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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Soldier or Policeman?

The diplomatic niceties which distinguish a soldier from what External Affairs Minister Pearson prefers to call a member of an international police force don't seem to make much difference to Canadians eager to fight alongside Uncle Sam's forces in Korea.

Under the circumstances, thoughtful Canadians may be forgiven for wondering why Mr. Pearson attaches such importance to what he describes as "police action" in Korea.

In other words, while the Government has not been reluctant to support Washington's policy of Soviet "containment" in Korea, it is by no means clear that this country would support similar United States action in the event of aggression elsewhere.

If this is so, then Mr. Pearson's studied insistence upon Canadian support in the Korean war as constituting only "police action" on behalf of the United Nations is understandable.

Water Rescues

Quite understandably water rescues tend to be quickly forgotten while fatalities make a vivid impression on people's memory.

It is not by chance, however, that such rescues are made. The readiness of mind and body, the know-how, are the result of preparation, whether conscious or otherwise.

We should recognize and honour not only those who save life, but also those who have gone to the trouble of preparing themselves to be ready should an emergency arise.

Electric Power for N. B.

The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission is shortly to embark on an ambitious scheme of hydro development. The project, initially estimated to cost \$5,600,000, is expected to get under way on the Tobique River.

The Tobique development, according to present plans, will add 25,000 horse power to the commission's hydro and steam generated power supply, to make a total of 141,000 h.p.

The harnessing of these waters had long been envisioned, and when completed should make for the establishment of more industries in the area to be supplied by this new energy source.

city supply brought in from the Lower St. Lawrence district of Quebec has for long been very unsatisfactory. The new development will also mean the extension of electrical service to several rural districts where the light bulb has yet to make its debut.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Children, and children of an older growth, seem to be having a whale of a time at the Exhibition.

The traditionally sea-borne Newfoundlanders are off to the wars by air, via Maritime Central Airlines to Montreal.

The parade of Shorthorns, Herefords and Angus Cattle, as well as prize horses, tonight, should put in the shade anything similar previously demonstrated here.

The tightening up of Dominion standards for certified seed potatoes reflects the improvement actually achieved by the majority of farmers.

The Mayor and City Council ought to be worrying over those of their number who are being or to be, spied on during their vacations. The spy menace is evidently contagious.

There are reported to be 265,700 more men 20-34 in Canada today than in 1939. If they could be rounded up, this country's recruiting problem would be solved for a long time to come.

Today is now slated as the latest get-together—(strictly at a safe distance where there can be no direct controversy)—of the contending railway unions and managements. Where there is life there is hope.

Pity the Exhibition Directors these days, their anxiety and worries must be immense. No great undertaking like the Exhibition can be a success without some one worrying over it, and naturally in this case the Directors and Manager are "it."

Summerside has left a very friendly impression on Wing Commander R. F. Gross of the R. C. A. F. who has just transferred his command to Group Captain Richards on his leaving for duty in England.

Sympathy once more goes out to a sorely bereaved family, that of Mr. C. Leard Jay, killed in an auto accident en route home from Montague. Mr. Jay was well and favourably known both in business circles in the city and throughout the Province, as well as in social and sporting circles.

The sketch of the life of Mr. George A. Hughes, the ninety-four-year-old ex-railway man, which, though highly meritorious, does not do him full justice. It does not convey the smile and spirit of optimism which a personal greeting does. At heart and soul Mr. Hughes is the cheeriest man among us.

Honore de Balzac, French novelist, died this date 1850. He wrote eighty novels in twenty years, working sometimes eighteen hours a day, yet was involved in debt until the end of his days. Criticism has raged around his writings, and despite his unique position, he is far from receiving unmixed eulogy from important critics.

According to Mr. L. W. Pearsall, of the marketing service of the Federal Department of Agriculture, hog production in Canada has consistently exceeded needs, and for 80 years surplus bacon has been exported. In 1939, he said that hog marketings totalled 3.7 million dollars with total exports of 186 million pounds.



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The scene presented at Government House grounds on Wednesday last, the Charlottetown Horticultural Exhibition, was such as well regulated and benevolent minds take pleasure in.

William's Marquee was pitched to the southward of the Plantation, so that access to it was from the avenues formed by the trees, under the luxurious shade of which the fruit and vegetable part of the Show was judiciously arranged.

Other prizewinners included Mr. William Mitchell, Mrs. T. B. Tremblay, Miss J. Hazard, Mrs. F. Longworth, Mrs. T. Dawson, Mrs. Duchemin, Mrs. N. Davies, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. D. Hodgson, Mr. J. Warren, Mr. J. MacFarlane, Mr. W. Hyde, Mr. J. Loban, Mrs. William Pope, and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

A Sorry Reward

(Financial Post)

Fifty years ago, or even 25, there were plenty of old couples who retired on \$20,000 tucked away in bonds or mortgages. At 6 per cent that gave them \$100 a month which was sufficient to keep them in modest comfort.

And this is only part of the story. In the first part of the century, it was not difficult nor unusual for the ordinary man to save \$20,000 in his working lifetime.

Today with taxation rates that would make our grandfathers shudder and living costs double and treble what they were accustomed to, individual saving is far more difficult. This is a problem of very grave concern to that very large proportion of our population approaching or passing middle age.

With another soar in prices, increased taxes and vast outpourings of government funds now threatening, the outlook for the middle-aged saver becomes gloomier still. It's a sad reward for thrift.

The Age-Old Story

No health the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

The Living Wilderness

(Ottawa Citizen)

The history of men in North America is, in one sense, a story of the long struggle to overcome the wilderness that once stretched for uncounted miles before the first settlers on the Atlantic seaboard.

Many of us will find, in those passages of his will in which he referred to the Kingsmere hills, a common bond with the late Macenzie King who craved "the tonic of the wilderness" and the soothing touch of Nature in a crowded life.

The national park movement in Canada works towards the same end. A total of 77 primitive and roadless areas, comprising 14,000 acres, have been designated as wilderness to be preserved in the United States. One such area lies on the wild border of Minnesota and Ontario, where it is proposed to establish the Quetico-Superior International Peace Memorial Forest.

OTTAWA, Aug. 16 — (CP) — A campaign for funds for postal charities and relief of war victims overseas will be launched next month, it was announced today.

OBTAIN CONTRACT

FREDERICTON, Aug. 16 — (CP) — Chairman Isaac Melanson of Caldwell Construction Company, Fredericton, announced today the firm has obtained a \$68,000 contract to build the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission's Grand Lake plant extension.

PROCLAMATION

By Resolution of the City Council, I hereby proclaim Saturday, August 19th to be known as "North Nova's Day" and I would request all citizens to have their places of business, homes, etc., decorated in their honor, and to extend to them a most hearty welcome to the City of Charlottetown on this, their Reunion Day.

Let us never forget the debt we owe, not only to them, but to all veterans who gave so much that we may still enjoy freedom.

B. EARLE MacDONALD, Mayor.

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The Poet's Corner

KNOWING ONE'S OWN

Serene, I fold my hands and wait Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea; I rave no more 'gainst time or fate, For lo! my own shall come to me.

Asleep, awake, by night or day, The friends I seek are seeking me: No wind can drive my bark astray Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matters if I stand alone? I wait with joy the coming years; My heart shall reap where 't hath sown, And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and The brook that springs in yonder heights; So flows the good with equal law Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky The tidal wave comes to the sea; Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high, Can keep my own away from me.

—John Burroughs

TORONTO, Aug. 16 — (CP) — Radio-controlled models of the Canadian destroyer Slouss and a submarine will engage in naval manoeuvres in a 45,000-gallon tank at the Canadian National Exhibition.

HOARDER'S SPECIAL

BRAZIL, Ind., Aug. 10 — (AP) — A food market offered a "hoarder's special" today — soap powder at 23 cents a box, two boxes for \$5. It announced: "With the purchase of two boxes we will publish the buyer's picture free."

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Notes By The Way

Ad. in a butcher shop: "It's tough to pay a dollar for a steak, but tougher if you pay 60 cents!" — Ottawa Evening Citizen.

One morning each week, when her ladies-in-waiting are excused from duty to look after their domestic affairs, Britain's Dowager Queen Mary opens her mail personally. Recently, one lady-in-waiting found Queen Mary very pleased with something she had found among her letters. She held out an envelope, addressed simply, "To Queen Mary, not the ship, London".

We have no doubt that Alberta's highways are full of drivers who cannot see, who may suffer from sudden heart attacks or even epilepsy while at the wheel. It has happened before that men driving big trucks accidentally discovered that they were so blind that they could not see a child on the road 50 feet away.

At Calgary the other day a policeman caught a man throwing a beer bottle out of a parked car. The magistrate showed good sense in fining him the maximum amount, \$50 and costs, remarking that there is no possible excuse for such an offence.

We take second place to no man in our respect and admiration for scientists and inventors. We stand just as goggle-eyed as the next fellow when they produce their miracles. But they can go too far.

France recently took a very serious and important step which received the barest of mention in despatches. The government issued a decree abolishing the centime as a monetary unit.

Canada's new fighting force will go under a rather dull stereotypical name — "Canadian Army Special Force". But it is good to know that the force, when and if it goes into battle, will be carrying some glorious names, steeped in Canadian military tradition and honor.

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