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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Today's By-election

While the results of today's Provincial by-election in Second King's will make no material difference in the political constitution of the Legislature, it is naturally a matter of keen interest, not only in the constituency involved but throughout the Province.

They had further ground for optimism in the present case. At the general election of 1943, Mr. Cox was returned with a majority over his Conservative opponent of 202 votes.

The election campaign has seen the revival of the oldtime joint political meetings, which is certainly to be commended over the practice of recent years, of fobbing the electors off with radio addresses.

Today's balloting, let us hope, will result in a large and representative vote on the legitimate issues of the campaign, leaving the victor with a clear conscience, and his opponent without rancor or grievance.

Winter Streets

Early or late though it may come we will be faced with the problem of snow removal from the city streets.

Powerful plows now make short work of shifting great quantities of snow but the problem remains of where it should be shifted to.

At the present date, however, neither method is practical for the large amount of snow which ordinarily falls and we must be content as a general rule to plow out a track without moving the snow more than a few feet.

In the case of the wider streets, a proposal now before the city of Toronto might prove of value. It is that the plows clear out the sides of the street, leaving gutters, curbs, sewers and parking space clear and build up a bank in the centre of the street.

New problems would, of course, be created, but if the difficulties can be overcome the advantages would be great indeed.

First Edition Burns

A Kilmarnock edition of Burns' poems belonging to the Marquess of Bute is to be sold in London along with other manuscripts from his library.

Altogether, a total of about 500 copies of the Kilmarnock edition was printed in 1786 by Mr. John Wilson, of Kilmarnock at three shillings per copy.

with which he was not ill-pleased. A century ago, a Kilmarnock Burns could have been bought for a few shillings but the auction price soon began to rise and when the Burns Monument and Cottage Trustees acquired the famous Veitch copy they had to pay £1,000 for it in 1908, whereas Mr. Veitch had bought the copy for £10.

The Earl of Craysfort's copy in the original blue-paper wrapping went to America for £1,600 and another copy in its original state also went across the Atlantic for £1,750.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Experts in child welfare from 19 nations have just completed a 3 weeks' study course in child psychiatry, in London, England, arranged by the British Council.

Prime Minister Attlee's North American visit is reminiscent of the Atlantic meeting of Churchill and Roosevelt. May its final outcome be as fortunate.

Communist planes are reported to have dropped leaflets calling on U. S. troops to surrender. Probably this is the explanation of the earlier release of some American prisoners after relatively kindly treatment.

Mr. Cecil Miller has captured the Liberal nomination for Queen's. The only other contestant, Brigadier Reid, polled a wonderfully large vote, considering it was his "first time of asking."

Safety first. About 80 per cent of North American investment in the U. K. is located in Scotland. Since 1945, 20 Canadian and U. S. firms have established factories in Scotland and further inquiries are still being received.

John Gay, English poet, died this date 1732. His most successful works were "Fables", published in 1727, and "The Beggar's Opera", published the following year.

The Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference was originally scheduled to open today but actually got under way on November 30, when Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced that Britain wishes to more than double the quantity of bacon contracted for last year.

A group of Ontario teachers wants to divide the school year into two periods with graduations twice a year. This sounds suspiciously like a proposal to apply Stakhanovite principles to Canadian education, perhaps with the aim of turning out high school graduates at the age of twelve.

Appeasement is not dead or even sleeping soundly. There may have been some mishandling of affairs leading to Chinese Reds crossing the Korean border, but having done so they are unquestionably aggressors and are not likely to be sent packing by pious platitudes.

They are handling the drink problem seriously in Ontario, and its example might be followed with advantage here. Health Minister Phillips of Ontario announces leasing of the old Mortimer Clarke mansion in north-central Toronto for use as a clinic to "screen" alcoholics for treatment in Toronto hospitals and in a new institution for alcoholics.

The Royal Canadian Mint estimates that there are more coins in circulation at this time of year than any other. That is probably not quite exact. Instead of being in circulation they are probably being hoarded in countless piggy-banks until sufficient are collected to do the younger generation's Christmas shopping.

In Saskatchewan cause of the concerted Federal-Provincial effort to stamp out Bang's disease there may be a considerable temporary loss to cattle owners in disposing of condemned animals, according to the Saskatchewan department of agriculture.

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.

CHRISTMAS, 1950

Sir,—Once more we reach out our hand for a merry Christmas; once more young and old look for Santa with his gifts for us all, the joy of Christmas.

True, Christmas should be a time of great joy, for it marks the memory of man's salvation, the birth of Christ, coming to save human souls. But in many parts of the world sorrow will mark Christmas; the young men and women of many free nations will shiver in the snow-covered battle fields, and their gifts will be the flashing of guns and whistling shells.

And in those countries where Christian brotherhood has been wiped out, their leaders will be meeting to find more ways and means to torture and bring greater sorrow to the civilized world. Like Judas of old they have betrayed us with their kiss; they have crucified Christ again and again. Like the thief they hold out the torch to us with the words, "If ye believe in Christ, tell Him to come down from His cross, and stop us."

We have lightened our belts before and with the help of God crushed Hitler, the anti-Christ of the age. And again we will do the same to crush forever this new swarm of anti-Christ led Pagans, who come to wipe out Christ and His ways. We as before face the supreme test. In our Christmas joy, in many of our homes we will pray for those who are suffering this night for us, for the right way of living. Such will be Christmas this season with its joys and sorrows.

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LIVESTOCK FEEDS

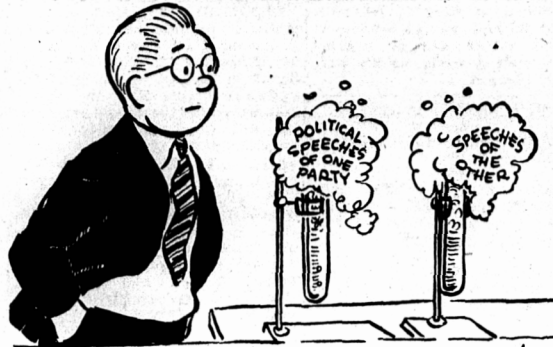
Sir,—In a previous letter, while endeavoring to focus attention on the possibilities attached to an expansion of the livestock industry as an alternative medium of livelihood for farmers, against excessive gambling in potato growing, it was pointed out a livestock feed policy was a prime requisite, if profits are to be a consideration in this respect.

Whether by means of such a proposed law or otherwise, the problem of establishing highly qualified Europeans in the practical side of their professions here should be dealt with at an early date. There have been doctors with as good degrees as any obtainable on this continent who have perforce taken menial work.

The Alberta experiment, however, will have to be judged first on the manner in which the measure is drafted and then upon its administration. It is an anomaly that this country should have a necessary, and from which distribution can be made, when, how and as, required. This is the great need of livestock producers, whether consumers of home grown grains, imported, or both.

I am, Sir, etc. J. A. GILLIES

Mixed Reaction



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LAST BEDEQUE LOYALIST

The following obituary notice is from The Islander of Feb. 21, 1868:

"Died at Bedeque, on the 6th instant, Mr. Peter Schurman, in the 100th year of his age. The Deceased was one of the Loyalists, and the last one left of those who settled in Bedeque. He came to this Island in the year 1785. One of the most praiseworthy things that can be said of him is that he never tasted a drop of liquor during his lifetime; this, considering the time he came here, is a very rare thing. He was very hearty, and kept up to the last. It is believed that he died not leaving an enemy, for while he was living he was noted for his kind disposition. He leaves a very large number of children, grand children, great grand children and friends to lament him."

Licensing The Professions

(Toronto Globe and Mail)

Many Canadians will watch with interest for the appearance of the Alberta statute by which the Province will deprive professional societies of their licensing powers and itself issue such licenses in the name of the Crown.

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The Poet's Corner

(And P. E. I.)

THE SNAIL

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall, The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall As if he grew there house and all, Together.

Within that house secure he hides, When danger imminent betides, Or storm or other harm besides Of weather.

Give but his horns the slightest touch His self-collecting power is such. He shinks into his house with much Displeasure.

Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone, Except himself has chattels none, Well satisfied be to his own Whole treasure.

Thus hermit-like his life he leads, Nor partner of his banquet needs, And if he meets one, only feeds, The faster.

Who seeks him must be worse than blind (His house and he are so combined) If, finding it, he fails to find His master.

—Vincent Bourne.

The Age-Old Story

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Notes By The Way

There is evidence that cattle thieves or rustlers are active in certain rural sections in the Smith Falls area. Reports are that the alleged rustling has become so rampant that the Provincial Police have been called in to investigate.

It may be said that, generally speaking, Canada is badly protected against the threat of forest fires. Although at the present time a discussion is under way looking toward a project to co-ordinate the protective services in existence in all the provinces, it appears that nothing tangible is being accomplished in this regard.

From two places in the Mid-West came news despatches last week about TV troubles. In South Bend, Ind., an antenna fell across a power line with these results among others: Pipes melted around the kitchen sink; balls of fire bounced up and down on the roof; the telephone was burned out; a glove in the yard burst into flames; the family dog ran away and refused to come back. In Port Huron, Mich., a woodpecker attacks a television antenna promptly at 5 o'clock every morning and bangs away until everyone in the house is awakened.

Too many men who pack guns into the bush at this time of the year are not hunters—they are inhuman killers. Stories are already circulating of dead game being found in the bush—having died of wounds imposed by men possessed of killing, but not hunting, instincts. Hunters should utilize every means at their disposal to track down wounded game. If darkness overtakes the tracker he should extend his hunting trip an additional day to pursue his wounded quarry.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 3 — (Reuters) — Police here have arrested a 29-year-old Communist terrorist who specialized in knocking out streetcars by throwing "Molotov cocktail" bombs at them. Police said he destroyed 89 streetcars by this method, and by setting fire to their depots.

partridge hunters or poachers is immaterial. The animal was wounded and left to die—Sudbury Star.

A baby elephant wandered on to a dance floor and threw the dancers into a panic. Happening in Djakarta, Indonesia, according to a Reuters despatch, Baby elephant probably just wanted to dance with someone. An odd thing to get in a panic about. Now if it had been a grown-up elephant you hardly could blame a girl for declining to trip the heavy fantastic with a pachyderm as large as that. But a baby elephant, poof, Strike up the fiddles, boys. Here we go... one-two-three. It's a new dance tune named "Elephant Capers."—Sydney Post-Record.

The California judge who gets the test case of two young drivers of midget automobiles will need the wisdom of Solomon. The pair received citations for parking two cars in one space and refusing to put more than one nickel in the parking meter. Bald men are said to be watching the case with interest. If the ruling is in favor of the young drivers, men with only a fringe of hair will be encouraged to take their case to court to see whether they can get two haircuts for the price of one. Seems a similar principle is involved.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

What happened at Shaw's funeral should have pleased him. A friend, Sir Sydney Cockerell, read the concluding passage from pilgrim's Progress, one of the finest in all English literature: "My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought his battles who will now be my rewarder. When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river-side, into which as he went he said 'Death where is thy sting?' and as he went down deeper he said, 'Grave, where is thy victory?' So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."—Winnipeg Free Press.

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