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the weakest ink."

The Late Senator McIntyre

The late Senator McIntyre was one of the stalwarts of the Liberal Party in this Province and was known to all our citizens for the many activities in which he played a prominent part. A successful farmer and lobster packer, he was first elected to the Legislature in 1919. Defeated in 1923, he was re-elected in the following general election of 1927 and from then until his appointment to the Senate in 1943 was returned at every contest with substantial majorities. An able speaker, both on the hustings and in the House, he is best remembered for the vigorous role he played as Minister of Public Works and Highways under the Saunders and Campbell administrations. He was responsible for launching the first extensive paved highway programme in the Province, and for the provision of the road machinery required for this purpose. He took part in many controversial debates, and could hold his own on any platform. He was never known to use a manuscript, and was rarely at a loss for an effective reply on any subject. Though a hard hitter in debate, he dealt fairly with his opponents and had many warm personal friends in both political camps.

Senator McIntyre was a man of genial personality, with a capacity for hard work which sometimes taxed his vigorous physique. During his regime as Public Works Minister he suffered a serious illness while the Legislature was in session, but recovered sufficiently to take his seat before the session adjourned. The ovation he received at that time from members on both sides bespoke the genuine affection in which he was held.

Though he was known to be in ill health in recent weeks, the news of his death yesterday came as a shock to his many friends, with whom The Guardian joins in extending sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

Forgotten Men

When the fighting was halted in Korea four years ago, a Canadian unit was left behind and has been there ever since, performing a useful service but otherwise forgotten by the people of this country. Now, according to a news despatch from Ottawa, they are to be brought home "soon." These remaining soldiers, some thirty in number, formed a medical unit under command of the remnants of the Commonwealth Division which played an historic part in the Korea fighting. It maintained a small hospital at the port of Inchon on the west coast, the site of seaborne landings made by the United States and South Korean troops in September, 1950, an offensive which drove the Communists out of South Korea. Serving along with British, Australian and New Zealand troops, these Canadians, in their hospital, have taken care of the ailments and injuries of what is left of the Commonwealth Division.

Although the hostilities in Korea were ended by a truce some four years ago, there has never been any attempt at a settlement of the differences between North and South Korea. There has been no peace agreement, no real effort to bring about an understanding for unification of the country. And so Commonwealth troops still stand guard. A Reuter's despatch recently reported: "Living conditions are still hard and facilities primitive. But they now represent a degree of comfort compared with those of the war years. Tents have given way to quonset and other semi-permanent wooden buildings. Most of the camps are well planned, with rough-surfaced gravel roads and gardens around the buildings." It is perhaps gratifying to know that these amenities are available to Canada's forgotten men; but it is better news that the Government of this country is at last taking steps to bring them home.

Britain announced last week that it will withdraw its remaining battalion in Korea and New Zealand announced immediately after that it will withdraw its transport element.

Brighter Potato Future

The result of the negotiations on the potato tariff issue has been received with widespread satisfaction by our potato producers, and there seems no doubt but that the industry will benefit materially in this Province, where the export of certified seed to the United States has played such an important part in our agricultural economy. Today we carry a review of the situation by Mr. W. R. Shaw, who so ably represented our interests on the Canadian Horticultural Council and who played a leading part in the negotiations from the start. The Horticultural Council spearheaded the drive for tariff reform and kept the potato issue in the forefront, as was indicated by Finance Minister Harris in his remarks in Parliament a few days ago. The success of these efforts is a matter of great satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Shaw also refers in his interview to the plans made by the Horticultural Council for holding an all-Canadian Potato Conference next August at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The conference will follow the pattern set by United States authorities during the past few years, and will deal with all phases of the industry in Canada. The results will be widely publicised and cannot fail to be of value to the industry. This Province, doubtless, will be well represented at the conference. We have played the pioneer role in the production and marketing of certified seed potatoes; our producers are still able to carry off top prizes against the keenest competition, and we have every reason to look forward to continued success under the improved tariff setup.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An immigration official in Vancouver says that some employers overwork their domestic servants. Yes, and some domestic servants have been known to overwork their employers.

A meteorologist says that the weather "is going to get warmer and warmer for the next 300 years." So now we can forget all about the hard winter and the cold dreary spring and say they are incidental interludes in an overall cheerful prospect.

For good or ill, reports from Montague indicate that the Garden of the Gulf Museum is intended as a permanent institution and not merely as a collection of articles pending the establishment of a Provincial Museum in Charlottetown. Already a glittering assortment of reminders of the past is on display.

On appeal, a man charged with an offence against the "Sabbath Law" in Brooklyn, N.Y., was acquitted. The alleged offence was that of painting his mother-in-law's home on Sunday. In their judgment the learned Justices did not say whether the appeal would have been upheld had the house belonged to some person other than a mother-in-law.

April 9, 1917, is a memorable date in the history of the First World War and in Canadian military annals. It marked the beginning of the battle of Vimy Ridge, culminating in the storming of this famous height which the Germans believed to be impregnable. Four Canadians gained the Victoria Cross in the fighting around Vimy, but a heavy price was paid in casualties. The majestic Vimy Ridge memorial, unveiled in 1936, commemorates 11,295 dead and missing in this engagement.

In the course of a heated debate in the Commons, Agriculture Minister Gardiner told his most outspoken critic, Colin Cameron of the CCF, "I've physically licked many men better than you." Canadians will be surprised to hear that this sort of thing is among Mr. Gardiner's accomplishments. No doubt, he will be asked to lay on the table of the House the names and ages of his victims and the circumstances under which they were licked. After all, there is a possibility that Mr. Cameron is superior in physical stamina to those who came under Mr. Gardiner's ire in the past.



NOT SO INDEPENDENT

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

"PAINTING IN P.E.I.SLAND"

Sir.—We appreciate Father Arsenault's interest in our exhibition of paintings and are interested in his remarks.

He says, "Landscape painting is certainly no longer important as one of the living forms in contemporary art." How does he know that the last word has been said in this form of painting? Can he explain why, in the hands of a master, it could not express the present trend? He has not said just what is important in contemporary art.

For a young man he is extremely pessimistic—we have not given up hope that P.E.I. may yet produce an outstanding young artist and we have no fear that the Presley records, to which he likens our paintings, will live on in future generations. We wish that our paintings had half the swing and appeal to the exuberance of youth as Elvis Presley. We were under the impression that we were rather timid and shy, far too respectable and a bit dull.

We agree that there is a sameness in subject matter in this exhibition. This is often so when a group paint together, such as the Barbizon group, the Impressionists, the Fauves, the Cubists, and the Group of Seven. The school of so-called contemporary art also has much sameness, usually showing either abstractions or distortions. It is a mixture of wild emotional excitement and deep morbid depression. It is sometimes adorning, sexy, and passionate.

Much as we appreciate the culture of Italy, France, Mexico, or New York, we are happy to be Canadians with a challenge to the future and we are trying to take part in the building of a new Prince Edward Island even though we know that we ourselves shall never be great artists.

THE EXHIBITORS

VICTORIA BRIDGE

Sir.—I was interested to read in your columns recently the references to the Victoria bridge as reportedly made by the Hon. Mr. MacKay the Minister of Highways.

From his statements about the paved road between Victoria and the Trans-Canada Highway it would seem that Mr. MacKay has not been travelling over this part of the route lately. Perhaps by comparison with the approaches to the city of Charlottetown this road to Victoria might be considered a smooth highway. I travelled over this road last night and didn't see much of the pavement that Mr. MacKay talked about and to which the people of Victoria are entitled.

Most surprising of all was the suggestion that this wonderful piece of paved road was given in return for the bridge which was taken down by the Provincial Government. I wonder who advised the Minister that the community of Victoria was satisfied with this piece of broken pavement in place of the bridge which had stood for so many years. Did the village commissioners call a meeting and give the Minister this idea? A little investigation by Mr. MacKay might show him the feelings of the neighborhood on this necessary destruction of a valuable communication link.

A little thought on the part of the Government might have made them realize that a big mistake they were making in seriously setting back the tourist industry in this popular part of the South shore. The great promise of the last provincial election are not being fulfilled and every day sees more of the old bridge destroyed and the cost of rebuilding it or better still a causeway are getting heavier. This problem is not quite so simple as Mr. MacKay seems to think and more will be heard from it in the future.

I am, Sir, etc., FRANK MYERS Crapaud, P.E.I.

MOST ARE MOSLEM

About 86 per cent of the people of Syria are Moslems.

Pills For Peace

Winnipeg Free Press

Soviet newspapers have at last discovered how workers in the United States are able to put up with their unhappy lot under the capitalist system. They do it, according to the Soviet journals, by swallowing tranquilizing pills by the bushel, thus escaping from "all the ulcers of American life caused by 'lack of confidence in tomorrow, living in debt, fear of losing a job and finding oneself on the street.'"

The Soviet sneers seem to be more than a little tinged with envy and sour grapes. This may be because whatever the virtues or faults of tranquilizing drugs—at least they appear to be efficiently distributed under the capitalist system.

Such efficient distribution in itself must be envied by the Russians. It would certainly have a calming effect on Soviet shoppers who know that if flashlights go on sale in one Russian city, the batteries to fit them are likely to show up in stores hundreds of miles away.

'Humorous' Elvis

Toronto Globe and Mail

It probably was inevitable, with evening newspapers having opened their columns to psychiatrists, sociologists, sports writers, doctors of music, ordinary reviewers, clergymen, feature writers and housewives to give their views on Elvis Presley, that they should have run out of orthodox words for headline purposes.

One of them, in any event, described Elvis as being "humorous" and "fantabulous". A possible interpretation could be that his performance is capricious without being funny; or perhaps the spelling of the first adjective was merely an evasion of the word used by botanists, humifuse, to describe a pro-cumbent plant that trails over the ground without putting forth roots.

Any of these terms more or less indicates, by analogy, a form of entertainment vaguely derived on one side from music—say the songs of medieval troubadours—and so the other side, from the art of the jongleurs, who travelled with troubadours and provided variety, by offering juggling and clowning stunts.

Presley appears to represent an evolutionary regress from the jongleur, fulfilling his function, but without his interest in either poetry or music and without his skill as a juggler or contortionist.

NADIR OF CHIVALRY

Cervantes' Don Quixote contributed effectively to the decline of the romantic goings-on of the troubadours and their minions, the jongleurs. But neither that work of satire nor the rather rapid entry of the world, after the High Renaissance, into its modern era succeeded in erasing the ancient routines of organized chivalry from the memory of the race.

Presley's performances may be described as the nadir of chivalry, a remnant progressively vitiated by mass communication, encouraged by the rise of the former sub-standard income group, and sustained by the new freedom from those disciplines which once-upon-a-time gave teenagers social direction in their actions as well as in their thinking.

Whatever else it may be, Presleyism is a cultural wasteland; but being humifuse (see above) it is less tenacious of life than poison ivy, spreading broadly, but readily replaced. In the meantime, however, it is well nourished. Nearly 25,000 paid from \$1.25 to \$3.50 to witness his show in Toronto. Whatever the two audiences of his one-night stand here got out of it, except the noise to which they were hearty contributors, we do not

MAXIMS

Family jokes, though rightly cursed by strangers, are the bond that keeps most families alive.

INDUSTRIAL LOANS

The Industrial Development Bank, a subsidiary of the Bank of Canada, was formed in 1944 to provide loans to industrial enterprises.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundezen, M.D.

EASTER SEALS TOOK HER OUT OF A WHEEL CHAIR
I would like to tell you the story of little Clara Jo.

Paralyzed from the waist down by a congenital spinal defect, the child faced a lifetime of helplessness in a wheel chair.

At the age of 2½, even after extensive surgery and the acquisition of braces, Clara Jo's own efforts to move resulted only in her inching along on the floor in sort of a swimming motion. Her hands were awkward and fumbling.

Today, at the age of 5, Clara Jo goes wherever she desires on her crutches.

She takes the bus to school. She keeps up with her own age group in class, has developed a lively interest in reading, drawing and music, and has become a contributing member of her family circle.

REHABILITATION CENTER
It was an Easter Seal rehabilitation center in her home town which made the difference.

At the center, a highly trained and skilled professional team took over her case. This team consisted of various medical specialists. Physical, occupational and speech therapists and medical and psychiatric case workers.

The resources upon which this team could draw included a great variety of equipment such as parallel bars, climbing bars, steps, weighted doll buggy, a vast array and recreational advances.

Within three months after Clara Jo's daily program was established at the center, she walked. Then, day by day, exercises were begun to build her shoulder muscles and to strengthen her trunk, arm and hand muscles.

DAILY ROUTINE
Push-ups, the elephant walk, the wheelbarrow walk, crutch walking, roll-overs and parallel bars became part of her daily routine at home and at the center. There was occupational therapy, too.

So, Clara Jo wants to thank all of you for making this possible, Clara Jo was the 1956 Easter Seal Girl, emissary of the nation's crippled children.

The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults is asking again for your support to help them to help other children just as they—and you—helped Clara Jo. How about it?

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Mrs. H. M.: I have a blood clot on my leg which formed following an ulcer. How can it be dissolved?

Answer: The blood clot which formed will probably dissolve and absorb gradually. Application of heat may be of some help.

The Age Old Story
We went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

of Montreal here, replacing Mr. George Fillier, who has been transferred to Moncton N.B. Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson and family are guests at the Canadian National Hotel.

TEN YEARS AGO
(April 9, 1947)
The first annual meeting of the Charlottetown Planning Board, established a year ago by the City Council, was held last night with Mr. Simon Paoli, Chairman, presiding. The Board members are proceeding with the development of a master plan for the City which will provide for business, industrial and residential areas.

Mr. J. A. S. Williams stated yesterday at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation that certification of teachers was one of the major discussions at the convention held in Montreal last month. Also discussed at that meeting, he said, was the setting up of a permanent office in Ottawa with a full time secretary.

Mr. R. Finlayson has been appointed new manager of the Bank

NOTES BY THE WAY

The announcement that the electric wrist watch will be welcomed by everyone around the world who has been unhappy because of not having an electric wrist watch.—Hamilton Spectator

Truck drivers like to decorate their vehicles with signs: One we'll read as it wended its way down U.S. 42 en route to Cincinnati read: "This truck stops for railroads, school buses, blue eyed blonds, brown eyed brunettes... but for green eyed redheads, it will gladly back up 100 feet."—Cincinnati Enquirer

One unchanging factor in a changing world in children's taste in books, according to public library surveys, it is encouraging that children themselves keep turning to the books that have stood the test of time, despite the increased number of diversions offered to them. Some of the youngsters are away ahead of their parents.—Sherbrooke News

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WAIT, SPRING
Spring, do not come too early. Wait until the heartwood is twisted and made gnarled by the gale.

Spring, hold back the sun, Hold back the gentle rain, Let the wind blow greedy Gusts against the branches Until the treetops rattle. And the buds are hard. Wait, spring, till earth is ready For the flowering.

—Dionis Coffin Riggs, in the New York Herald Tribune.

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