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

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Federal Health Grants

The National Health Plan is just two years old, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the then Prime Minister, having announced the proposal to the House of Commons on May 14th, 1948, to make grants available to the Provinces earmarked for a health survey and for particular projects in national health.

The amounts spent in Prince Edward Island under the various aspects of the plan during the years 1948-49, 1949-50 and the amounts available for 1950-51 are:

- Health Survey, \$5,763; \$4,740; \$4,332.
Crippled Children, \$5,000; \$5,000; \$7,310.
Professional Training, \$7,347; \$7,011; \$7,310.
Hospital Construction, \$38,227; \$36,163; \$92,740.
Venereal Disease, \$7,482; \$7,356; \$7,310.
Mental Health, \$34,664; \$34,020; \$59,098.
Tuberculosis Control, \$34,015; \$43,793; \$56,032.
Public Health Research, \$---; \$250; \$---.
General Public Health, \$23,777; \$36,555; \$42,300.
Cancer Control, \$5,009; \$10,582; \$24,969.
Total, \$161,187; \$180,481; \$301,401.

Grants were approved toward the cost of providing space for 349 1-3 beds in Island hospitals, provision was made for a new mental health clinic here and almost every branch of public health stimulated.

Among the twenty-eight "practical" aspects of the grants claimed in a departmental release, however, is "24. Purchase of ACTH and cortisone for clinical research in Canada." The packing industry, it may be added, has made an enormous contribution in making raw material available almost without cost to the taxpayer.

Scotland Won Her Heart

Miss Madeline M. Carter, a Canadian exchange teacher to Britain, gave some interesting impressions recently of her visit at a meeting of the Edinburgh Women Graduate Teachers' Association. She told her audience: "I have found the people of Scotland more apologetic than anything else."

University Enrolments

Arts, sciences and the professions are not so popular with students as they were at the close of the war. University enrolments have dropped this year from their all-time peak of 85,000 two years ago. However there still are nearly twice as many persons seeking higher education than in pre-war years when enrolments totalled less than 40,000.

Global Statistics

Some striking statistics have been released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization on the magnitude and

distribution of potential food lands not yet exploited by man. Total land area, including inland waters, is given as 33,126,389,086 acres. Of this nearly half—15,604,365,000 is ruled out of consideration, either as built-on area or as wasteland.

It is however the distribution of this reserve which will probably occasion most surprise. The largest area is in Canada taking in 206,654,672 acres. Ethiopia comes next with 158,144,000 followed by India with 139,001,163, Iran with 100,470,860 and the United States with 79,996,154.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Salvation Army Financial Campaign opens.
Guardian Manitoba Flood Relief Fund opened.
Summerside has got ahead of Charlottetown with work on their Federal building.

All contributors are entitled to attend the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Hospital this evening.

The loss of a pulpwood barge, and presumably of its crew of four, on the south coast of Newfoundland after its tow line parted in a storm illustrates the fact that the North Atlantic or even the Gulf of St. Lawrence is no place for barge traffic.

Scotland exported 8,521,000 gallons of whisky in 1949—and the United States and Canada drank 70 per cent of it. The whisky was valued at \$52,466,400 by the Official Review of Industry and Employment issued recently.

Are bottles on the way out? Pepsi-Cola is following the English example of using cans instead of bottles for distribution of their product. An experiment is also being made with beer. Canned beer purchases have increased by more than 440 per cent since the war.

"A balanced community, limited in size and area, limited in density, in close contact with the open country," the American Institute of Architects was told, "is actually the new urban form for our civilization."

British Columbia Progressive Conservatives are anticipating the elevation of Fisheries Minister Mayhew to the Senate. If and when it happens they'll be prepared. The Progressive Conservative Association of Greater Victoria announce plans to call a nomination convention to choose a candidate for the by-election which would result.

British European Airways, having successfully completed six months of experimental mail deliveries by helicopter at night, is now planning the carriage of mail on the world's first regular passenger helicopter services. These will be initiated in Britain during June, with twin rotor machines.

One campaign in which we can all participate is Clean-up Week, now under way throughout the Province. The tourist season will soon be upon us, and spruced-up homes are the best testimonial to our own pride of citizenship and appreciation of the natural advantages which make this Island so attractive to summer visitors.

Exports and imports by way of Newfoundland ports totalled almost \$116,000,000 in the year ended last March 31, Mr. W. J. Browne (P.C.-St. John's West) was told by the Government. Replies to questions from the Newfoundland member said imports were \$22,493,000, exports of Canadian products were \$92,035,000 and exports of foreign products were \$1,404,000.

Mrs. Felicia Dorothea Hemans, English poetess, died this date 1835. At the age of fifteen she published her first book of poems, entitled "Domestic Affections", and a second volume four years later. Her chief works are "The Sceptic", "Vespers of Palermo", "Lays of Many Lands", "Songs of the Affections", "Hymns for Childhood". She is best remembered by three poems, "The Better Land", "The Graves of a Household" and "The Homes of England", which have found an enduring place among English writings.

The Poet's Corner

THE GROUND-SWELL

Three times we heard it calling with a low insistent note; at ebb-tide on the moon; And at the hour of dusk, when the red moon was rising and the tide was on the flow; Then at the hour of midnight once again, Though we had entered in and shut the door And drawn the blinds, it crept up from the shore And smote upon a bedroom window-pane; Then passed away as some dull pang, that grew Out of the void before Eternity Had fashioned out an edge for human grief; Before the winds of God had learned to strew His harvest-sweepings on a winter sea To feed the primal hunger of a reef.

-E. J. Pratt

Old Charlottetown

DISASTROUS STORM

"One of the most dreadful gales ever experienced in this climate, at this season of the year, visited the Island on Sunday afternoon. Just as the storm seemed to abate an intensely violent tornado burst upon us, tearing up old and powerful trees as if they had been young saplings, shaking others like reeds, and releasing several vessels from their moorings at the wharves. A boat in which were two young lads named John Walsh and Bernard McGear was swamped a short distance from the Ferry Wharf, and if it had not been for the promptness of Capt. Johnston, of the Ferry Steamer, both would have been lost. On seeing the accident he jumped into his own boat, and succeeded in rescuing McGear, but before he could reach the other lad, he sank and perished. He was only 15 years old, and was a son of Mr. Thomas Walsh, master mariner, of this place.

"Another boat in which were several boys, was swamped off McGill's wharf. All succeeded in reaching the shore except a lad named William Wann, 11 years old, who had not strength enough to breast the waves, and was snatched away within sight of his companions. "But the most melancholy casualty we have to relate, as a result of this storm, is the death of Frederick Goodman, Esq., son of the Hon. G. R. Goodman, former Collector of Customs of this port, and a young woman named Ann Maloney, a daughter of Mr. Maloney, at the west end of this city. Mr. Goodman was coming to town in a small boat from St. Peter's Island, where he had lately purchased a farm, and was about setting with his family, and had kindly offered a passage to Miss Maloney, who was on a visit to some friends at the Island, when his boat was upset off Holland's Cove, and both were drowned."

-The Examiner, August 8, 1859

"Atlantic Provinces"

(Saint John Telegraph Journal)

Hon. James F. Chalker, health minister of Newfoundland, who visited New Brunswick a couple of days ago, makes the suggestion that Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should be known collectively as the "Atlantic Provinces."

In the mind of the average man, that phrase is more likely to include Newfoundland than is the expression, "Maritime Provinces," which by long usage has come to mean only Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Undoubtedly, it's convenient to have a short way of designating the seaboard region just as it is convenient at times to be able to refer to Quebec and Ontario as the "Central Provinces" or "Central Canada," and to refer to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta as the "Prairie Provinces."

But while it has merits, the label, "Atlantic Provinces," should not be overworked. In the past, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have so often been styled the "Maritime Provinces" or the "Maritimes" that people elsewhere in Canada have mentally lumped the three provinces together and forgotten that each has its own attractions, its own character, its own problems.

This mental lumping has progressed to a point where federal government reports frequently give statistics for the "Maritime Provinces" rather than separate sets of figures for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Yet conditions in the three provinces vary so such statistics are worthless.

They will be even more worthless in future if Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island statistics are scrambled under the one heading, "Atlantic Provinces." Then, too, our fellow Canadians west of New Brunswick are likely to get more muddled—if possible—than they are now about seaboard geography.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

For the first 11 months of 1949 more than \$100,000,000 in construction was spent in Alberta.



"A tourist asks for good food and clean beds. These added together with the beautiful Island beaches give you a tourist attraction which is almost impossible to equal." D. Leo Dolan, Director, Canadian Travel Bureau.

Scottish Home Rule Assembly

(By Wilted Taylor)

EDINBURGH — The Scottish Convention, the body which six months ago launched the Covenant calling for Home Rule in Scotland, is going to issue bearer bonds carrying interest at 4 1/2 per cent and repayable 12 months after a Scottish Parliament meets for the first time in Edinburgh. That was far and away the most dramatic piece of news to come out of the Fourth National Assembly which met in the Scottish capital recently.

This gesture, very Scottish in its business-like approach, is as striking a proof as one could wish for, that the Covenanters are determined to get Home Rule and get it quickly. It is part of the campaign to raise a 100,000 pound "Victory Fund". Up to now the Covenant campaign has been conducted almost entirely on a voluntary basis, and until a few weeks ago the Covenant Committee had employed only one paid agent.

About 1,000 delegates accepted invitations to attend the Assembly. They came from all parts of Scotland — from Shetland in the north to Stranraer in the south. They represented all sections of Scottish life from dukes to working men from Glasgow, from the church to the law, from industry to art and literature.

Some of the most effective and eloquent speeches came from trade union delegates. On the day before the Assembly was held the Scottish Trades Union Congress, meeting in Rothesay, had turned down, by a large majority, a Home Rule resolution. This proposal was a southern speech from one trade unionist who pointed out that on 52 previous occasions the Scottish TUC had supported Home Rule. He gave figures, which, he claimed, showed the majority vote had been strongly influenced by visiting TUC delegates from England. Another Socialist passionately expressed his contempt for the present Socialist leaders in Scotland.

One of the interesting people present at the Assembly was the young Countess of Fife who, at the age of 24, is hereditary High Constable of Scotland, and in virtue of this office, takes precedence over every other Scot. Hector McNeil, the Secretary of State for Scotland, was not at the Assembly. It would have been difficult for him, because of his office, to be present but it is possible that, despite what he may say in Parliament, Mr. McNeil is very much interested in the Home Rule movement and is not prepared, like his predecessor, Mr. Woodburn, to treat it as a joke.

The 1950 Budget

(C.B. of Commerce Summary)

The Dominion Government will spend \$2.4 billion this fiscal year—more than the total national debt in the prosperous days of 1923-24—according to the April issue of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Monthly Commercial Letter. In fact the Minister of Finance suggested that this might well be the least the Government would spend yearly in future, given social security at present levels and no relaxation of international tension.

Analyzing the recent 1950 Federal budget, the Bank's letter draws attention to the extent to which capacity to pay taxes has increased in Canada during the past 25 years. This is shown by the growth of na-

Voice of a Child

(Windsor Star)

Rules are very strict in the galleries of the Commons at Ottawa. One must keep quiet, so as not to disturb the debates taking place. And, except for the section reserved for the press, it is forbidden even to take notes.

So members of the House would be startled to hear the voice of a child call out "Daddy." It was that of three-year-old Rosalind Sinclair, daughter of Mr. James Sinclair, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance, who was piloting budget resolutions through the House.

Little Rosalind, of course, wouldn't understand the rules or the reasons for them. She would only know that it was her Daddy down below that she loved him, and wanted him to look up at her. She had no hesitancy about calling to him, speaking what came into her little mind and heart.

Three-year-old girls are uninhibited, they do not attempt to dissemble their feelings. If they want to hug or kiss a man, or pat his cheek or pull his hair, they do it—without any sense of embarrassment or shame. It is only as little girls grow up into big girls that they learn—probably out of wisdom—to disguise their feelings; to say "no" when they only mean "maybe."

Little Rosalind has a lot to learn about life, and some of it will be unpleasant. But her Daddy, national income and its companion indicator, gross national production. But, the Letter points out, at this stage of Canada's economic development it should be kept in mind that taxes have both increasing and diminishing results in yield and goods produced. It depends on the extent of their application. Debt charges, social security and national defence must all be paid for out of Canada's stock-pile of goods and services. If outlay for one or more of these is to be bigger, then productivity in many segments of our economy must increase.

Proper taxing is necessary, but alone cannot achieve the desired results. Labour, machines, management and all other factors that make Canada wealthy must produce more. Federal policy should develop and protect an economic climate in which imagination and creative drive-forces inherent in all business and industry—can be given fullest scope.

The Age-Old Story

Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy.

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Notes By The Way - The past winter showed that horses can be worth their weight in gold at times when snows are so deep that tractors and trucks won't operate. In some South Alberta towns the past winter the team and the old-fashioned "jumper" was the farm family's only means of getting to town for supplies and mail. However, necessity has always been the mother of invention, and if the horse disappears we may expect that tractor tractors and automobiles will be developed which will beat the snow in winter. If such an invention appears, it will mean another push over the cliff for the horse, who will find his realm of usefulness pretty well confined to the ranch—where the automobile hasn't yet been invented which will do the job of a well-trained cow-horse. —Lethbridge Herald.

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