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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink". CHARLOTTETOWN, FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, 1951

Country Doctors Needed

Among the distinguished guests attending the annual meetings of the Prince Edward Island Medical Association this week-end is Dr. Harcourt B. Church, of Alymer, Quebec, president of the Canadian Medical Association.

Underlining the significance of this statement, the Moncton Times points out that the swing of both specialization and medicine over the past decade or so has been one of the principal factors motivating the trend away from general practice.

Many who had practiced in the rural communities have gravitated to the urbanized localities as well as to the larger centres, while there is a strong tendency on the part of today's graduates in medicine—if not planning to go in for specialization—to shy clear of setting up practice in a country district.

Soviet Slave Labour

Below the level of existence of the industrial serf and the peasant serf are the millions of actual slaves of the Soviet system, a suffering mass of humanity outnumbering the slaves of any other age or country.

Five forms of forced labor may be found in the U.S.S.R., some of them less drastic than others. The least savage type is the "labor levy", consisting of young men of military age whom the law prohibits (on their families' political records) from serving in the army.

Next come "compulsory works" and "correctional labor colonies" for those men and women sentenced by the courts to loss of freedom up to one year for small misdemeanors.

In the fourth category are inmates of the "special settlements" (spetsposielki), consisting chiefly of deportees, scattered across the European and Asiatic North of the U.S.S.R.

Finally there are the slave camps proper (known since 1932 as "correctional labor camps") scattered all over the U.S.S.R., but especially in the European North and the northern areas of Asiatic Russia, including Siberia.

It is sometimes urged that this is merely a carry-over from Tsarist times, but the comparison is absurd. In 1900-05, there were only 15,000 prisoners in the Tsar's penal camps; in 1910, some 28,742; and in 1913 just 32,757, of whom only 5,000 were political prisoners.

The work in these camps consists largely of mining, lumbering and construction. The conditions are inhuman to the last degree. The last 20 years have built up a vast and irrefutable literature of first-hand testimony from survivors who have escaped to the free countries, especially as a result of the Stalin-Sikorski agreement of 1943.

tion camp are inscribed the words: "Work is a matter of honor, a matter of glory, a matter of valor and heroism.—Stalin." Under the sign of this hypocritical motto, millions of hopeless men and women toil from dawn to dark in cold and rain, on starvation rations, treated as less than cattle by their Communist guards.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The extension of the Borden-Cape Tormentine Ferry summer schedule till the end of this month is appreciated.

Delay in treatment is serious where cancer is concerned and delay in contributing to the cancer campaign hardly less so.

If the Communists do not want an armistice at Korea there is nothing the United Nations can do about it, but increase the offensive. An enemy convinced against its will is of the same opinion still.

The gift of two British destroyers to the Royal Canadian Navy, previously on loan to this country, is a gratifying gesture. Canada has made heavy contributions of arms to strengthen the Atlantic Pact and this return flatteringly acknowledges that we are also capable of sharing in their use.

This Province has seen great advances in many fields but probably none more striking than that of medicine. The gathering of the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian Medical Association commencing today calls attention to an activity in this field that was unthought of a few years ago.

The Progressive Conservative party has a good case for the re-establishment of a parliamentary veterans' committee. The cost of living has far outstripped pension increases and it would be unjust to ignore the resulting hardship at a time when vast sums are to be paid out to those having far less claim on their country's bounty.

Dante Alighieri, Italian poet, died this date 1321. The story of his youthful love for the mystic Beatrice is told in the "Vita Nuova". His imperial sentiments earned him a long banishment from his native Florence.

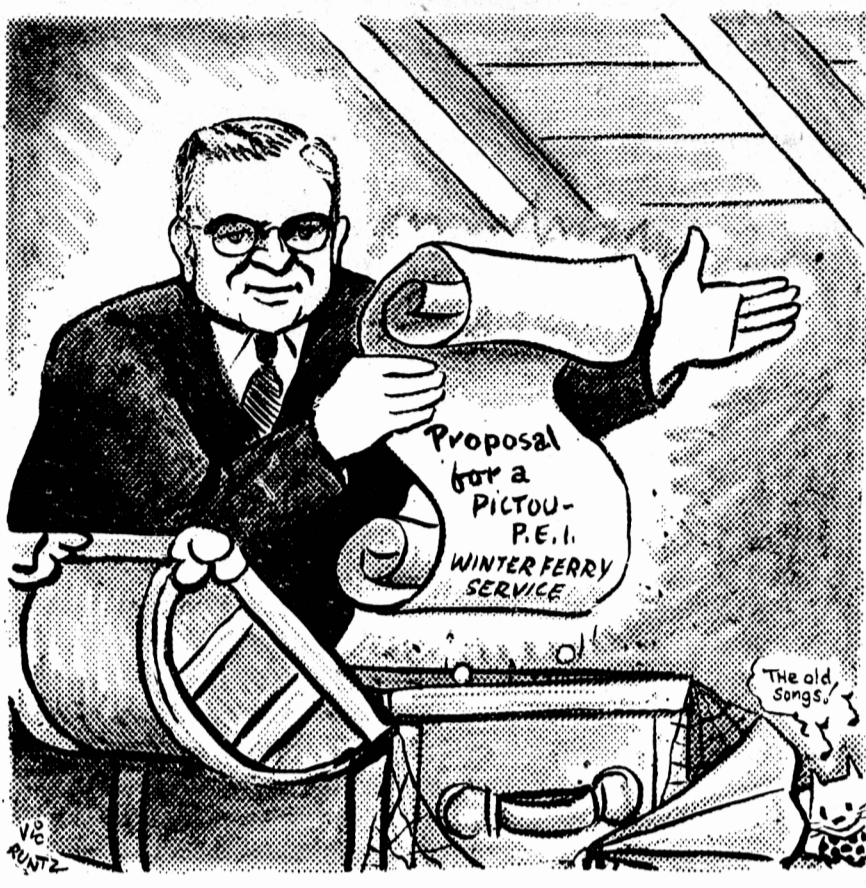
A French princess, born in Russia, Princess Sandra D'Anjou, has inherited a million dollars from Charles Ross, of Maine, former Canadian, who when becoming blind wanted to get at least one eye to save sight.

No wonder the Trade Union Congress at Halifax dissociated themselves from the Communist section of trade unionism. By their fruits are they known. The Soviet Tass news agency under date of Sept. 9 reports: "A Canadian trade union delegation led by Dewar Ferguson, vice-president of the Seamen's Union, arrived in Moscow today on the invitation of the Central Council of the Soviet Trade Unions."

A correspondent in the Public Forum yesterday asks how long would a private company exist that handled the work of street paving the way the city does. In dealing with this matter let us be fair. How many private firms would have to provide work for unemployed citizens under such a contract? There are without doubt not a few employed on the streets who are more or less inefficient or slow at handling spades and shovels.

Ottawa City Council did not shine any too brightly in its reception of London's Lord Mayor, Sir Denys Lawson and two sheriffs the other day. There was no banquet, no red carpet to the city hall, in fact no nothing except a hand shake, a formal address, and good-by. This was the outcome of the economy-minded controllers who opposed now acting Mayor Charlotte Whitton's proposal the London party should be suitably entertained, and telling the Council they were a lot of "cheap skates", offering to contribute \$1,000 towards the cost.

Let's Not Put It Back In The Moth-Balls



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) EARLY FERTILIZER PLANT

"Messrs. Hyndman Bros. have now in operation a first-class Gypsum Mill on the Steam Navigation Wharf. The mill seems to be in good order, and turns out over sixty bags of gypsum every day.

Establishing A Bank In The 1830's

The Monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Aug.—Sept. 1951 says: "The Commerce of Halifax is at the present time in as prosperous a condition as that of any town in America... The merchants of Halifax, generally speaking, connect prudence and perseverance with enterprise. They are by no means backward in undertaking whatever affords a fair prospect of gain."

A spirit of enterprise was abroad in Nova Scotia in these good times at the beginning of the 1830's. Pioneer agriculture, and the catching and curing of fish still formed the base of the economy, but lumbering had expanded rapidly and shipbuilding was established and growing.

Among the questions long agitating the merchants and government of the Colony was the scarcity of cash and the lack of an adequate circulating medium of exchange. The problem was complicated by the bewildering array of gold and silver coins of various weights, fineness, and degrees of debasement — Doubloons, Spanish Dollars and a host of other strange coins — brought in by traders.

Notes By The Way

This is the time of year when the chrysanthemum growers are working feverishly. They are preparing for their autumn shows. Like all flower growers, chrysanthemum growers are as happy as their blooms. They know not jealousy of each other.

Somebody pitched a rock through our living room window on Monday evening. We are not concerned so much about the damage to the window and the mess it created inside, but if it was the act of some moron who took this means of expressing his displeasure over us or something that might have appeared in this newspaper, we wish that the next time he make sure that we are at home instead of causing our family to suffer the scare all alone.

In the household of the celebrated writer, Rider Haggard, the shouting, laughing and good-natured horseplay of eight lusty sons kept the place in a constant state of excitement. One day a visitor to the Haggard menage, trying to make himself heard above the general bedlam of the crowded rooms, asked the tiny, gentle mother of the household: "How in heaven's name do you ever manage to catch anybody's attention in this fearful racket?"

There is an old saying that if you keep a thing long enough some use will be found for it. Apparently that applies to Canada's Rideau Canal, built a century or more ago in an earlier crisis, when the feared foe was Uncle Sam.

The walking stick, or cane, has captured the interest of a Telegram reader, who would like to know when they were first used. operations extend throughout and beyond the Dominion. Its managerial offices have been in central Canada since the beginning of this century.

The Review gives considerable information about the practical details involved in the Bank's establishment — the purchase in New York of "the Plates, Notes, Scales and Weights" and the "two wrought Iron Doors for Vaults," the search for "banking chambers," the appointment of staff, and the sending of the first Cashier to Saint John to study banking practice at the Bank of New Brunswick "as far as may be consistent with your rules and regulations," as the letter to the President of that bank put it.

In their original form, as staffs, they probably date back to the days when man first walked erect. The custom of carrying walking sticks, more for effect than use, is known to have been adopted by young Athenian dandies in the days of the Glory of Greece.

Caesar Petrillo is the master of music in the United States and his orders also cover Canada. At Midland, in Ontario, the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), has said an RCAF band cannot play at the Canadian Bandmasters' Association annual meeting there. The band was invited, the defence department said okay and everyone got set for some pleasant listening.

To keep pace with increasing business, Trans-Canada Air Lines have purchased five huge Super Constellations and three new North Stars. The former are for flights to Europe and the Caribbean area, the latter for domestic routes.

The Poet's Corner

ELEGY IN A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD The men that worked for England They have their graves at home; And bees and birds of England About the cross can roam.

But they that fought for England, Following a falling star, Alas, alas for England They have their graves afar.

The Age-Old Story

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments... Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it.

Battle Of Britain Recalled

In the early summer of 1940 the eyes of the world were focused upon the narrow strip of water separating Great Britain from the continent of Europe. To all men who believed in democracy, in freedom, truth, justice and human decency, that narrow channel represented the last barrier against the forces of a new power of darkness that was threatening Christian civilization.

Control of the air was the essential prerequisite to success in the Battle of Britain. If the Luftwaffe could win and retain control over the Strait and Channel enough to permit the invasion fleet to cross and gain a beach-head, Britain might well follow in the list of Nazi conquests.

Were the fifty squadrons of Hurricanes and Spitfires equal to the task? Could David again overthrow Goliath? There was one hopeful indication, although its full significance was little appreciated at the time.

France fell on June 17th; the next day Prime Minister Churchill warned the House of Commons that the Battle of Britain was about to begin. It is difficult to assign precise dates for the Battle, nor did it end at any specific hour or day.

Before the Battle there was an interval of several weeks, a breathing spell during which the Luftwaffe rested from its arduous six-week blitzkrieg, moved forward to new bases in the Low Countries and Northern France collected reinforcements of aircraft and personnel, organized lines of communication, and gathered all the varied supplies of bombs, ammunition, fuel, spares and equipment necessary for the next campaign.

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