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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.

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Young Canada's Book Week

A distinguished artist is patron of "Young Canada Book Week" this year. Dr. Arthur Lismer, R.C.A., LL.D., is one of the most outstanding of the "group of seven" and, what is more to the point at this time, is also an able educationalist.

It is appropriate that the week should be under the patronage of one not primarily associated with literature for the great point of book week is to open the eyes of youngsters to the pleasure which can be added to what they already enjoy through the reading of books.

During book week librarians will be making special efforts to introduce youngsters to good literature. In this Province we are especially fortunate in library facilities and in the interested and helpful librarians who serve the reading public.

The fear is frequently expressed that with mass communications and entertainment we may tend to regress into a herd. The love of reading, however, is the greatest of all antidotes to such a tendency.

Russian Scholars in New York

One serious disadvantage about living under a dictatorship is the ultra-careful way in which travellers to other countries are obliged to measure their words.

The Charlottetown Police fund of benevolence will receive the proceeds of tagging today. However unpopular the other variety of police tags may be citizens will welcome the opportunity of recognizing the high sense of duty of their policemen past and present.

It is more than likely that, when they got back home, the visiting scholars will be subjected to rigid examination concerning their stay among the "capitalistic bourgeoisie"; but one thing they cannot be charged with is verbal indiscretion.

In Chinese Hands Again

Russians, abandoning Port Arthur to their Chinese allies next June, look back over their shoulders at the scene of a crushing defeat. There on Manchuria's southern tip, recalls the National Geographic Society, Japanese forces in 1901 smashed the Czar's elaborate forts and destroyed his Pacific fleet in one of the most ghastly siege actions of modern times.

On a latitude approximately that of Lisbon and Washington, Port Arthur has a magnificent harbor with an opening only 300 yards wide. Because it is free of ice the year around, Chinese Manchu emperors made it a naval station, beginning about the time of the American Civil War.

From 1898 until Japan returned with troops and ships of war in 1904 the Russians turned Port Arthur into a "Gibraltar of the Pacific", bristling with guns and connected by rail with the new Trans-Siberian Railway to the north. Japan held

the port from 1904 until the close of World War II, when by terms of the Yalta agreement it fell under Russian control. Now, with Soviet withdrawal in favor of China, the wheel of Far Eastern power politics comes full circle at Port Arthur.

No one in the West knows precisely what inspires the Russians to leave the port. Rumor says the Soviets have turned Dairen, 20 miles north, into a formidable submarine base, with pens so strong they would be impervious to atomic attack—and Russia plans to remain in Dairen.

Pain Requires Concentration

Every mother knows that the most effective way of stopping a child from crying after being hurt is to give the youngster something else to think about. The Canadian Medical Association Journal carries an interesting article by Dr. K. A. Yonge, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Saskatchewan, which gives scientific basis to the phenomenon.

Experiments have shown, he writes, that distraction may prevent a person from feeling pain as soon as he normally would. Suggestion and hypnosis also decreased susceptibility to pain. A feeling of guilt, on the other hand, can bring about pain by occasioning self-punishment to relieve the guilt.

A little reflection will recall instances which bear out the theory. We all know of athletes or soldiers who have carried on practically oblivious to pain until the incident which absorbed their attention was over. Work requiring intense concentration is frequently sought as a means of relieving pain, although in many cases the result rather is failure to concentrate.

It would seem that we must pay attention to pain in order to feel it, just as it is necessary to deliberately look or listen in order to see or hear. In practice, most people form the habit of looking and listening a great deal but it is not unusual for a person intent upon a scene to be deaf to the remarks of a companion. There can be few husbands or wives who have not had to repeat a perfectly clear question to their other half who was immersed in a book.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 22nd Sunday after Trinity, the 23rd after Pentecost.

Immigration is up to 126,853 for the first nine months of this year from 125,098 a year ago. Prince Edward Island's share of new Canadians totals 94, not exactly a flood but enough to make us feel that we are part of a young and growing country.

The British Trawlers Federation is reviving the popularity of codfish with the theme that according to scientists cod is sustaining but not fattening, and is therefore an aid to slimming. Times have changed. Formerly it was considered sufficiently enticing to say that fish was a brain food.

Shakespeare is not only cultural but profitable the Stratford Shakespearean Festival has discovered. The productions of the bard's works have been enormously popular and it is now reported that the Festival made a net profit of \$36,286 during the past season.

It is almost ludicrous but Sir Winston Churchill's Government is concerned for its continued existence because of chicken pox. A Conservative M. P. went down with it having first come in close contact with a number of others including the Prime Minister.

Pandit ("Wise Man") Jarwahrial Nehru, Prime Minister of India, will be 65 tomorrow. Like his father, he is a lawyer and Indian nationalist. Despite a total of 13 years in prison there is no bitterness in his character and his appeal is rather to the affectionate side of human nature than to the aggressive side.

The finding of the British War Office that a fake Victoria Cross was sold in New York arouses mixed feelings. It is a case of people trafficking in things which should not be objects of commerce being taken in. The original, which was won by Private Timothy O'Hara for putting out a fire in an ammunition train between Quebec and Montreal, is in a British military museum.

This is election day in New Zealand. The National Government had 50 seats in the last House and Labour 30. The trend has for some time been towards heavier majorities for the Government but no one knows what effect Social Credit will have in this first election it is seriously contesting.

The Conservatives have been predicting a sweep of all three but

Advertisement for Island Art Activities featuring a cartoon of a man with a briefcase labeled 'ISLAND ART ACTIVITIES' and 'EXHIBITIONS SKETCHING CLASSES HANDICRAFT'. Text includes 'YOU TOO CAN MAKE LIKE CHURCHILL, IKE OR GRANMA MOSES' and 'For More Local Colour'.

ATLANTIC LETTER An Era Opens In N. S.

The first indication of the trend of Nova Scotia's new political era will come Nov. 16 in three scattered by-elections. The great importance of the Liberal Party is the influence of the era that has just passed, notably the man who dominated it, the late Premier Angus L. Macdonald. It's a mark of the length and the strength of the Angus L. era that men and women of 21 will cast their first ballots this time in a Province that has been Liberal since the year they were born.

Sometimes the length of time a woman can keep a secret depends on how quickly she can reach a phone. The North Bay Nugget has a picture of two young-looking grandmothers who won top awards in the ladies' croquet saw contest at the Burks Falls Fair.

Michigan's 65-year-old Senator Homer Ferguson, rejected by the electorate after 25 years in public life, is said to feel dejected and possibly a little bitter. Perhaps he can draw some consolation from the experience of Prime Minister Churchill, who was rejected at 71, after half a century of service, but came back.

Mr. Hicks was a surprise winner a fifth-ballot choice over the favored Harold Conolly. To and out- sider, the convention snatched a vote of division that of vigorous party life. In fact, Mr. Hicks appears to have struck the most responsive chord when he cried that the time has come for the party to stop living on its past and to strike forward into the future.

Mr. Hicks selected the by-elections as the first battleground of the new era within hours of taking office. They are admirably scattered for a cross-section test. One riding is in the agricultural Annapolis Valley, one in rural Cape Breton, the third in Halifax. The first has been a tossup recently. The others have been comfortably Liberal but both fell well within the shadow of Angus L. He was born in one, sat for the other, the Halifax South seat that is the key one here.

Belleville hockey lovers cannot complain about the coming winter's menu. A senior group which has 168 games on its regular schedule, twenty-four home games and twenty-four away games for each team, certainly offers something more than a starvation diet to sport fans. There was a time when the hockey season consisted of a half dozen or so group games, if you were fortunate enough to obtain a grouping for your club, and then the playoffs between group winners. A team that lost a couple of games had little chance

The Poet's Corner

NOVEMBER SKY Now for each silent rose that drooped and died Flaming across the earth's cool breast, The great November sky burns vividly, And for each poppy once in crimson dressed, For all bright flowers that fell like drops of gold, Sprinkled from shining fountains of the air, The warm, wide sky wears yellow like a crest, Their lost and lovely radiance to share; So shall all beauty live more radiantly, All music, born of passionate life and pain, Leaving the dust triumphantly shall rise To live in Heaven-born ecstasy again.

NOTES BY THE WAY

According to the news columns a Port Arthur man has stopped smoking for 30 years at 40 cigars a day. At that rate the smoking habit cost him about \$10,000 for the period. One other Port Arthur man told this newspaper he is paying for a \$5,000 life insurance policy amount to go to his heirs at death on savings after stopping smoking.

In Shelby, N. C., the sheriff's office firmly refused the request of a local woman for a warrant charging her husband with non-support, after she explained that he hadn't stopped supporting her yet, "but I have just bought some new furniture and I don't think he is going to help pay for it."

Civil servants in the federal income tax bureau are heartily in favor of Community Chest campaigns, or so it has been reported in another city busy with its annual Chest drive. The explanation is found in the fact that one donation to nine means means eight fewer receipts stuffed inside tax returns next spring. And of course that means less paper work at the income tax office.

The grasshopper mind skips from idea to idea, never staying on one long enough to take any real nourishment from it, never finishing any undertaking, never settling down to responsibility and maturity. The person afflicted with it may be charming at first sight, but the hollowiness of his personality soon shows up for his opinions are not backed by knowledge, his wit lacks the necessary foundation of wisdom. He is not even a good jack of all trades and most certainly master of none and his life follows a sad pattern: He goes from job to job, never attaining success in anything, and winds up frustrated and bitter with a conviction that the world does not appreciate his worth. Actually, of course, his trouble is that he has never applied the effort and the concentration necessary to develop the worth that was born in him.

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The Passing Scene - REMEMBRANCE. So long as the world reveres heroism, courage and willingness to offer life itself for a true and just cause Rememberance Day will honor the war dead. Whether the hopes for which they died will ever be realized is a question that cannot be answered at the moment. But, even if they are not—and it would be foolish to say that the prospects look bright—nothing can detract from the splendour of their service. Their glory will never fade.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. NAVAL ENTERTAINMENT. The officers and gentlemen of H.M. Brig Ringdove gave a very splendid Ball and Supper on Friday evening last, to His Excellency Sir Charles and Lady Mary Fitzroy, Miss Fitzroy, and the principal inhabitants of Charlottetown and its neighborhood amounting to ninety persons. The decorations and fittings up of the beautiful ship were of the most striking and elegant description, and the whole well arranged, with that excellent taste and neatness so peculiarly characteristic of the officers of Her Majesty's Naval Service. The merry dance was kept up with much spirit, and the light of morning beamed above the horizon before the delighted guests took leave of their kind and hospitable entertainers.

The Age Old Story. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR. PARIS (Reuters) — Maurice Couve de Murville, French permanent representative to the North Atlantic Council, was appointed Friday ambassador to the United States by the French council of ministers.

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