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

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Why We Are Celebrating

Charlottetown today extends a cordial welcome to a distinguished number of guests and visitors who are here to participate in the seventy-fifth anniversary of the historic conference of the Confederation Fathers in the Prince Edward Island capital.

The great fact which this week's celebration emphasizes is the existence of a united Dominion—the fact that our sectional problems, important as they are from a provincial standpoint, are of infinitely less importance than the ties which knit us together.

Something Wrong Here

Official returns reveal that, of the fourteen tariff classifications on which alleged concessions for Canadian fish were secured from the United States under the new Washington trade agreement, exactly seven show an increase of exports to the United States for the first five months of this year over the same period of last year and exactly seven show a decrease in exports to the United States.

But in the case of the seven classifications in which there was a decrease in exports from last year, the total decrease in exports amounted to \$229,587, whereas in the case of the seven classifications in which there was an increase in exports the total increase amounted to only \$133,695.

Result: a net loss to Canadian fishermen in exports of their products to the United States on the new Washington trade bargain of \$95,894.

Under the Washington treaty there has been a drop in exports for the five months of \$37,000 on halibut, \$38,000 on mackerel, about \$1,000 on smoked cod and haddock, \$2,000 on pickled salmon and no less than \$150,000 on fresh-water fish. These decreases compare with increase of \$16,000 on fresh and frozen salmon, \$17,000 on sturgeon, \$3,000 on sword fish, \$56,000 on salted, dried, smoked or pickled haddock, pollack, hake, \$33,000 on green salted cod, pollack and hake, \$6,000 on herring.

But the whole story is not in these figures. While exports of Canadian fish to the United States within the classifications covered by the treaty were dropping nearly \$100,000 for the first five months of 1939, exports of Canadian fish to Great Britain during the same period increased no less than \$577,000. This increase was secured under the Empire Preference agreement negotiated by the Conservative Government in 1932.

As Others See Us

The prominent Canadians who are gathering at the capital of Prince Edward Island to take part in the observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference, says the Moncton Transcript, are to be envied their pleasant task in these days when the cradle of Confederation is gently stirred by cool sea breezes. It surely is not fanciful to imagine that the Canadians of three-quarters of a century ago who dropped in upon the conference called to consider Maritime union and proposed the wider union, became the more eloquent in their pleas because of the obvious attractions of the Island climate.

Unfortunately, say our Moncton contemporary, they met behind closed doors and the story of what happened there never will be known in detail. Certainly such men as Macdonald, Brown, McGee and Cartier would appeal to Maritime imagination by picturing a new British nation in North America and the need for closer co-operation. Of the advantage in it—over and above the breaking of the continued deadlock between Upper and Lower Canada, which was not a Maritime concern—the Maritime men would be quite aware, especially with a neighbor to the south unfriendly to Britain and thoroughly persuaded that Southern resistance was being strengthened by British aid. However, there were disadvantages too, and Newfoundland did not play with the idea of union long. Prince Edward Island was not easily persuaded and what now would be called "high pressure" methods were used upon both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Except for details, however,

the scheme was sound, and it is a fact sometimes forgotten that the general plan which the Canadian fathers of confederation brought with them to Charlottetown was that of the Earl of Durham who for a brief few months, from May to November in 1838, was Governor-General and wrote a report under the shadow of death which became the textbook and guide of the home authorities.

Nazi Economic Nightmare

The Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft, of Berlin, has just published its half-yearly financial statement. It shows that the policy of "guns instead of butter" is being carried out in a literal sense. Though there is plenty of employment, it is of an unproductive character; taxes have increased greatly, and debt is piling up at an alarming rate. On the other hand, trade is falling off disastrously, and the ingenious shifts by which an effort is being made to keep it on an even balance are not proving successful.

It has been found possible to score a "barter victory" or two, but they are pyrrhic victories. If a country is forced to take more of Germany's export production, less is left for the other nations, because the Reich's "exports are limited by its imports and by its own deflection of its productive facilities into armaments," remarks the Times. There was a time when the United States was wondering whether it would lose South American markets to German commercial aggressiveness, but that day is apparently past. There has been a big falling-off of German exports to Peru this year (37.5 per cent.), to Chile (32.3 per cent.), to the Argentine (28.5 per cent.) to Brazil (25.1 per cent.), and to Mexico (20.7 per cent.) Germany has even suffered a heavy diminution of trade with Italy and Japan.

Editorial Notes

Confederation Celebrations opened with divine worship yesterday—hope, in spite of the Wet Saint, that favourable weather will prevail during the current week.

Adam Smith, Scottish political economist, whose work "Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations" (1776) led to the repeal of the Corn Laws and the Navigation Laws, died this date, 1790.

By-the-by, how comes it that Liberals who failed to get elected are still holding their positions in the Government? Does the Premier intend to reconstruct his executive, or to continue to carry on with unrepresentative members.

It is reported that the Hon. C. A. Dunning is slated as the successor to Mr. Douglas as Principal of McGill University. It will be recalled at last convocation the honourary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Mr. Dunning. Sir Edward Beatty, the Chancellor, is a personal friend of long standing of the Minister of Finance, and would be delighted to see him installed in the office.

A strong under current prevails in the City that the City Council are giving insufficient time to the consideration of the special Auditors' report in all its bearings on the chaotic condition of the City Clerk's Department. This is a case surely where prudence dictates making haste slowly and effectively.

So the Rt. Hon. C. A. Dunning, LL. D. is not to face the electors in Queens. By grace of the Conservatives he was allowed to sit in the present parliament, but, apart altogether from the question of health, it is very doubtful if he could have got the nomination, far less election at the forthcoming contest. As his successor in the candidature the Liberals will have plenty of aspirants from whom to choose—and lose.

So the Leadership League has given up the ghost at the early age of seven months. Its father, Mr. George McCulloch, announces that in its initial stages it cost him \$75,000, and after its transfer to an executive, another \$20,000; while the members and public generally subscribed only \$200. Another case of "muckle din and little 'oo, as the devil said when he clippit the sow."

The quantity of all dressed poultry in cold storage and other warehouses in Canada on July 1 was 3,550,000 pounds, practically the same as last year's total of 3,520,000 pounds. Increases were recorded in chickens, fowl, ducks and geese, but turkeys have decreased by nearly 600,000 pounds, being only 1,600,000 pounds as compared with 2,200,000 a year ago and 2,000,000 last month. Turkey is not merely a Christmas and Thanksgiving dish. It is eaten the year around.

It is reported that the Government are considering paying road to Borden via North River Bridge, Crapaud, Tryon, Albany to Trueman's Corner, and then to connect with the Cape Traverse Road and so back to Borden. This would lengthen the road unnecessarily, and an agitation is on foot to get a cut through one of the other roads direct to Borden without going all the way to Trueman's Corner.

Reuters News Agency, after reporting that the Earl of Feversham had quit his post as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, advised later that his resignation may not take effect immediately. The earlier report said, the resignation was "due to personal reasons." Reuters parliamentary correspondent said Lord Feversham had not disapproved the Government's agricultural program, as rumored. Lord Feversham is a son-in-law of Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and a half-brother of Mrs. Anthony Eden, wife of the former Foreign Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A complete revival of the days of Charlemagne—a German Empire covering the whole of Central Europe! The above represents, without any embellishments what Herr Hitler's grown imperialistic lust for power, a now seeking and gradually securing by methods of his own. And who is going to say him nay? Declarations of solidarity against the German Empire and against further coups by this ex-corporal of the German Imperial Army may sound quite impressive and give temporary comfort, but a calm and dispassionate weighing up of the evidence which has been accumulating since the German incursion into Austria points but in one direction—another terrible war as the only means to check the dream of world-domination which Herr Hitler plans for Germany. It was really unfortunate that the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, should have become one of the innocent victims of Herr Hitler's megalomaniac plans, for how else can the events which took place at Berchtesgaden and Munich now be construed except as a blind to lull the excitement and tension which had been created by the time the time came for completing his coup?—Hong Kong Press.

From Compeur, Alta., correspondent comes a schoolgirl's howler in answer to the question, "Who is Mr. Abernethy?" The student wrote: "I read that the world's greatest man in the world. If we want to live we have to get our clothes and food from him."—Saskatoon Star Phoenix.

What is this freedom of the press, which Mr. Abernethy construes on occasion as press abuse of his freedom? It is not so simple as it seems. It is the right to speak of the publisher's right to print as it is a guarantee to the people of the right to hear and read and thereby learn the facts about public affairs, to weigh conflicting opinions, and to form their own judgments. The guarantee of free speech is for the benefit of the audience to hear what a speaker has to say; the guaranty of a free press is for the benefit of readers who read what is published in print and who buy it in order to do so, bridging either of these two guarantees lessens the people's knowledge of public affairs, weakens their view, and weakens their power to protect themselves and to govern themselves wisely.—Lebridge Herald.

The C.C.F. will not co-operate with Mr. Herridge and his New Democracy party, but the Communists will. Tim Buck has said so, and the Edmonton man, by the way, said so. Mr. Herridge has intimated that he expects a great deal of support from urban centres in the East. Tim Buck's assistance is one of our many assets. If the New Democracy is to draw a large part of its support from the Social Credit party and from the communists, it will play a very large part in the next election. We may have to put up with the old democracy for some time yet.—Winnipeg Free Press.

From time to time we still hear of little after-effects of last summer's hurricane. A summer resident of Westport, for instance, found that the sea water had runned his lawn and bought a sack of seed with which to resow the turf. In the garden, a neighbour came up with promptness and in profusion, and as they progressed, which they did with amazing vigor, took on a peculiar bushy look. The man carrying the nearby farmer into consultation, a "Spinach," said the farmer, after a quick glance.—New Yorker.

The machine age, which has resulted in the practical disappearance of the once numerous horse and buggy, now has another nation-wide institution. That very important but seldom seen mistress of conversational ceremonies, the telephone operator, is being replaced by a mute, mechanical monitor, known as the "dial system;" and many long accustomed to hearing "the voice with the smile" taking down the receiver now hear only an impersonal buzz. The story of "central," and of the part she played in the development of the country, is epic. Upon the dial at the switchboard depended the smooth functioning of an entire community, and in lesser degree, of the nation. Civic heads depended upon her for carrying out of their orders. Throughout the day, her deft fingers served to expedite many commercial transactions, and the wheels of trade were set in motion. And as with lawyers and other professional people, any information gleaned in the performance of her duty was held in sacred secrecy. Outstanding instances of individual courage of employees remaining doggedly at their posts, disregarding danger to warn of flood, fire, or other calamity, cannot constitute a long and imperishable record. As she is passed in the march of modernity, it is meet that the telephone operator be given her meed of recognition, a tribute for the silent but important part played in the making of America.—Christian Science Monitor.

Because the French and English were the first colonizers of North America is no reason why we should accord a general certificate of priority to their descendants, or subordinate to them, with ridiculous, specious and blind arbitrariness, all other elements which came later to add to the population of North America. I lend it the support—which, after all, was asked for—of their various talents and enthusiastic activities in the forestry, the fishing, the day who have adopted our Dominion as a second homeland, have taken root here and have become citizens. Whichever their national, ethnic or religious origin may have been, they are today as Canadian as we are. We can think of no cause to claim that some of our people are more "Canadian" than others simply because backward educationists have distorted our viewpoint and damaged our native understanding. This fact of limiting the quality of Canadianism to a few categories of citizens, and of arbitrarily excluding all others, constitutes a narrow, petty shrunken conception of that which might otherwise be a broad human and legal citizenship.—Le Jour, Montreal.

"Floating farms" ... A man who only a few years ago was one of the outstanding figures in Hollywood has been jailed on a

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Will you be good enough to advise: (1) Do the Regulations of the City dealing with the appointment of new teachers for the City Schools specify that new appointees must have previous teaching experience?

(2) If this is the case, have those just appointed such experience?

(3) If not, why were the Regulations disregarded?

I am, Sir, etc. TAX PAYER, Charlottetown, July 15, 1939.

INVITING CORRESPONDENCE

Sir—Will you please publish this letter as we are badly in need of pen-friends, and as we have no stamps from your part of the world we decided to write to you and see if you could assist us in our search for pen-friends.

We are both in eighth class at school and are awfully keen on stamp collecting. We have a lot of stamps for exchange, and also a lot of Australian pictures of birds, animals and scenes. These we will exchange for stamps.

We will answer all letters received whether from young or old, and we would prefer letters from girls about 12-14. Our hobbies are stamp collecting, sports, reading, music and care of animals. Will all people who write send photograph with first letter if possible. We are, Sir, etc. (Miss) Winsome Doyle (12) King Road Bumbury Western Australia.

(Miss) Joan Smith Gander (14) Convent of Mercy, Bumbury Western Australia.

THE FLOUGHT OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Sir—One wonders as one reads the title in Friday's Guardian, telling of a thousand able-bodied men being idle and their families actually hungry—all in this little bit of a city—what progress if any in harnessing this waste is being made. Night to a century has passed since Victor Hugo wrote that "so long as the three problems of the day—the degradation of man, poverty, the ruin of woman by starvation and the dwarfing of childhood by physical and spiritual night—are not solved" will books like "Les Misérables" be needed. As D.C.C. says, it is regrettable that the festivities of this week should be marred by the citing of these unfortunate conditions, but the consideration of human sufferings, particularly if capable of immediate amelioration, cannot well be set aside simply to aid in the rejoicings of a festival.

All of us in Friday's well-to-do and the poor alike, have a right to know why work so greatly needed and which was promised for last year, has not yet been started upon. True a few workers are in the airport, but only a fraction of those employed last autumn, while working men are told, "We have been told this Spring and Summer that the East End Oulvert, another undertaking of a year ago. Chief, however, in importance is the entire inaction in the matter of the Charlottetown Harbour improvements, the money for which was voted by Parliament four whole months ago, with a promise that one half the work would be done this summer.

The reason, I am told, for this latter delay is that the staff in the Charlottetown office of the Federal Engineering Department has been overburdened with work in other parts of the Island and that engineers qualified for the preparing of the plans are not at hand; surely a trivial excuse from a Federal Government standpoint. There must be many men in the other Provinces that would be only too glad to be given a few weeks' employment of this nature.

It is to be hoped that all that will be required will be that attention of those in authority will be drawn to what must assuredly have been an unintentional oversight.

I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING.

change of passing worthless cheques. His fee for a single picture was \$100.00. The cheques were for such sums as \$10.—Edmonton Journal.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

ULCERATIVE COLITIS—ULCERS ON SURFACE OF LOWER INT. COLON—OFTEN DUE TO NERVOUS DISTURBANCES

For years it has been believed that what is called mucous colitis is due to nervousness or emotional unrest. Some of these individuals will tell you that they have diarrhoea practically all the time, and others state that they have diarrhoea at times, followed by a spastic or tight bowel type of constipation. For these cases of mucous colitis the treatment has been to avoid rough foods and to avoid, as far as possible, those things which cause mental unrest—anger, excitement, worry. Mucous colitis is really a "catarrh" or catarrhal condition as anywhere—running nose, running eyes, excessive phlegm or mucus in the throat.

What is called ulcerative colitis is where the lining of the colon (large bowel) is in an ulcerated condition, not just slightly inflamed as in mucous colitis. Recent research work appears to prove that this severe ulcerated condition of the lower bowel may also be due to nervousness and emotional disturbances.

Dr. E. Wittkower, in the British Medical Journal records his observation of forty unselected cases of ulcerative colitis. In thirty-seven cases there was abnormal behavior noted. That is, these individuals did not talk or act as did the average or normal individual. "A dated clinical and

The Poet's Corner

FROM "COUNTRY OF MINE"
Country of mine that gave me birth,
Land of the maple and the pine,
What richer gift of this round earth
Than these fair faithful fields of mine?
Like sheets of gold thy harvests run
Gleaming beneath the August sun;
The white peaks soar,
Thy forests stretch from shore to shore;
Untamed thy Northern prairies lie
Under an open, boundless sky;
Yet one thing more our hearts improve:
That greatness may not pass thee by!

—Helena Coleman.

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life history, taken independently and vouched for by relatives, showed that the disturbing events in the patient's life had occurred before the onset of the ulcerative colitis.

Almost all the patients showed character disorders, extreme nervousness, and psychoses. (Psychosis is thinking there is an organic ailment present—heart disease, stomach ulcer and the like—when none exists). Seventeen patients were overconscientious, over-impulsive, too orderly, particularly as to cleanliness, obstinate, or had other little changes in character. Twelve were unusually emotional—temper tantrums, childishness, self-centredness, hysterical.

In other words, that food or eating habits may be to blame for ulcerative colitis may be true in some cases, but from the observation of these forty "unselected" cases, it would appear that emotion, shock or other nervous disturbances are more often to blame for ulcerative colitis, just as they are in the simple form or mucous colitis.

Memorials To Royalty

(Financial Post)
In the welcome accorded to the King and Queen throughout Canada there are few, if any, permanent structures which will remain to keep posterity informed of the triumphal progress of the royal couple. On earlier occasions when the royal blood visited this country many permanent expressions of affection and loyalty were erected. Many of them remain to this day to record the form and the spirit of the welcome. One such is the magnificent arch erected by Pacific Coast lumbermen in Vancouver, and now standing in Stanley Park.

One reason for this omission was the official ruling against asking Their Majesties to accept plaques, etc., a ruling which Montreal ignored, by the way. Another was uncertainty which surrounded the royal visit. The fear and uneasiness in Europe made many communities hesitant about spending money until they were quite sure the royal couple were actually coming. By that time there was little opportunity for doing more than erect temporary decorations and arches of welcome.

Yet another reason was the difference in attitude toward royalty as compared with 20 or 40 years ago. In those days Canadians had much closer blood ties with the Motherland and the royal family. In addition to intense loyalty there was also a deep and personal affection for the sovereign and his or her immediate family.

Today, with no one doubted seriously the inherent loyalty of Canadians to the Crown, there was not until the King and Queen actually arrived the same personal interest and affection. One of the most striking results of the tour has been the manner in which this quiescent loyalty has been transformed into a

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