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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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further aggression by the latter. That seems to be sound reasoning, since the indications are the United States will maintain military units there indefinitely. In fact, the Commonwealth has agreed that a peace treaty must be preceded by a U.S.-Japanese pact giving the U.S. the right to have bases and troops on Japan's territory. With such an arrangement a partial rearmament of Japan for defensive purposes is a logical development.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Members of Parliament are now congregating at Ottawa for what promises to be one of the most important sessions in the history of Parliament.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is observing this as "Good Government Week." It is tempting to add that next week Parliament will be sitting.

His Royal Highness Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, died this date 1820. He spent much of his life in Canada, and was associated with the Maritimes as chief of military forces. His name is closely identified with this Province.

Today is nomination day for the municipal elections taking place on Feb. 6 in Souris, Georgetown, Alberton, Kensington, Montague and Borden. The residents of Parkdale and Crapaud will also elect their Commissioners under the Village Services Act on this date.

Welcome to the delegates to the East Coast Fisheries Conference. "East coast" includes Quebec as well as the Atlantic Provinces and it is encouraging to have such an institution which broadens out the more usual Maritime classification.

Defence Minister Claxton's blunt warning that manpower requirements in both the active and reserve forces "will be obtained one way or another" is realistic. He might have added that the time is short and rapidly running out for voluntary enlistment to show that it can produce the size of armed services necessary for security against aggression.

During the last war Lady Cripps, wife of the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in order to conserve water counselled citizens to abandon daily baths which, she said, was a fad of the lower middle classes. Now more than 300 families in the Lambeth area of South London have been asked to do away with Saturday night baths. The local council wants them to spread their soapsuds out through the week. Otherwise there is too much of a strain on the council's hot-water supply system.

London (Eng.) papers are speculating on the future of and a possible move of Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, former U. K. High Commissioner to Canada, and at present holder of that office in Malaya. He's been there for several years, and has had one of the most onerous assignments in the British Foreign Service. It's expected he'll shortly be moved to an easier post. Mrs. MacDonald, the former Mrs. Audrey Fellowes, of Ottawa, is at present in that city with their children.

New Status For Japan?

It begins to look as though war-guilty Japan may be allowed a controlled rearmament for self-defence. In token of this likelihood most of the eight Commonwealth countries are reported ready to agree to Japan's rearming. This is with the qualification that the country's military strength can be controlled. The Dominions appear to be satisfied that American safeguards will take care of that.

This change of front by the Dominions follows by only a few days General MacArthur's startling announcement to the Japanese that it will be their duty to "mount force to repel force" if "international lawlessness continues to threaten peace." He obviously was referring to the great Red offensive which is sweeping Asia.

A lot of things have happened since Japan signed her abject surrender at the end of the Second World War. Under the guidance of MacArthur she has reportedly adapted herself to Western requirements. She has created a new constitution which disavows war, and she has followed through with an apparent determination to tread a straight path in future.

Moreover, Japan's strategic location makes her essential to Allied defence in the rapidly developing Communist offensive to gain control of all Asia. The demands of this crisis makes it necessary not only that Japan be strengthened for her own defence, but that she become an Allied bastion against the Reds.

Of course the new Japanese constitution contains a prohibition against Japanese armed forces. This doesn't preclude police, but it does preclude regular military contingents. Thus if there were to be outright rearmament, it might not be necessary to revise the constitution.

Britain appears to have swung over the Commonwealth countries of the Pacific by the argument that the continued presence of American troops in Japan will preclude



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.

OWING TO COL. RALSTON

Sir.—Some time ago in a pre-election radio address I said "The people of Summerside and the surrounding country should erect a monument to the late Colonel Ralston for giving us the airport." Recently, I suggested to some admirers of Col. Ralston—and they are legion—that in order to show our appreciation for what he had done, he should be memorialized by calling the village that sprang up adjacent to the Airport Ralstonville, but I was informed that it was already named Slemom Park after Air Vice-Marshal Slemom, a gentleman who, no doubt, is a good soldier, but so far as I know, has done nothing for the people of Summerside and the surrounding country to merit having his name perpetuated in this community.

Col. Ralston is well known to all the people of Prince County as a great soldier, a great administrator and a great friend. In 1939 he had not accepted nomination and been re-elected in 1940, there would be no Summerside Airport and consequently no Slemom Park. The place now occupied by the Port and Park would still be the farmers' back fields. Thanks to Col. Ralston we have one of the finest airports in Canada, which is a great convenience to the travelling public and which provides a means of making a livelihood for many, many people. So why give preference to anyone over the man who did so much for this community?

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

WILLARD'S BUTTER MACHINE

"Have our readers seen A. Willard's Butter Machine? If they have not, let them, especially the rural part of them, step into the Royal Agricultural Society's warehouse and examine it closely; they will find their labour well paid for. It is in appearance a box churn, but the dasher is altogether different from those in common use. The cream being put in, there is a thermometer which is marked with a number indicating the temperature it ought to be brought to, in order to cause the butter to separate with the greatest facility. In summer, cold water is poured into an outer case, and in winter warm, until the mercury indicates that the proper temperature has been attained.

"The wheel is then turned for a few minutes and the butter is made; a stop cock, at the bottom of the machine protected by a strainer, allows the butter milk to be drawn off; water is then poured in and the butter is thoroughly washed, and the buttermilk pressed out by merely a few revolutions of the machine: in like manner the pickle is poured in, and the butter salted or rather preserved.

"It is then removed from the wheel or dasher with a wooden spatula, and may be either packed for future use or printed, for which last purpose, there is an ingenious sort of print accompanying the machine, which forms an oblong mass of about a pound weight we should say, prettily invented. This is literally making butter by machinery, for the hand need never come into contact with the made—we suppose we must not now call it "manufactured" article."

—Hazard's Gazette, Aug. 24, 1863. (The above excerpt illustrates the change which the English language is undergoing continuously. The old-time meaning of "manufactured" was something made exclusively by hand, whereas nowadays it is used to denote machine made products chiefly.)

UNUSUAL NAME

Increase Mather was a clergyman and former president of Harvard College who died in 1728.

Democracy's Illusions

(Globe and Mail)

It is a truism that democracy makes greater demands on the individual citizen than any other form of government. If it is to function at all, people must be able to weigh and judge alternative policies, choose their representative leadership wisely, and, above all, be realistic in facing facts. It is on these levels that our increasingly large and unwieldy democracies are having difficulties. There is a constantly lessening difference between the historic parties. Strong, courageous leadership is very difficult to obtain, and there is a tendency to cease after all sorts of nostrums which politicians produce to put off the day when a reckoning has to be made on the balance sheet of public affairs.

The Age-Old Story

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

The Poet's Corner

WINTER NIGHTS

Now winter nights enlarge
The number of their hours,
And clouds their storms discharge
Upon the airy towers.
Let now the chimneys blaze
And cups o'erflow with wine;
Let well-tuned voices
With harmony divine
Now yellow waxen lights
Shall wait on honey love,
While youthful revels, masques,
and courtly sights
Sleep's leaden spells remove.

Notes By The Way

Toronto is considering a law which would make it a punishable offence to smoke in any city store employing more than 25 persons. That will be a terrible blow to the heavy smoker who has to accompany his wife on shopping tours. — Fort William Times-Journal.

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