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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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St. Dunstan's Closing

For an institution which is observing its ninety-seventh anniversary, St. Dunstan's University is remarkably youthful and vigorous. Its years rest lightly upon it, and the traditions which it has accumulated, and which make it venerable to all associated with it, have enabled it also to serve successive generations with increasing efficiency, both in the modern sciences and in the more thoroughly tested paths of the humanities.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more, But more of reverence in us dwell; That mind and soul, according well, May make one music as before, But vaster..."

This combination of light and learning is what higher education means. Its practical advantages are obvious and important, but less obvious and much more important is the training in character building, in the acquisition of an adequate philosophy of life based on Christian ethics and principles.

Today's graduating class, and students generally, are to be congratulated upon their opportunities as well as their efforts during the past year. The education they have acquired should be of value not only to themselves, but to the community at large.

Clean Up

Like others across Canada the Souris Board of Trade is pushing the idea of a clean-up week with the result that the Town Council has named the present week for that purpose.

Much will be done by the Council and the Board members to make the pretty King's County port attractive to visitors and a reason for pride to the townspeople, but the success of the project depends upon the general support given by individual property holders and organizations such as the Boy Scouts, school classes, firemen, fishermen and others.

It is a cliché that many shoulders make light burdens but to have a community present its most attractive appearance there is no satisfactory substitute for having everyone pitch in and do a share.

"No Use Pretending"

In the opinion of Mr. Gaitskell, British Labor Chancellor of the Exchequer, the people receiving dividends, rents and interest cannot supply the answer to the tax gatherer's needs. "It is no use pretending," he says, "that large additional sums can now be raised exclusively from wealthy people..."

The Labor Party, in its pamphlet on "This Cost of Living Business," faces the facts no less plainly. Of wages and salaries, it says: "About 60 per cent of the value of the nation's output is the cost of wages and salaries. Changes in wages and salaries, therefore, have a profound effect on prices."

Of "distributed profits" (that is to say, dividends) the Labor Party's pamphlet says: "A reduction in distributed profit could do little to reduce prices. They are a very small part of the cost of any item..."

Of the real answer, the party pamphlet says: "Increased productivity is the only way to get more of the things we want at reasonable prices."

This represents a complete volte face on the part of British socialists. The Labor Party of the United Kingdom is learning the hard way what their capitalist oppon-

ents have been maintaining all along. It is interesting also to note, according to the same Mr. Gaitskell, that the proportion of dividends, rents and interest in the total of personal British incomes has dropped conspicuously since 1938. In that year they constituted 34 per cent of total personal incomes. But in 1950 they amounted to only 25 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Trade talks with the United Kingdom reopen in Ottawa today. Proceedings will be closely followed in the West Indies where trade and currency are closely linked with United Kingdom.

Some suspicious minds see in the recent complaint of coin-vending machine operators against the steel five-cent piece merely a preliminary to adjusting their contrivances to accept only dimes.

The first Maritime ecumenical conference gets under way at Halifax today. Probably the general public would better understand the aims of the conference if it were called general, universal, catholic or world-wide rather than mysteriously ecumenical.

Col. Charles Augustus Lindbergh, American flyer, arrived in Paris from New York by air this date 1927. He had flown solo 3,647 miles in thirty-three hours and twenty-nine minutes to win a prize of \$25,000 offered since 1919. His plane was "The Spirit of St. Louis."

"What is the difference between the Province levying a one, two or three per cent sales tax," says Premier Angus L. Macdonald, "and the Dominion levying a ten per cent sales tax?" It is not, of course, the difference that concerns the taxpayer but the sum.

The Mayor of Charlottetown has had his monetary return from the office frozen at \$325 since 1855 when the capital was incorporated. As teachers' salaries in 1874 ranged from \$113.56 to \$324.44, it would seem that the chief magistrate is entitled to an increase to at least the present salary of a school principal.

A New South Wales, Australia, farmer found a new use for a milking machine. He was bitten on the toe by a snake, and having no means of extracting or sucking out the poison, he quickly scarified the wound and started up his milking machine, attaching a teat cup to his infected toe. The machine removed both blood and poison, and is reported to have saved his life.

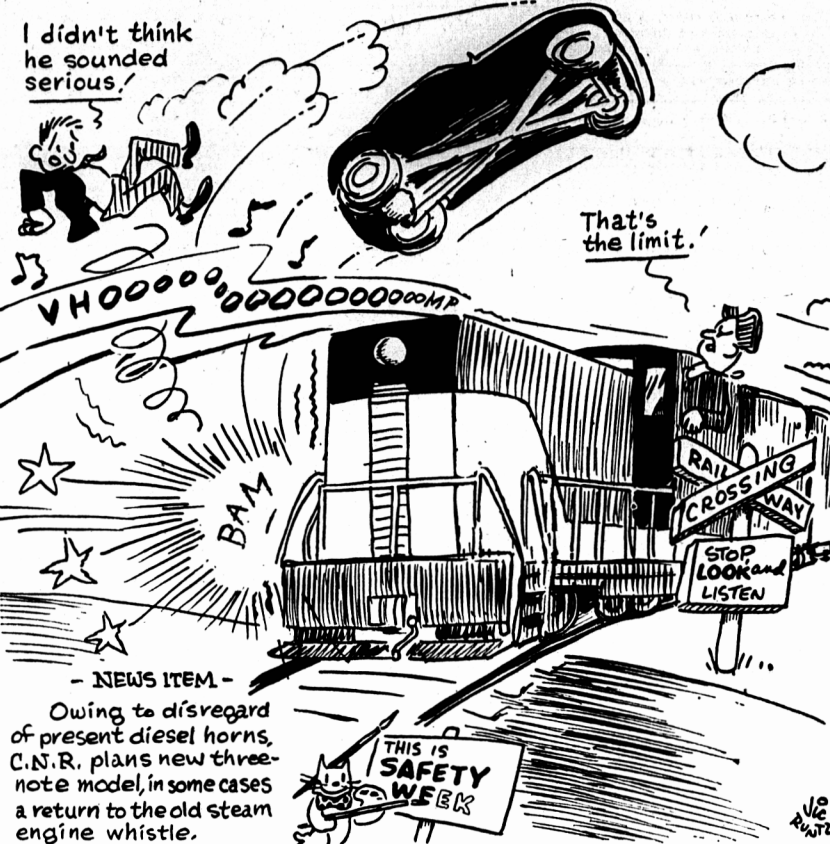
Word from Brandon, writes an Ottawa correspondent of The Gazette, is that the by-election there will be fought squarely on the wheat issue. By the time that the votes are counted, Parliament will have a pretty fair idea what the West (or part of it, at any rate) really thinks about payments under the British wheat contract and, subsequently, under the international wheat agreement.

There is no longer any doubt in the House of Commons that the C. C. F., led by Mr. Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) intend to continue the divorce bill filibuster until the provinces of Newfoundland and Quebec arrange to take their divorce business elsewhere. Unless they change their minds under heavy pressure, few divorce bills from these two provinces will be passed during the rest of this session.

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A Change Of Tune



Owing to disregard of present diesel horns, C.N.R. plans new three-note model, in some cases a return to the old steam engine whistle.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VISIT

The Governor General of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Sir John Young, arrived here in the Canadian steamer Napoleon III shortly after sunset on Wednesday. His Excellency is accompanied by Lady Young, Sir George E. Cartier, Colonel MacNeill, military secretary, Mr. Turnville, private secretary, and Mr. Ponsoby.

"The majority of the people of this Island believe that the Governor General has come here for the special purpose of endeavouring to bring the Island into the Confederacy. We beg to assure them that such is not the fact, and that Sir John Young is only visiting the various provinces under his government, among which is included Prince Edward Island, without any special political object."

The Age-Old Story

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or do thy faithfuls round about thee? The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Toward A Better World

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Those Taxes

(C. B. of Commerce Letter)

A straight 20 per cent surcharge on the present personal income tax becomes effective on 1 July, and is expected to yield an additional \$85 million. Sundry minor amendments to the Income Tax Act, including a deductible allowance for certain medical expenses, trade union and professional membership dues, and lump sum accumulations of income, are provided for.

The estimated revenues are predicted on a gross national production of \$20 billion in the present calendar year, an increase of 12 per cent over last year. The attainment of this figure is contingent upon either or both of two developments, the one individual, the other highly desirable, namely, a comparable increase in prices and/or increased production.

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The Poet's Corner

THE ASPIRING SCHOLAR

When first the college rolls receive his name, The young enthusiast quits his ease for fame; Resists the fever of renown, Caught from the strong contagion of the gown;

Yet hope not life from grief or danger free, Nor think the doom of man reversed for thee. Deign on the passing world to turn thine eyes, And pause awhile from letters, to be wise. There mark what ills the scholar's life assail—Toll, envy, want, the patron and the jail. See nations slowly wise, and meanly just. If dreams yet flatter, once again attend: Hear Lydian's life and Galilee's end. —Samuel Johnson (1709—1784.)

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Notes By The Way

It is high time our postal authorities woke up to the importance of well-designed postage stamps, not only for the commemorative issues, but also for the ordinary current stamps, which are very poor. These stamps find their way into every corner of the globe, and are a miserable advertisement for Canada. Almost anything is better than this dead level of dullness and ineptitude which is the keynote of present issues.

The Government might subsidize travelling expenses for students. This brings the thought that instead of the Province financing a university in the North, the projected appropriation might be used to build a residence for Northern students which they could occupy while attending Toronto University or any university the authorities may select. Here students could be assured of accommodation at very reasonable rates, together with a government rebate on actual travelling expenses from hometown to university town.

Phineas Taylor Barnum has been dead these 60 years now but his sage saying "There's one born every minute" is as true as it ever was in the great showman's heyday. As witness the hundreds of unsuspecting visitors to a Festival of Britain exhibit the other day, who cheerfully forked over two shillings and received in exchange a pretty little button, neatly wrapped up in a green leaf, all unknowing that they were buying the season's first dandelions. Not but what the buyers weren't possibly getting good value for their money. For the dandelion is a pretty flower. —(Regina Leader-Post).

Finance Minister Abbott in a speech urged Canadian workmen to put in 40 minutes a day more so as to increase production by 10 per cent and help avert "the grave danger and calamity of runaway inflation. That same night several trade union leaders, without, of course, taking time to sound the opinions of their mem-

bers, flatly rejected the proposition. It is not only inflation that has to be considered at this time. We have to arm ourselves and the Atlantic Pact countries as fast as we can to prevent another gigantic war, or to fight one if necessary. There is no time to lose. This is no time for standing firmly by hard-won concessions. Canada and other pact countries, are on a wartime economy now. If we were to lose the next war those concessions would be wiped out. Better do out utmost today to preserve them than have to fight a long and devastating war a year or more hence. It might be too late then. —(St. Thomas Times-Journal).

Every year street accidents cause the death of more children than does disease. In spite of safety campaigns and safety organizations, statistics reveal that four children a day lost their lives in traffic accidents in Canada. Certainly the imprudence of motorists and the daring of children must be taken into account, but the fact remains that parents have also their share of responsibility. It is their duty to correct, by a tentative and constant oversight, the often fatal heedlessness of their children. The street is not a place where children should play. Too many parents show themselves indifferent in this matter and that is exactly what explains the frightful number of youngsters who are killed, or wounded for life. —(Le Progress de Hull).

In Kirkland Lake and throughout Northern Ontario there is evident no enthusiastic response to the promise of a university for the North. Most residents, graduates, teachers, housewives, students share the belief that it is better for Northern students to take advantage of established universities where standards are known and maintained. Decentralization, it is suggested, would pose awkward problems of administration, while if the university were centred in any one town there would be little financial advantage for students in other centres, coming from say Sudbury to Kirkland Lake, as compared to going from Sudbury to Toronto. Principal Joseph Ord of Kirkland Lake Collegiate suggests that if a million dollars were set aside for a Northern university, the money might better be split up into bursaries to enable Northern students to attend old-established institutions. It was intimated, too, that

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