a rose is seen.

The building-thrush watches old Job who stacks The bright-peeled oysters on the sunny fence, The pent sow grunts to hear him stumping by.

And tries to push the bolt and scamper thence, But her ringed snout still keeps her to the sky.

Then out he lets her run; away she snorts In bundling gallop for the cottage door.

With hungry hubbub begging crust and oris This like a whirlwind bumping round once more; Nuzzling the dog, making the pullets run, And sulky as a child when her play's done.

—Edmund Blunden.

LONDON — (CP) — A memorial will be erected to Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown, the two British airmen who were the first to fly the Atlantic

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

OLDTIME CATTLE SHOW

As previously noted, agricultural exhibitions are of long standing in this Province, dating back beyond Confederation days. The Islander of Sept. 27, 1884, contains an interesting account of a live stock fair held on the preceding Wednesday on the Market Square in Charlottetown. The day was fine, drawing together "a vast assemblage of persons from all parts of the Island." There was a large number of horses and cattle of various descriptions, and a good showing of "very superior breeds of sheep." A few sales were made during the day, but these were limited by the scarcity of money. "In the evening a little was done in the way of exchanging horses."

Special mention is made of the Durham cattle exhibited by John Grubb, Esq. "We also noticed," says the Islander, "a pen of very superior Leicester rams, lately at auction. Also, two pairs of fine ewes owned by W. Douse, Esq., vice president of the Agricultural Society, but in consequence of the ewes being three years old, they could not compete for the premiums. Messrs. Row and several other farmers also had some very excellent sheep, which, for symmetry, might challenge the British North American Colonies."

The scale of premiums awarded was as follows: Best 3 yr. old entire celt (Clydesdale) prize of £2 awarded to Jacob Dockendorff North River.

Second best do. (Roncesvalle's mare, sired by Clydesdale), £1 awarded to Donald McKinnon, Royalty.

Best filly, 3 yr. old. (Suffolk Punch) £2, awarded to Peter Scott, French Fort.

Second best do. (sired by Revenge, raised by Mr. Henry Longworth) £1, awarded to John Longworth, Esq.

Best bull (pure Ayreshire), fine handsome animal £2, awarded to Ewen McMullan, Brackley Point.

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The Age-Old Story

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Second best do. (Ayreshire breed, calved May, 1843), £1, awarded to Robert Mutch, Fuller-ton's Marsh. (Mr. Mutch being one of the judges, withdrew, in deciding on this prize.)

Best heifer, (beautiful animal, red and white, out of an English Durham cow, by Ayreshire, calved June 14, 1842), £2, awarded to John Grubb, Esq.

Second best do. (Alderney, aged 2 yrs., bred by Hon. James Peake), £1, awarded to Mr. George Beer, Royalty.

Best ram, 2 yrs. (Leicester; Mr. Cross's stock, imported 1843), £2, awarded to George Coles, Esq.

Second best do. (Leicester breed stock brought from England, 1843—highly admired), £1, awarded to Charles Hazzard, Esq.

Best pen of 2 yr. old ewes, all Leicester, £2, awarded to Mr. Henry Longworth.

The newspaper account concludes: "The judges having concluded upon their decision, repaired with the secretary and members of the Society, to the Royal Hotel, when a distribution of prizes was made; after which they sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided in Mrs. Weymouth's usual style. Every justice having been done to the dinner, and a number of appropriate toasts drank, a good deal of conversation took place relative to agriculture; and about 8 o'clock the company separated, much pleased with the proceedings of the day."



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Notes By The Way

Canadians have yet to learn how to drink properly. Too many drinkers continue to swiggle at the bottle long after they have passed the point where they know if they are drinking water, kerosene or liquor, or a mixture of the three liquids. If prohibitionists are sincere in their efforts to cure Canada's drinking evils, their energy might be better expended in education aimed at instructing Canadians to drink with dignity. —Sudbury Star.

We should like to say here and now that we have a basement to end all flooded basements. What has occurred is no less than a miracle. It is a defiance of all the natural laws of gravity and physics, it is a fact worthy of scientific study. This particular basement is so constructed that it will leak any given amount of water in, but then once having accomplished this feat, it refuses to leak any water out. And will remain flooded until pumped out. How to explain the fact that it is porous from the outside and watertight from the inside? We can't. We don't mind manifestations of miracles of some types, but this one we can do without. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

They say that if you wait just long enough the truth or falsity of anything is proved by some event. We now know that something that disturbed us in our youth, and many "far older and wiser than we," can happen if you are not careful. Remember the wicked old man in "Bleak House" (name of Krook), who dwelt upon an enormous collection of old papers and spontaneously combusted to the horror and amazement of the neighbors? And how some scientists said Dickens was — to put it politely — mistaken and it couldn't be done and others averred it could, given the quantity and quality of the liquor upon which this nasty old man largely subsisted. Well, now it appears to be settled and rather alarmingly at that. We read in the newspapers (and so it must be true) of a woman given to cigarettes who combusted where she sat and, like Pauline and the matches, "nothing else of her was found, except her ashes on the ground." In both cases there was a hint of a first cause of the conflagration. Mr. Krook set himself off perhaps by his own breath and the woman by an accumulation of combustible matter absorbed in some way. Anyway, Dickens is right again. And we must all govern ourselves accordingly. —Montreal Star.

The Hollywood film colony has been maligned, and we are quite sure that most stars are models of domesticity, industry and civic virtue. But sometimes we almost give up. We wonder, for instance, whom Mr. Frank Sinatra and Miss Ava Gardner thought they were kidding when they hid behind dark glasses and booked a passage, under false names, on an airplane to Mexico. The dark glasses routine is one of the oldest in the book of publicity stunts, and no celebrity has the slightest chance of avoiding recognition by such an expedient. In fact, one way for a non-entirely to gain a measure of fleeting fame is to put on such glasses and hope to be mistaken for someone else. The episode underlines the point that these people are becoming pretty tiresome. Mrs. Nancy Sinatra, the crooner's first wife, summed the whole matter up tersely but effectively: "I hope," she said, "the isn't that foolish." —Vancouver Province.

LONDON. — (CP) — A school-boy here wrote in an essay: "I believe the reason why so many twins are born into the world today is because little children are frightened of entering the world alone."

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