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

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The Late Mr. Holman

The late Mr. Harry T. Holman, for many years president of the firm of R. T. Holman Limited, was recognized as one of the ablest business executives in Eastern Canada.

Quiet and unassuming in manner, Mr. Holman never sought public honours. These he might easily have achieved in view of the respect and esteem in which he was held.

To the bereaved widow and family The Guardian tenders sincere sympathy in the loss of one of Prince Edward Island's finest citizens.

Student Employment

Each summer a host of young people from our colleges face the problem of finding employment, some to enable them to continue their education another year, others for more permanent positions.

The predominance of veterans in this group is now lessening and most students will be comparative youngsters without family responsibilities so that it might appear that providing them with jobs is not so much of a patriotic duty that it was in the immediate post war years.

From the employer's point of view their availability should be a Godsend. This army of keen and intelligent workers presents no problem of the unpleasantness of laying off men in the slack season.

Jargon Of Officialdom

In his excellent address on the misuses of English before the Teachers' Federation last week, Dr. G. D. Steel opened up a subject which has wide ramifications. He condemned the jargon of the radio and the comic strips; but what about that peculiar form of language which has come to be associated with politicians and bureaucracy?

Hamlet's soliloquy, as rendered into bureaucratic terms by Sir A. T. Quiller-Couch: "To be or the contrary. Whether the former or the latter be preferable would seem to admit of some difference of opinion, the answer in the present case being of an affirmative character according as to whether one elects on the one hand to mentally suffer the disfavor of fortune, albeit in an extreme degree, or, on the other hand, to boldly envisage adverse conditions in the prospect of eventually bringing them to a conclusion."

Writing on "Politics and the English Language", George Orwell (author of Animal Farm) quotes the well-known verse in Ecclesiastes: "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

In Orwell's version of how a writer on politics might endeavor to express the same thought, the verse becomes: "Objective consideration of contemporary phenomena compels the conclusion that success or failure in competitive activities exhibits no tendency to be commensurate with innate capacity, but that a considerable element of the unpredictable must invariably be taken into account."

According to A. P. Herbert, Nelson's famous challenge to his fleet at Trafalgar, "England expects that every man will do his duty," would have become, if drafted officially: "England anticipates that with regard to the current emergency, personnel will duly implement their obligations in accordance with the functions allocated to their respective age groups."

Professor S. E. Morison gives some examples from the Bible. Isaiah, xxii:5: "For it is a day of trouble, and of breaking down, and of perplexity." The modern political writer would not feel that he was giving a reader his money's worth unless he wrote: "It is an era of agitation, of a progressive decline in the standard of living, and of uncertainty as to the correct policy."

After long doses of this kind of jargon, the language of "Li'l Abner" and other comic strip favourites seems almost Shakespearean by contrast.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The early session of the Legislature had one unforeseen advantage. The Government cannot be tempted to follow the trend in other Provinces towards that perpetual nuisance, the sales tax.

The financial statement of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board lists under "Bottling Department" an item, "Sundries \$2,282.27, in addition to providing for wages, fuel, and labels. Who would have thought that the water rates would be so high?

Capt. Howard L. Quinn, director of Naval Reserves and party, making the annual inspection of H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte, will probably be quizzed as much about the long promised new premises for the Division as they will want to learn about the training carried on.

Irish Moss jumped suddenly into an important source of revenue a few years ago for Island fishermen and their families. At long last the valuable agar is being used commercially in the Maritimes to produce a new desert instead of being invariably shipped abroad in its raw state.

The newly elected vice-president of the Young Progressive Conservatives is Mr. J. A. (Bill) Stewart, brother of Councillor J. D. Stewart of Charlottetown and a son of the late Premier Stewart. Bill is office manager of Kemp-Edwards Lumber Company, Ltd., and is widely known in the Federal capital.

The secrecy about the exact direction of the proposed trans-Canada Highway is understandable from the point of view of avoiding pressure from localities not benefited by the chosen route. What appears incomprehensible are the statements of Provincial and Federal ministers placing the onus on the other for insisting on such secrecy.

Citizens generally will applaud the good work being accomplished by the Girl Guides Association in this Province. To the officers and all volunteer leaders go congratulations. Mrs. J. G. MacDonald who is retiring at this time after three years of office as Commissioner deserves much credit for the advance of this youth movement. Best wishes for the continuance and growth of the Guides will go to her successor, Mrs. F. G. Hutcheson.

Adolf Hitler born this date 1889. Leader of National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) Party, became Chancellor of Germany Jan. 30, 1933, elected to Reichstag March 5, which by Enabling Act of March 24, 1933, virtually set aside Weimar constitution and gave absolute power to the Chancellor and his cabinet. President Paul von Hindenburg died Aug. 2, 1934, and on that day a law was published in which the offices of President and Chancellor were united in the person of Hitler who expressed the wish to be known as "Führer and Chancellor." The federal German states were centralized by Unification Act April 7, 1933, the Saar reunited to Germany March 1, 1935, after intensive propaganda campaign, the Rhineland occupied March 7, 1936, union of Germany and Austria announced March 13, 1938, Sudetenland occupied Sept. 1938 after Munich meeting on the 28th and Poland invaded Sept. 3, 1939. Hitler committed suicide May 1, 1945, and Germany unconditionally surrendered on June 5, 1945.

The Hustler



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.

ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED

Sir,—I shall be gratefully obliged if you will spare a little space in your valuable paper to publish this inadequate letter of thanks:

I first came to Prince Edward Island with the R. A. F. in 1941 where I met and married the lady of my choice. Subsequent to my discharge in England in 1945 I returned to my wife and family on "The Island". Now, Sir, I'm a "Cockney" born within the sound of Bow Bells, London, so imagine my predicament after trying to live for three years in a sparsely settled farming community on Prince Edward Island. I was a misfit and showed it.

Then the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Charlottetown, took an interest in my case and through the untiring efforts of the Department officers who, with the assistance of the R. A. F. and R. C. A. F. benevolent funds, the Provincial Red Cross, the Provincial and Federal Departments of Health and Welfare and other organizations have now made it possible for me to return to my native land taking my wife and family with me.

Thanks again D. V. A. and all other kind friends, and I think the best way to show my appreciation will be to bring my family up as useful citizens of this great Commonwealth of Nations in the land of their adoption.

I am, Sir, etc. ALEXANDER F. BARKER. New Zealand, P. E. I. April 19.

BOOZE GLORIFIED

Sir,—The beauty and attractiveness of advertising has, these last years, greatly improved and often now with more than a touch of humour. The great brewing industry has discovered real artists. The attractiveness of their advertising is unsurpassed in skill and ingenuity. Even the most ardent temperance crank can hardly refrain from gazing at those artistic pictures, running in all the magazines. Lord Calvert, in his various poses, represents the blue-blooded gentleman who always knows when to stop. His very looks shed a glamour over the social glass. But the story does not go on to tell of the "lords", the "remitance men", who have had to be shipped out of Britain to Canada and Australia to save the family from further disgrace, because they didn't know when to stop. We have no pictures of the bleary-eyed men who stumble home after midnight where an ill-clad mother and three bootless children have their dwelling. These pictures are too realistic as ads for selling booze.

All the fine words of our language are pressed into service to set forth the inspirations of the social glass. That clean and beautiful word "gracious", is now used to impress the public that drink adds "grace" to the company. Speech and behaviour become more "gracious". It erupts in songs and hilarious laughter. At the dance one can easily tell who is becoming "sweet". When himself, he is always shy and retiring; a few drinks has loosened him up, mellowed him, as it were. He has become the exponent of "gracious" living, unless, indeed, for reckless driving he enters the cool hospitality of the police station. We

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ROYAL GIFTS

"We had the pleasure of seeing a splendid diamond bracelet which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his visit here last week, presented to Mrs. Dundas, and which she wore at the Ball. It consists of a gold strap. On a medallion of blue enamel are the Prince's Coronet and Plume in diamonds. We are informed that H. R. Highness presented Mrs. Dundas with engravings of Her Majesty, the Prince Consort and all the Royal Family. His Royal Highness also presented Lieutenant Colonels Gray and Swabey each with a picture of himself. He left the handsome sum of £150 to be disposed of in charity, according to direction left with the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dundas." — The Islander, Aug. 18, 1880.

The Age-Old Story

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

have known such cases to the sorrow of the widowed mother and the rest of the family, but for the honor of the booze barons and their business it would never do to publish pictures of such tragedies. It would not be "gracious" to do so.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN. Murray Harbour.

RISKY PASTIME

EAST LONDON, South Africa—(CP)—Swimming in South African waters has its drawbacks. N. H. Wright recently was "bitten in the leg and hand by a shark, but he struggled to the beach and was taken to hospital.

FAMILY LETS GO

DAUPHIN, Man. — (CP)—A business site owned by one family for 82 years has finally changed hands. A Brandon company has purchased the Dauphin hotel property bought in 1868 by the late William H. Wallace.

BOREHAM WOOD, Hertfordshire, England—(CP)—The British Legion women's darts championship was won by a Mrs. Luck.

The Poet's Corner

NOTHING IS EASY

Nothing is easy! Pity then The poet more than other men And since his aim is ecstasy, And since none work so hard as he, Forgive the poet poetry!

He hath the same dull eyes; his ears Are dull-attuned; his hopes and fears Are those same ravens dogs that bay The moon, and bury bones in clay!

Tho' he on offals, too, was bred, Tho' in his heart, and in his head The brute doth slaver, yet he can Banish the brute from off the man. The man from that beyond the man.

He gave a song, a wing, to words That they might fly and sing like birds In love, who cannot too much sing The heaven, the earth, and everything; And love, the air that buoys along The wing, the singer, and the song

Yet wonder is that he hath done. For all that is beneath the sun By magic he transfigures to A better sound, a finer view: And loveliest tale of all that's true! He tells that you come to the spring And that the spring returns to you.

—James Stephens.

FROM DAVY'S LOCKER

KEYNSHAM, Somerset, England (CP)—A soldier who lost a wrist watch, pen, ring, and lucky mascot when his ship was mined more than nine years ago has had them returned by a trawler owner who fished them up.

For Foot Ailment

Consult N. J. A. BROWN D. P. Orthopedic Chiropodist

148 Great George Street CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

Advertisement for G. H. Taylor Jewellers. Includes text: "ASK THE MAN WHO KNOWS... YOUR WATCHMAKER", "YOUR WATCH NEEDS A REGULAR CHECK-UP TOO!", "WATCH INSPECTION TIME", "APRIL 17 - 22", "At TAYLOR'S you can get your Watch inspected free all this week. - - - A look in time may save you lots of money later on - - -", "G. H. Taylor Jewellers for Four Generations."

Notes By The Way -

George Bernard Shaw, when asked what he thought about television, answered: "I don't know. I am afraid to look."—Cavalcade.

Men are never satisfied. They're always looking for a home atmosphere in hotels and hotel service at home.—St. Catherine's Standard

Numerous stories tell you how to cut down your income tax. There still remains but one sure way — earn less! —London Free Press.

A Philadelphia specialist warns people to keep their hands off their eyes, except to wash them out with ordinary tap water if splashed by a fluid. We accept his advice as sound, but did he ever get a cinder in his eye?—Windsor Star

We can't get excited about complaints of certain Toronto brokers who have been denied use of the mails by the Post Office Department because of suspicion they were being used to extract money by misrepresentation. There is a law against using the mails, or attempting to do so, to defraud. There is no reason Toronto brokers should be exempt from it. —Windsor Star.

An interesting advance in the study of Basic English has been made in New York schools for displaced persons, from young children to old people. The two principal teachers were themselves displaced persons, Osman Sprah and Hugo Corn, who learned this truncated language in England, and as a result of their own experiences, have reduced Basic English to only 500 words. They are teaching to other teachers, and the New York schools for displaced persons are teaching it to people of twenty nationalities.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Canadian Press announced the other day that Canada had consented to the complete military control of three important armed bases on the Atlantic coast in Newfoundland. . . . The solution involves no difficulty. It is part of the arrangement of the alliance concluded between Canada and the United States. . . . The very fact that such a state of affairs appears natural shows now far along the road we have gone in some years in our conception of national sovereignty. We have simply bent to the exigencies of a new situation. . . . What matters above everything else is our national security. In the eyes of the federal government and of general common sense the United States security is the single possible guarantee the circumstances. . . . Unable to defend ourselves alone against an eventual attack, nothing is more than to link our fate with that of our more powerful neighbors. There is no injury done to our national pride in this alliance, the purpose of which is our common defence and security. —La Canada, Montreal.

Since imports of Japanese knitted gloves into Canada started late in 1948, four Canadian glove plants have had to close and more than 700 Canadian workers have lost their jobs. The rising tide of Japanese glove imports into Canada during 1949 reached a total of 82,000 dozen pairs, which was equal to nearly half of all Canadian production and one third of the total Canadian market. While fixed values for duties purposes were in effect during most of 1949, these values were insufficient to stem the increasing flow of Japanese glove imports. Canadian glove manufacturers assert that, unless prompt action is taken, remaining mills must close and more employees will be thrown out of work. Located chiefly in small towns, the Canadian knitted glove industry consisted of 12 plants, which employed over 1,100 people and produced 247,000 dozen pairs of seamless gloves and mitts during 1948. In that year imports totalled 16,000 dozen pairs. But, in 1949, as Japanese gloves were imported at prices which were well below the cost of manufacture in Canada, Canadian production dropped to 174,000 dozen pairs.—Canadian Textiles.

Advertisement for Stetson hats. Includes text: "The STETSON St. Regis . . . . . \$12.50", "Every line of the classic roll-brim St. Regis will proclaim your impeccable taste, your feeling for correctness. And, of course, since Stetson makes it, its quality is as distinguished as its style. The St. Regis is the perfect hat for the man of affairs. Come in and try it on today.", "MOORE & McLEOD Limited", "MORE PEOPLE WEAR STETSON HATS THAN ANY OTHER BRAND"

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