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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Time For A Showdown

A revised setup of freight rates for Newfoundland, with many charges slashed by as much as 25 percent, has been granted by the Board of Transport Commissioners...

To this Province the new deal obtained by Newfoundland is of special interest. We too, are handicapped, as compared with other parts of the Maritimes...

Back in 1947, when the Summerside Board of Trade applied to the Board of Transport Commissioners for a reduction in exorbitant truck rates on the ferry...

A chief witness before the Board in 1947 was the late Hon. Horace Wright, then a member of the Provincial Government. When Mr. Wright argued that "we have rights as a Province under the British North America Act and the Federal Government is under obligation to carry our produce at reasonable rates..."

That has been the Board's attitude with respect to every attempt on our part to obtain redress in transportation matters. Now it appears to have made a complete volte face in dealing with the claims of our sister Island Province.

This is a live question indeed in this Province, and it is to be hoped that both our representatives at Ottawa and our Provincial Government will drive its implications home in no uncertain terms.

Provincial Sales Taxes

One issue likely to come before Parliament at the forthcoming session is revision of the British North America Act to give the Provinces authority to levy an indirect sales tax.

At that time Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen maintained that the power of indirect taxation, with the effect it produces, is the very cornerstone of Confederation.

the rates raised again and again whenever the Provinces became pressed for revenue. With the present visible and direct provincial levies, no Province lightly considers raising them because they are certain to face a protest from the consumer.

A major objection to such a proposal at this time is the huge new defense expenditures which the Federal Government is facing, and which are likely to call for a drastic increase in income and other Federal taxes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another convention week successfully completed. Conferees like Charlottetown and Island hospitality.

General Motors Products of Canada has opened a Maritime zone office at Moncton with Mr. J. E. B. Short as zone manager.

Falling from grace. In Lindsay, Ont., Magistrate E. A. Gee, sentencing three Toronto youths to reformatory for breaking and entering and theft from six summer cottages, said: "There was a time when Toronto youths were known as the 'City of Churches' and the 'City of the Good'..."

Austerity has its compensations. The sweet-scented aroma of peat fires soon will hover again over Irish communities for the first time since the war. Peat will replace coal as fuel because coal shipments from Britain have dropped.

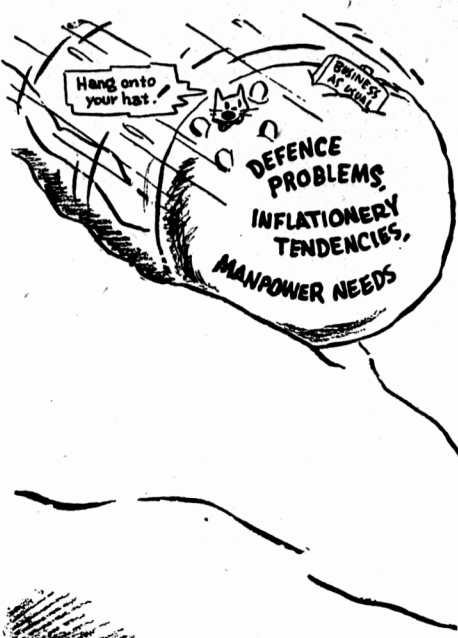
"Operation Preparedness" is a good name for an enlistment propaganda gathering, and could just as well be applied to an endeavour to obtain our share of "Preparedness" industries.

The salaries of the scientific staff at Ottawa have been increased. The increases will range from \$300 to \$600 a year and apply to members of the board's staff at Ottawa and laboratories across Canada who earn less than \$7,300 a year.

According to an Ottawa despatch, a change has been made in food and drug regulations covering the sale of horsemeat and horsemeat products for human consumption. Horsemeat and horsemeat products may be sold if wholesalers and retailers "legibly and conspicuously identify" them as horsemeat or horsemeat products.

Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig of Bernesside, soldier, died this date 1928. A graduate of Oxford, he joined 7th Hussars in 1885, and served in the Sudan and South African Wars; was chief of staff in India. At outbreak of Great War I he was placed in command of the 1st Army, later succeeding Viscount French as commander-in-chief.

All Set To Grapple With It



The Poet's Corner

THE BOOK OF NATURE Of this fair volume which we World do name, If we the sheets and leaves could turn with care, Of Him who it corrects, and did it frame, We clear might read the art and wisdom rare: Find out His power which wild-est powers doth tame, His providence extending everywhere, His justice which proud rebels doth not spare. In every page, no, period of the same. But silly we, like foolish children, rest. Well pleased with coloured vellum, leaves of gold, Fair dangling ribands, leaving what is best. Of the great Writer's sense we'er taking hold; Or if by chance our minds do muse on aught, It is some picture on the margin wrought. —William Drummond (1585-1649).

The Age-Old Story

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Mr. Gardiner And Oleo

(Montreal Gazette) That master of rough-and-tumble politics and innuendo, Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner, has some of his Ottawa fellow-Liberals wondering with two speeches which he delivered in Toronto this week. Most of their wonderings are followed by exclamation marks.

It is always been said that, behind the scenes, Mr. Gardiner fought tooth-and-nail against the creation of Ottawa's wheat marketing monopoly in the form of the Canadian Wheat Board, and that he has never seen eye to eye with Trade Minister Howe, who thus lightened his shoulders of the wheat problem.

Later the same day (Wednesday) he had surprising things to say to the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, also meeting in Toronto. They are surprising, that is, when it is recalled that it has been under a Liberal Federal Government that oleo-margarine has come into its own and is threatening to replace butter as the national spread.

Polio Fund Controversy

(Summerside Pioneer) All this controversy over the "Canadian March of Dimes" campaign seems to have had an odd manner of starting. It started when the original promoter of the scheme sued the present manager of the fund for ten per cent of the latter's earnings from the foundation. According to a financial statement published of the fund slightly over \$289,000 was contributed from July 8, 1948, to November 30, 1950, of this amount \$141,459 going toward organization, campaign and administrative expenses, while \$74,765.70 was devoted to polio aid, there being a balance on hand at that period of close to \$73,000.

Notes From Another Island

LONDON, England.—Who's put the clock into reverse? Who's turned back the pages of the calendar? We all thought that we were doing fine a couple of months ago when we learned that we had progressed so well along the uphill road to recovery that we had been able to dispense with Marshall Aid about two years before that blessed event had been expected. Oh, there were still hard times ahead, still lots of work to be done before we could really say that we had arrived. But at least we thought we had reached the flat, that we could slip into top gear and purr swiftly until the road took a turn downhill and we could coast pleasantly down into the plains of plenty.

Instead, what do we find. Somebody has slipped up on the topography! There are fresh and unexpected climbs to negotiate, hills that were not marked on the maps we had been using; and these it seems, we must now tackle under men drive power since we have slipped the tow-ropes of American dollars. Not that we have long had a sort of sneaking feeling that, helpful though Marshall Aid was, and grateful though we were to have it, it was rather inglorious to be in the position of needing it. "Poverty is no sin", that we all know, especially when poverty, as in our case, springs from a laudable cause, and even the knowledge question of temporary embarrassment due to heavy commitments that do not act as a very efficient balm for the pain of injured pride.

However, all that is by the way. The discouraging thing is not that we have to face new trials without outside help - that is no novel experience for us anyway—but that we have apparently to face very similar trials all over again, and so soon, too.

That is why one wonders if, somehow, there hasn't been some sort of mistake and if we aren't astonishingly back in time, say, 1947. It was in that year that, in addition to all our other problems, a villain Winter attacked us from the rear, so to speak, and held us in his grip in a (for us) quite unaccustomed manner, disrupting transport, production and life generally. Again now, as if it is not enough that we are facing one crisis on top of another, with the team-men drive the nullifying of our hard work of the past few years in its prodigious demands upon our economy, as if that is not enough recent cold spells have done their best to bring about another fuel shortage to add to our difficulties.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) METEORIC APPEARANCE "On Wednesday evening, the 13th instant, at twilight, before the fixed stars were visible, a meteor was observed from Cape Traverse, in this Island, in a north-westerly direction, shooting down from a height of twenty-five or thirty degrees above the horizon. After traversing about fifteen degrees, it became extinct. The apparent size of the meteor greatly exceeded that of an ordinary 'shooting star'. Its descent was comparatively slow, and nearly in a straight line; but the luminous appearance which it left behind it in the heavens, quickly assumed a sinuous aspect, not unlike that of zigzag lightning. This luminous track was of great brilliancy, and remained distinctly visible for upwards of twenty minutes after the meteor had disappeared. No curcussions were visible in it, although the angular projections seemed to waver and contract, and thus imparted an undulating appearance to the phenomenon, as if it had been an unbroken stream of light floating through the atmosphere." —The Islander, May 16, 1868.

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lights in our cities and towns. Places that had for years—since 1939 in fact—almost gone to bed when the sun had set began staying up late by the light of flashing signs and coloured neon that seemed something like a revelation to people who had nearly forgotten that they had taken such things for granted before the war.

Now, once again, however, it is a question of using electricity for essential purposes only, and even in the thing that we might consider essential we are constantly being asked—badgered—is probably a better word—to economize wherever possible. There are dark hints of factories having to close for lack of power to keep the machines going, and we all know well enough the chain reaction that follows that possibility: the factories close, production drops, exports decline, our overseas earnings fall off, we can afford less for imports of raw materials and food, and before you have time to say "Waste not, want not" the meat ration has been cut again.

All this, as I say, comes on top of the great re-armament drive. Factories that could have been turning out goods for the export trade are having to devote their energies to more sinister tasks. Others, which might have been allowed to continue with their peaceable, dollar-earning labours, often find that the materials they need have been earmarked for arms plants, with pretty much the same result. From the same root grows the possibility that even our housing plans may suffer, to the dismay of countless young families, who never yet having known anything like a home of their own, see even hope receding.

Fortunately, beneath the surface of seeming frustration it appears that the little things that make up life still find somewhere to happen. We have heard, for instance, about a film-fan who, after seeing a heavy melodrama on the screen, found a glass-eye on the floor near his feet, presumably washed out in somebody's floods of tears. He advertised his find, but no one claimed it. Maybe our National Health Service had already provided the owner with a new one; or perhaps it had never fitted properly anyway and its owner, addicted to "weepies", had got tired of having that kind of trouble with it every time.

Notes By The Way

In Toronto, down-town areas, curbside parking was once deemed desirable by a great many merchants. In the past it brought customers to their doors. Today it drives them away through the congestion it creates. Plainly, regulations which were considered entirely altered conditions today. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

As a colonizer, exploiter and superior the white man is clearly through in Asia. He can remain there only as a friend and equal. This is the policy of the great western nations but they have been slow to make the Asiatic understand. Meanwhile Communism uses the name of an American President who opposed aggression anywhere to justify it everywhere. —Victoria Times.

"We like women to look like women," says the Windsor Star, "and as much like women as possible." Well, so do we, but poor dears have fallen prey to so many hat stylists, dress designers, hair-dressers, makeup artists, face-lifters, diet experts and factitious revampers of one kind and another, it's a wonder they look like women at all. But they do — a little — so we love 'em just the same! — Ottawa Citizen.

At the present time, when one needs the services of a taxi, the sole guarantee and the sole protection that can be had is the skill and moral integrity of the man at the wheel. Let us repeat: the majority of chauffeurs are worthy citizens. In the very interest of the majority, it would perhaps be opportune to suggest that each one of their vehicles carried, in clear view of the passenger, an identity card with a photograph of the driver. — Le Soleil, Quebec.

To make a fetish of schooling, without regard to facts and cases (mentally, morally, and physically) upon small children. Before we endeavour to popularize it still further in this country, might it not be as well if we investigated its consequences for American society and took counsel with informed American opinion about possible safeguards and limitations? The fears expressed by my American friends were not such as could be allayed by the provision of only superior and harmless programs; they were concerned with the television habit, whatever the program might be. —T. S. Elliot in London Times.

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