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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

CHARLOTTETOWN TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 1950

Lelie Fontein

Lelie Fontein was not a great battle, yet 50 years ago today, November 7, 1900, three Canadians won the Victoria Cross there and a fourth in the same engagement earned the Distinguished Service Order.

Father of the Bride

In Massachusetts a manufacturing firm claimed an allowance for \$6,245.97 for footing part of the bill for the wedding of its majority shareholder and treasurer.

A lesson to be drawn from this sad and embarrassing experience is that heavy taxation forces some industries to resort to subterfuges which, in periods of less onerous taxation, would not be dreamt of.

In Bureaucratic Language

The meticulous care with which Government regulations are drafted in Britain is well illustrated by the following extract, recently quoted by the Conservative member of Parliament, Mr. C. F. H. Gough: "In the nuts (unground) (other than groundnuts) order, the expression 'nuts' shall have reference to such nuts, other than groundnuts, as would, but for this amending order, not qualify as nuts (unground) (other than groundnuts) by reason of their not being nuts (unground)."

Gaelic Mod in Dunoon

Some 1,500 competitors participated in the Gaelic Mod held recently in the Clyde-side town of Dunoon under sponsorship of An Comunn Gaidhealach (The Gaelic Fellowship).

J. M. Bannerman, president of An Comunn, stressed that the real work of the fellowship was done in its planning committee and in the "towns and villages and clachans of Gaeldom."

"Thousands more Gaelic speakers in Canada than in Scotland." Next year the Scottish Mod will be held in Edinburgh, capital of Scotland — and of the Lowlands.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The London Gazette, predecessor of the London Times, first published this date 1665.

Are coming events casting their shadows before in connection with an Atlantic Winter Fair in Charlottetown?

Though we are not as yet making most of our opportunities in agriculture and fisheries, we are putting it all over competitors at Amherst Winter Fair.

With the cost-of-living at an all-time high island farmers might as well make a virtue of necessity and boast of supplying the consumer with inexpensive potatoes.

"The Chinese people are about to arise" in support of the North Koreans, reports a Communist Shanghai paper.

Halifax is considering asking for legislation which would enfranchise the wives of taxpayers. In this day when property is largely held by women it would be only just to extend the right to husbands of taxpayers also.

The Premier and Federal Minister of Reconstruction Winters have got together here on our Trans-Canada Highway project. It seems the latter is highly satisfied with the plans submitted and the details outlined to him by the officials concerned.

Russia now shows signs of agreeing to the unification of Germany and a treaty of peace with Japan. It was not until in despair of her co-operation the Western powers started to go ahead without her that the Soviet Union hastens to come up with a "Me too."

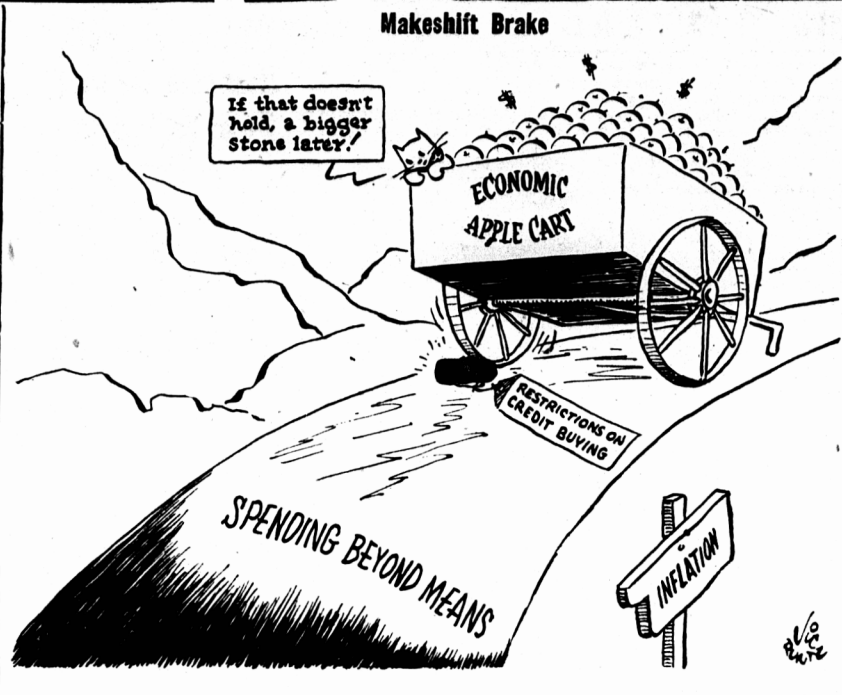
There being a by-election in prospect in Queen's, it is only natural that attention should be given to public works. It is not very encouraging to be told that work on the North River bridge project cannot be started till sometime next year, while in Nova Scotia public works are booming now.

Whatever the layman may think of state medicine it is clearly unpopular with the medical profession. The tiny Nova Scotian village of Isaac's Harbour got no response on this side of the Atlantic to appeals for a doctor, but an advertisement in a British medical publication brought 50 applications.

In the vacancy in Queen's representation, who is representing us at Ottawa in connection with the various public works projects? Naturally it would be the member for Prince or King's, but for different reasons, both at present are unavailable.

Newfoundland and its Premier should not forget when criticizing our comparative backwardness in prosperity with their intended aggressiveness, that the chief cause of Maritime neglect was the starting of the C. P. trans-Canada Railway at Montreal instead of Halifax.

Quebec City Council is in somewhat similar predicament as Charlottetown was over its charter. If Quebec City abides by the terms of its charter, it won't have any administration from Nov. 20 this year until Nov. 15, 1951.



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.

APPRECIATION Sir.—It was my good fortune to be among those who filled the United Church at Murray Harbour to its utmost capacity on Sunday night, Nov. 5, the occasion being the reopening of the church after being closed for a complete redecoration of the interior. It was indeed inspiring to see the new stained glass windows, and the color scheme synchronizing as it did to bring out the beauty of God's House.

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TENDERS Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to November 14th, for fifty acres of land belonging to the Estate of John T. Power, said land adjoining the property of Ira Stewart, Summersville, P. E. I.

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The Poet's Corner OUTLOOK Not to be conquered by these heading days, But to stand free, to keep the mind at brood

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The Age-Old Story I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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Notes By The Way — During the past two years 560,000 boys throughout the world joined the Boy Scout Movement it was recently announced by Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth. World membership is now 4,800,000, Lord Rowallan stated. — Boy Scout News.

It is indeed unusual to have a member of the diplomatic corps in Washington praised for his driving. Diplomats here are the targets for a good deal of tart comment for their seeming inattention to traffic regulations particularly on parking. For that reason it is refreshing to have the tables turned, with a diplomat receiving a courteous driving award from the American Automobile Association.

An impatient fellow in Mexico accidentally wounded himself when he tried to make a notch-hole in his belt with an ice pick, but without first removing the belt. He must be a cousin of the cooper who tried to kill a fly on his head by swinging with a mallet. — Hamilton Spectator.

The Victorian father with a full beard or even with mutton-chop whiskers or a flowing handle-bar moustache, had a patriarchal aspect. It was easy enough for him to be stern, since he had the appearance to make his stern manner convincing. The modern father is less effectively equipped. His efforts at being stern, if not met with quiet amusement, evoke something that looks like ill-disguised contempt. — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Although a farmer can be satisfied with overall's for a stroll across his own or a neighbor's acres, the suburbanite, or the city dweller turned countryman, likes to wear tweeds, the rougher the better. Indeed, tweeds have become a uniform badge of emancipation from the urban scene and the maddening crowd. The "business suit" sleekly moulded from named "sharkskin" or the ferociously named "sharkskin" can accompany the polished desk and the conference room. But a sturdier cloth which has the colors of earth and heather and even a breath of Hebridean hearth-smoke in its weave, is something in which a man can stride over Connecticut hillsides with a shaggy fitness like that of the terrier at his heels. — New York Herald Tribune.

The Rural Scene is a farm paper in Midland. A copy was mailed to "Honorable Douglas Abbott, House of Commons, Ottawa." A few days later the copy was returned marked "Address unknown. Postage due 16c." Has anyone mislaid a cabinet minister? — Ottawa Citizen.

On any day at this time of year a motorist travelling the main highway of New Brunswick meets car after car with deer carcasses roped to the fenders. Fascinated crowds of spectators gather around tourist automobiles parked on up town streets with as many as eight deer cross-piled over the roof and engine hood. A licensed hunter in New Brunswick is allowed to kill two deer. And if a party of four or six hunters from the United States is lucky enough to get eight deer, then they are abiding by the law. A report from the customs station at St. Stephen shows that up to a few days ago automobiles had carried 403 deer across the border into the United States. Of these, 116 had been shot in New Brunswick and 287 in Nova Scotia. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Wills, like most legal documents, are so notorious for their prolixity that it is refreshing to read of the gentleman who lately disposed of all his property, valued at \$271,551, in 17 words. Yet even that does not break records in testamentary brevity. In recent years, probate has been granted to a will bequeathing \$27,000 in 14 words and to another dispensing of a considerable fortune in ten words scribbled in lead pencil. Matthew Arnold, as is well known, compressed his final testament into 13 words, and Sir James Fitz-James did even better, with only nine. The shortest will preserved at Somerset House was written by a clerk on an envelope, and said, "All to mother." But for the greatest pertinence of all, Rabelais is still supreme: "I possess nothing; I owe much; the rest I leave to the poor." — Manchester Guardian.

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