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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Monday's By-Election

Monday's voting will decide whether or not we are to increase the strength of the Opposition at Ottawa in the dual constituency of Queen's, or send a Government supporter in the hope of obtaining more consideration from the powers that be.

In the meantime, it is pleasing to note that the campaign has been clean-cut and above board, without recriminations or personal abuse which have too frequently been evident in the past.

Ensilage

The storage of grass crops in pits or silos as is being demonstrated at the Falconwood Farm offers attractive possibilities for Island farmers.

For silage the earlier cutting is more practical which also has the advantage of making it possible, under favorable conditions, to take more than a single grass crop off the land during a season.

The method is not, of course, foolproof any more than is the curing and storage of hay. So that farmers proposing to use this method of storing their green feed are being merely ordinarily prudent in finding out all the technical details before even turning a sod.

Historical Relics

Two years ago, as a means of emphasizing the need for a Provincial Museum in Charlottetown, the I.O.D.E. staged a modest exhibition of historical relics in the Canadian Legion hall.

The I. O. D. E. has undertaken to put on this fascinating exhibition again during Festive Week, this time in the Prince of Wales College auditorium.

Young and old will find the exhibition of tremendous interest. It will open at noon on Tuesday, July 3. There will be no admission fee.

Thunderbirds Return

One of Canada's earliest contributions to the United Nations effort to resist aggression in Korea, notes an exchange, was the dispatch of the 426 Thunderbird Squadron to McChord field near Tacoma, Wash.

United Nations, and was under U.N. command. Now, although it will continue to fly to the Far East, the unit's base will be at Dorval, outside Montreal, and it will again be available for transport operations within Canada.

Despite Korea's distance from the United States and the United Kingdom, presumably adequate stockpiles of materials have been built up in Japan and Korea to maintain the forces in the field without too much reliance on air-borne supplies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, fifth Sunday after Trinity. St. John Baptist.

Welcome to our two distinguished statesmen, also the Maritime Jaycees who are now in our midst for convention purposes.

Farmers are apt to be shocked but it is only right and proper that under the Game Act they may not post their land and shoot it too.

Inflation begins usually with the powers that be. If they be regardless of the way money is spent, rank-and-filers easily follow suit.

Soon we shall have a complete outfit of medical and dental officials in the Province, the foundation on which a national medical service may be built.

Festive Week starts a week from tomorrow and certainly no one can complain of the advance build-up being given by the Weather Man.

According to Mr. J. Murray Watson, Editor of The Scotsman, Aberdeen, the third City of Scotland, is "the most Scottish of all Scottish Cities."

The Governor-General Lord Alexander and Mr. F. Cyril James, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, will be guests of honour at the Canada Club's Dominion Day dinner on July 2nd, in London, England.

Premier Jones is of the opinion that an educated political representative is in the best interests of this Province at Ottawa. At the same time being a democrat, he thinks we should make the best of what offers lest the Federal Government consider us ungrateful and unappreciative.

The battle of Plassey was fought this date 1757. Clive gained a victory over Suraj-ud-Dowlah of Bengal about 80 miles north of Calcutta with 900 Europeans and 1,500 sepoy of the East India Company against the nawab's army of 55,000 men.

Saint John has laid the keel of a mine-sweeper indoors, the first to be so constructed in this country. It is to be hoped that no miscalculation puts it in the position of the cellar-built yacht which proved too large for the hatch.

The turn-out for Monday's by-election will be of more than ordinary interest to active politicians and students of politics. Calculations of how many will remain away from the polls for want of "inducement" are merest guesswork but the vote actually polled will give a very fair idea.

Prime Minister St. Laurent's praise for the voluntary medical health plan of the Canadian Medical Association echoes the complaints of other politicians of various parties who, while providing every possible type of social security because the public demand it, cannot help but be concerned about the consequences.

The battle of Bannockburn was fought this date 1314. The forces of Edward II were defeated by the Scots, led by Robert Bruce. The Bruce then carried the war into England and by the treaty of Northampton the independence of Scotland was fully recognized.

The Canadian-British Education Committee is sponsoring a scheme for sending up to a hundred United Kingdom students a year to Canadian Universities. Mr. Gaitskell, United Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring to the scheme in a written parliamentary reply, said students would become trained and acclimatized in the Canadian way of life and fitted for a career in Canada.

Customer's Opportunity



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

APPRENTICESHIP TERMS

The strict attention given to the morals as well as general deportment of apprentices in early days is revealed in an original document in the possession of the Lowe family, Charlottetown. It is in the form of an indenture, made on April 21, 1857, between Mr. William Lowe and one John Foster, Jr., seventeen-year-old son of Mr. John Foster, farmer, of Elliot River.

Mr. Lowe, to learn the art of an Architect and Joiner, and to serve until the 5th day of March, 1861, "during which term the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, all his lawful commands everywhere gladly do; he shall do no damage to his said Master nor see it done by others, but, on the contrary, shall forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same; he shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any; he shall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the said term; he shall not play Cards, Dice, or any unlawful Games, whereby his said Master may have any loss, with his own Goods, or others, during the said term; without license of his said Master he shall neither buy nor sell; he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouses, nor absent himself from the service of his said Master day or night, unlawfully; but in all things, as a faithful Apprentice, he shall behave himself towards his said Master during the said term."

The Poet's Corner

SHAFT OF GRASS Out of the grasses here I plucked a single spear And turned it in the light. The leaf's a slender blade, A silver of rare jade, Crested, paper-thin, and bright. The stem's a wand of wire Forged in an emerald fire And jeweled at the tip. With glossy, tufted seeds Like little burnished beads Set in a pliant clip. Miraculous each grain It dipped in silver rain And opened by the sun. A mystic rod to flower Some future vernal hour When earth's green ruzs are spun. —Roger Dodson.

BELFAST, June 21 (Reuters)—The 17,200-ton Kenya Castle, built to accommodate 530 passengers on the Ireland-African service was launched today.

The Indemnities Of MP's

(Ottawa Journal)

Mr. Franklin Ahearn contends that indemnities of MP's are inadequate and should be increased. The increase, he says, should be from the present \$6,000 to \$10,000, with no tax exemptions.

As one who represented Ottawa in the Commons for a number of years, Mr. Ahearn's contention deserves respect. Also, he supports his opinion with very relevant facts.

Nevertheless The Journal is of the opinion that one or two other facts should be considered before indemnities are dealt with as Mr. Ahearn suggests.

Admittedly, existing indemnities are not adequate to meet present living costs, impose hardship upon many MP's. But in remedying that condition, or in trying to provide a remedy, it should be borne in mind that indemnities of MP's are not intended to be salaries, but are primarily something to indemnify against loss.

To put it another way, perhaps more simply, the position of a Member of Parliament, one of high distinction, is not a "job" with salary fixed as the salary of an engineer would be fixed, or the wage scale of a plumber or a painter.

A pity it would be, a loss of something fundamental to our ideas of public service, and a loss to Parliament itself, if, forgetting this, we made the business of being a Member of Parliament merely a means of livelihood.

Furthermore should we not guard against the danger of making MP's, through higher salary rates, into practically civil servants; into people just working for the Government? A Member of Parliament being merely indem-

nified against loss is likely to be a more independent member than one working for a salary, with that salary his means of livelihood; his job.

The Journal is not saying, far from it, that existing indemnities are adequate; it believes, on the contrary, that under present living costs and with sessions extending over five or six months they are wholly inadequate; do not indemnify MP's against loss.

What The Journal does believe, though, is that before rushing in to make indemnities as high as \$10,000, Parliament should first try to do something sensible about shortening its sessions; should try organizing its work so that the House will not need to remain in session for as long as five or six months.

Every MP knows well that there is atrocious waste of time in Parliament; waste in the first place because all governments are careless or incompetent in the way they present legislation, and waste in the second place because all oppositions notoriously are sinners in the way they discuss legislation; debates which sensibly could be confined to a day are dragged on through weeks in complete futility.

The time has come for Parliament to do something about such nonsense. None of us should want MP's not indemnified adequately against loss for the services they give us, but equally none of us should want to have them indemnified for archaic practices which were perhaps pardonable in horse-and-buggy days but which today are inexcusable, resulting chiefly in inefficiency, in public contempt for Parliament, and in many people being opposed even to inadequate indemnities.

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Notes By The Way

A U. S. senator proposes to abolish the State Department. No doubt he would like to abolish foreign relations also.—London Free Press.

One gardener we know, a sentimental kind of person, some years ago, sought out a few wild strawberry plants and moved them into his garden alongside his domesticated strawberries. He didn't really expect the two varieties to set examples for each other, though he hoped in a most unscientific way that they might. Instead, he now has two strawberry beds, one for eating and the other for tasting, and he thinks he is fortunate indeed, which he is. Anybody is fortunate who has wild strawberries taming themselves in his back yard and paying tribute every June for that privilege.—New York Times.

Last December the Supreme Court of Canada quashed the conviction of a Witness of Jehovah on a charge of seditious libel. To succeed in a prosecution of this kind, the court held, the Crown must prove intent to incite to violence. As no such intent was shown in the pamphlets on whose distribution the charge was based, the court quashed the conviction. A great many other cases were held in abeyance pending this decision in what came to be regarded as a test case. When the judgment was rendered the Crown was expected to withdraw the charges laid in cases in which the facts were on all fours with the facts in the test case. The Crown, however, decided to proceed and in the past month or so several cases have been heard in Court of King's Bench. This court, applying the ruling of the Supreme Court, took the cases out of the jury's hands and dismissed them. In these circumstances it would be expected that most pending cases would be dropped but the Crown insists on proceeding and the remaining cases have been put over to the September term. There seems to be little doubt that cases based on facts parallel with those in the case that went to the Supreme Court will be dismissed when they come to King's Bench later. If in some cases the facts are different, if there is new matter to be tried, it is of course the duty of the Crown to proceed. But it would seem to be equally the Crown's duty not to clutter the rolls of the court with cases that have virtually been decided. It will not do to create the suspicion that the courts of Quebec are lending themselves to persecution of a dissident minority, yet this suspicion is bound to be created if these similar cases are proceeded with.—Montreal Star.

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