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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Mobilizing Reserves

The fact that Canada's latest step in creating a fighting force is based primarily on the Reserve Army should provide a great boost to the morale of that body. It is a thankless task at best to devote time which can be ill spared from recreation or from earning a living to preparing oneself for service in case of need. It would be completely discouraging if when the need arose the painstakingly trained and organized reserves were ignored in order to create new formations for the particular job on hand.

Such was the case with the 25th Brigade, but now the Government recognizes that it has in existence a valuable organization of trained troops and proposes to use them as the backbone of a proposed brigade group for European or other service. The new brigade will benefit and at the same time the Canadian Army (Reserve) will have reason to set its own worth at a new high.

Strange Case Of John Matheson

When Hitler's armies invaded Poland way back in 1939, John Matheson was a garage mechanic in Toronto. He remained so employed until 1943, when he went into partnership in a small way with two friends. His income tax returns for 1943, 1944 and 1945 listed him as a partner in the business. He left the firm in 1945, and in 1948 it became bankrupt, but owing a substantial sum in income tax to the Federal Government.

Back at his \$42 a week job as a garage mechanic, Matheson was notified that as a partner in the now bankrupt firm from which he had not bothered to formally withdraw, he owed the Department of National Revenue \$13,338 in tax arrears. Federal revenue officials slapped a garnishee order on his pay envelope. For months Matheson was forced to take odd jobs to escape wage garnishees for the tax arrears arising from the bankrupt partnership.

An Ontario court has now ruled that Matheson be declared a bankrupt himself. At the same time the Court has declared that a bankrupt cannot "be followed to the grave" by the Crown for collection of unpaid taxes, nor can the heirs be pursued for these debts.

It is indeed a parody of justice that a man should be persecuted to the point of starvation and deprived of his right to earn a livelihood because of a tax debt he is unable to pay by reason of the bankruptcy of a firm in which he happens to be a partner. The Ontario court has provided the only solution possible under the law in declaring Matheson a bankrupt. It is a tragic paradox, however, that existing tax legislation provides no escape for those who through no fault of their own find themselves in bankruptcy.

Canadian Culture

According to Mr. R. B. Thomas of the department of research and development, Canadian National Railways, although Canada may not dominate the world by size, economic strength, armed might or population, it is second to no country in the world of ideas, humanity and graceful living. So he told the Kivans in New York.

Speaking at the club's Good Neighbor Day luncheon, Mr. Thomas said, "A nation's cultural development is a valid method of appraising that nation's individuality. Canadian arts are, on the whole, not well known in the United States, but they are flourishing and are distinctively Canadian."

Commenting on the friendship that exists between Canada and the United States, he added that they share "the distinction of having the highest standard of living the world has ever known."

Herod's Palace

The historian Josephus records that Herod built a palace at Jericho. There was until recently, however, no trace of it in the vicinity, which is not surprising since the area has been silted over for centuries to varying depths from the overshadowing mountain. The silt might still be cherishing its secret, says an exchange, but for the fact that local farmers began cultivating tomatoes as a winter crop.

According to the record, Herod murdered his brother-in-law, Aristobalus, in the palace at Jericho. Various other relatives

and associates also withered under his tyrannical hand. His walls, nearly 2,000 years later, had a similar effect on tomato plants. Elsewhere in the fields they flourished but along the line of the buried walls where the soil was sparse, they dried up and the lines of barren plants revealed the secret to excavators.

The palace, almost as large as a football field, is the largest yet uncovered in Palestine and recoveries from the site are extremely valuable. According to Josephus, it was burned on Herod's death and rebuilt by his son. Findings of the archaeologists appear to bear this out.

When the palace fell into disuse, much of the stone including some fine cornice work was ripped out and used to repair the ancient Roman road from Jerusalem to Jericho. This is the same road mentioned in the New Testament story of the Good Samaritan and from it last year came some of the richest recoveries of the archaeologists.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Recruiting is now the order of the day. Let them all come!

The milk producers and vendors are facing critical times and their meeting tonight will hold more than ordinary interest.

Premier Jones joins Canon Malone and the Hon. G. D. DeBlois as the latest additions to our distinguished University citizens at home.

An eruption of Mont Pelee this date 1902 destroyed the town of St. Pierre, Martinique, with all its inhabitants, some 26,000 lives being lost.

The Veterans' parade Sunday was a success, and was witnessed by a large number of citizens. But there could have been a larger turnout of the "Old Brigades" just for "Auld Lang Syne."

The debate in Ottawa on power for the Provinces to impose a sales tax is the only effective consideration that it will be given. It would be unheard of for the Parliament at Westminster to alter the amendments as proposed by Ottawa.

Now General MacArthur has been offered five million dollars to write his memoirs. The way to literary success, it seems, is not to write but to so act as to assure a vast market for anything that one might write.

Nothing like taking precautions when ashore. A merchant seaman in Torquay, England, explained why he has three red reflectors and a horn strapped to his suitcase. "There's no excuse for any motorist knocking me down."

The third party of British airmen to come to Canada for advanced training will leave Thursday and Friday. The contingent comprises 31 pilots and 23 navigators. They all are pilot officers who have finished initial training in Britain. Since January, 89 pilots and 48 navigators have come to the R. C. A. F. training schools at Gimli, Man., and Summerside, P. E. I.

What about us? Hope for an early announcement of a "fair share of defence contracts for ship construction and repairing" for the Saint John area was expressed in a letter from Mr. Daniel A. Riley, M.P. for Saint John-Albert, read to the meeting of the Saint John Trades and Labor Council last week. Mr. Riley said he was expecting word daily.

St. Peter's Cathedral Monthly records that the use of incense was retained at Ely Cathedral up to the end of the eighteenth century. Its disuse was not connected with any liturgical principle. Mr. T. Francis Bumpus states: "Canon Metcalfe and Prebendary Green persuaded the Dean and Chapter to discontinue the use of incense, the former because he was troubled by asthmatic tendencies, and the latter — a 'fincalmán' — because it spoiled the odour of his snuff."

The British Food Ministry, whose contract last year for 77,000,000 pounds of Canadian cheese was not filled, will buy all the cheese it can this year from Canada, officials of Ontario Cheese Producers' Association report. Two members of the British Food Mission, Sir Andrew Jones and W. J. Rodden, were in Toronto to negotiate a new contract with the Ontario association, headed by C. N. Heath of Belleville. Members of the Cheese Producers' group said they are seeking an increase over last year's price, when Britain paid 25 cents a pound and the Canadian Government paid a three-cent subsidy. Producers said that because supplies are insufficient and because last year's contract for 77,000,000 pounds was not filled, no similar figure will be agreed on this year. Negotiations on a contract will continue this week in Belleville.



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.

A PATRIARCHAL VOTER

Sir,—It was with great interest that we read in The Guardian of recent date of an aged lady from Coleman, Mrs. Hannah Rogerson, having voted in her ninety-ninth year. We, the citizens of Emsdale congratulate Mrs. Rogerson and hope that she may be spared to cast many more ballots. However, we would like to do a wee bit of boasting ourselves, and congratulate our grand old century-man, Mr. Alexander Cameron, who when asked how old he was last summer, said "I'll be ninety-nine Christmas day, the day all good men were born."

SUNRISE

I saw the shining-limbed Apollo stand, Exultant, on the rim of Orient, And well and mightily his bow he bent, And unseemly the arrow left his hand, Far on it sped, as did those elder ones That long ago shed plague upon the Greek— Far on—and pierced the side of Night, who weak And out of breath with fright, fled to his sons, The nether ghosts; and lo! his jewelled robe No more did shade a sleep encircled world; And thereupon the mery legions furled The silk of silence, and the wheeling globe Spun freer on its grand, accustomed way While all things living rose to hail the day.

The Poet's Corner

—W. D. Lighthall.

FIRST MAYOR

—Jacques Viger, antiquarian, was elected the first mayor of Montreal in 1832.

The Age-Old Story

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. . . . By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. . . . The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Five-Star Prima Donnas

(Ottawa Journal) Like so many others who held high military posts in World War II, General Bradley has written a book, and some of its chapters are being published as a magazine serial. Bradley in 1944 was commander of the United States 12th Army Group, now is chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. In December that year the Germans, desperate and still dangerous, drove a sly deep into the Allied lines in Belgium and the Battle of the Bulge followed. Under General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander, Field Marshal Montgomery was put in command of British and American forces on the northern side of the bulge and the German drive was stopped. Bradley came briefly under Montgomery's command, and when it was rumored that Monty might be made Allied ground commander Bradley went to Eisenhower with an ultimatum. Bradley quotes himself as saying to the Supreme Commander (whom he says he called Ike): "I cannot serve under Montgomery. If he is put in command of all ground forces you must send me home. . . . This is one thing I cannot take." "The flushed," writes the General, "he stiffened in his chair and eyed me hotly." And no wonder! What he was thinking, one imagines, is just what Bradley would have thought, and said, had one of his private soldiers said to him, "General, I just can't stand this corporal, and if he is to stay you'll have to send me home. This is one thing I cannot take."

The incident illustrates the troubles of a commander whose forces are from more than one country. The tactful Eisenhower had to make an effective team out of elements which included the cautious and perhaps arrogant Montgomery—a personal world here then because of his famous defeat of Rommel in the African deserts under the overall command of the more modest Alexander—and the temperamental Bradley who said, like a spoiled child, that if he couldn't have his own way he just wouldn't play. And now, in the command of forces from a dozen countries building up their strength to face Communism in Europe, General Eisenhower has the same sort of job—only more of it. The difficulties of integrating the units of a United Nations army are bound to test the skill of a man of even Eisenhower's proved capacity, because he encounters, and must take account of, national jealousies which are but natural, he comes up against old rivalries and suspicions constantly with conditions which lions and hatreds. He must deal can be not only a source of embarrassment but an actual menace to the success of the enterprise.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BONDED WAREHOUSE BILL

Legislative Assembly, March 20, 1830: Mr. Owen rose to move for the appointment of a committee to bring in the heads of a Bill to establish a bonded warehouse in Charlottetown, for goods liable to duty. A brick store, he thought, could be built for \$500, capable of containing 600 casks; the expense of which would be saved in four years, in warehouse rent, and in the check given to smuggling, which the appointment of a gauger would produce—besides avoiding the risk of loss, by casual failures in the payment of bonds, under the present system, which he estimated at one per cent of the annual revenue. After paying the salaries of the gauger and warehouseman, which offices might be combined in one person, and allowing forty pounds for the rent of a suitable building, until one was erected, there would be a clear saving to the revenue, by adopting the bonded system, instead of the existing mode of giving credit on bonds or recognizances, according to a calculation which he had carefully made, and which he submitted to the House, of £100 per annum. The quantity of rum and other liquors annually landed at Charlottetown was about six hundred casks, a considerable portion of which would go into the warehouse; and it was notorious that smuggling was carried on to a great extent, which rendered the appointment of an efficient preventive officer highly necessary. The motion was agreed to, and a committee to prepare a Bill appointed.

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Notes By The Way

High-frequency sound waves are to be used in the pasteurization of milk. Some of the language occasioned by price conflicts might well curdle it. — London Free Press.

The British House of Commons received reports on the state of affairs in two towns in Wales. Good news came from Mynyddislwyn, which has completed its 500th new house since the end of the war. Bad news came from Rhoslanerchrugog. A petition from churchwomen complained that Sunday drinking was going on in the army drill hall; they wanted it stopped. Welshmen are said to be able to pronounce both Mynyddislwyn and Rhoslanerchrugog. — New York Herald Tribune.

Great Britain is an example of a country in which gambling is largely legalized, and there is comparatively little illegal gambling there. Furthermore, there is little or no organized crime or criminal activity of the nature of that associated with illegal gambling in the United States, and, to a lesser extent, in this country. Would the broadening of legal gambling in Ontario produce something similar to the general gambling situation in Britain? — Kingston Whig-Standard.

The long negotiations surrounding the Aluminum Co. of Canada's \$500 million project in the Tweedsmuir Park area have made the final "go-ahead" signal something of an anti-climax. But the formal announcement of the company's decision has tremendous implications for British Columbia's economy has long rested basically on natural resource industries—lumbering, mining, fishing and farming. These industries have always been vulnerable to fluctuations in world markets. When there was no demand for raw products our economy suffered. Now we are broadening the base of our economy to include the secondary industries that can provide a "cushion" for hard times. — Vancouver Province.

The Herald has been suggesting for more than a year that our surplus natural gas is going to bring new industries to the Province. One of these, we indicated, would likely be sulphur plants. Recently two oil companies which realize as yet just what oil and natural gas — and eventually coal — are going to do in helping us build secondary industry. Watch the next ten years for the great, and soundest secondary industry development in Alberta's history. — From Lethbridge Herald.

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