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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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T. C. Rehabilitation in New Brunswick

Press reports of a recent meeting in Fredericton show that New Brunswick is energetically tackling the problems of tuberculosis rehabilitation in that Province. The general picture there is not unlike that in Prince Edward Island and may provide a useful basis of comparison.

Geographical Society Comes Of Age

The Canadian Geographical Society has celebrated its "coming of age" with the holding of its 21st annual meeting at the National Museum at Ottawa. The society continues its steady growth and has rendered outstanding service in making Canadians conscious of the great heritage which is theirs.

Calling A Halt

The results of the British election, added to those in New Zealand and Australia, says the Montreal Gazette, show a growing realization among English-speaking peoples that the hands of the clock are not best put forward by turning them to the left.

the banks became the issue of limitless nationalization; for the power to run the banks meant the power to control credit, and thus to regulate the whole business of the nation. By going to the people on this issue, the Government was voted out of public confidence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

- The Government collected in fees from the students of P. W. C. 1948-9, \$20,129.73.
Patients' Fees at Falconwood total \$36,436.70.
Fishing and hunting licenses last financial year produced \$5,813.
The Gasoline Tax in 1948-9 netted the Government \$965,648.85.
Succession duties for the last year netted \$21,105.60.
Revenue from the Wholesale Vendor under the Temperance Act last year \$550,719.63.
Our total bonded debt at March 31, 1949, was \$13,823,000, our Sinking Fund investments \$1,820,325.98.
Some one in the Province has a tender conscience regarding Provincial debts having sent the Government \$100 conscience money.

The Red Cross is appealing to its friends for financial support for another year of service. That should take in just about everyone.

Our revenue from Old Age Pensions was \$593,070.14; for Blind Pensions \$30,928.72; for Physical Fitness, \$1,858.50; Youths' Training Students Aid, \$6,370.58; Vocational Training Schools, \$21,011.13.

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor, born this date 1847. To him we owe the telephone, the gramophone, and innumerable other modern conveniences, undreamed of a century ago.

Provincial and civic dignitaries will put aside the cares of office this evening to bid welcome to the charming Barbara Ann Scott, one of the rare occasions when rank and position are enviable.

Occasionally, some Government activity pays real dividends. For example, conservation of beaver in Manitoba now yields 16,000 heads a year from an area in which, 7 years ago, there were only 3,000 beaver left.

The Rural Electrification programme is of great importance in the Legislature and certainly on the farm. The Government has undoubtedly made progress in this matter but the Opposition should seriously question whether it has been enough.

In the course of his trip to the Scandinavian countries this year perhaps Mr. Walter Shaw, deputy Minister of Agriculture, might be persuaded to visit Scotland where on behalf of the Island Sheep Breeders Association he could look into the possible importation of quality Cheviots to improve Island flocks.

Manitoba observers forecast, says Letter-Review, possibility of an end to the province's coalition government. Future of coalition is assured until next October, when Pro-Cons hold convention. It is expected that convention will then go on record as opposed to continuing in coalition with Liberals.

Salada Tea Company Ltd., one of our oldest advertising patrons, writes that the past year was "the greatest in their history. Sales reached a new peak." They add the significant fact: "Newspapers were the first medium we ever used to advertise Salada Tea, and for nearly 60 years, they have constituted the largest single item in our advertising budget."

Premier Jones made very clear in the House the difference between public servants and employees of Crown companies such as the Industrial Corporation. The departmental minister is responsible to the House for everything and everyone in his Department, but the Premier declined to accept responsibility or account for the shipping or refrigeration activities of the Corporation.

Hold That Topsoil



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

A LOCAL POOH-BAH

A man of many positions in Colonial days, almost rivaling those of PooH-Bah in "The Mikado", was the Hon. William Swabey, whose offices are thus enumerated in Hazard's Gazette of April 22, 1854:

- 1. Member of Her Majesty's Legislative Council.
2. Justice of the Peace for Queen's County.
3. Chairman of the Board of Road Justices.
4. Visiting Justice of Queen's County Jail.
5. Commissioner of Prison Discipline.
6. Trustee and Governor of the Lunatic Asylum.
7. Registrar of the Court of Vice Admiralty.
8. Commissioner of Small Debts Court.
9. Member of the Board of Education.
10. Trustee and Governor of the Central Academy.
11. Governor of the Royal Agricultural Society.
12. Adjutant General and Inspector of Militia.
13. Lieutenant - Colonel of a Regiment of Militia.
14. Trustee of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. Chairman of the Assault and Battery Court.
16. President of the Cricket Club.
17. Treasurer of the Society for the Protection of Property.
18. Co-editor, with Andrew Mitchell, of "The Advertiser" newspaper, &c.
And late one of the members of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Justice of the Peace for the whole Island, one of the Judges of the Vice Admiralty Court, one of the Judges of the Court of Divorce, and Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans, &c., &c.

The Poet's Corner

THE CRISIS

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by for ever 'twixt that darkness and that light...

General Weeks Warns About Unpreparedness

(Ottawa Citizen)

A warning against military unpreparedness that might bring a repetition of the disasters of Dunkirk, Mons and Stormburg was sounded by Maj.-Gen. E. G. Weeks, former Canadian army adjutant-general.

He was speaking at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Ottawa South African veterans' Association tendered by the city branches of the Canadian Legion at the Chateau Laurier.
"The opening of the South African war," Gen. Weeks said, "provided a lesson, which stands so true today, of the dangers which a nation faces when there is a lack of co-ordination between policy and military preparations.
"Once recalls Mons in 1914 and Dunkirk in 1940. If we are not careful, one of these days we will stretch our luck too far and will not be given the chance to re-organize and finally win."

Severe Reverses First

Gen. Weeks observed that the South African war, "like all British wars," had started with a series of unexpected and severe reverses.
"It is hardly necessary for me to remind the audience of the investment of Kimberly and Ladysmith, the reverses at Stormburg, Magersfontein, Colenso and Spion Kop.
"Those checks, together with the 3,000 casualties involved shook the British Empire more than perhaps any period since the eve of Trafalgar."

The speaker had words of high praise for those Canadians who 50 years ago had gone overseas to fight for the Queen. Despite opposition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier had authorized the dispatch of 1,000 Canadians to South Africa.
"I doubt very much if any Canadian government in the future would dispatch Canadian troops to a war without the consent of Parliament.
"Recalling the Dominion troops in South Africa had been paid by the British government, Gen. Weeks commented: "Maybe in these days when it is difficult to convert pounds into dollars, a case might be made for some adjustment. It would be nice to say Canada has always paid her troops."

No National Memorial

Gen. Weeks said it seemed strange to him that in Ottawa the National Capital, there was no National War Memorial in honor of the gallant Canadians who lost their lives in the South African War.
"May I say how warmly the members of the South African Veterans' Association of Ottawa join with me in thanking the Canadian Legion for this delightful dinner."

To Aid Veterans

With the government's good wishes, Major Mutch brought timely word of assistance for a classification of veterans resident in Canada. "It will hearten you who served in Africa to know that this session, another step will be taken for old comrades of yours, who have reached the place where help is needed.
"Veterans of South Africa, who served in other than the Canadian Contingent, may now be assisted by the War Veterans Allowance Act if they have 30 years' residence in Canada and are otherwise entitled.
"As a symbol and in recognition of the close relations existing between Canada and the Union of South Africa, the assembled veterans passed a resolution calling for the return to the Union of a Transvaal Republic flag. It had

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.

THE THANKLESS PROFESSION

Sir,—Hugh MacLennan's article is splendid and true in fact and theory. He is to be highly complimented as the author, and you, Sir, deserve praise for printing it in full. How very few are the papers that have printed or will print it? Publishers use their space for material that is, to my mind, of much less interest, significance and importance.

SYMPATHETIC.

I am, Sir, etc.,

LITTLE THEATRE COMMENDED

Sir,—Once again the Little Theatre Guild has proved, that with determination and public support, a group of local enthusiasts can make an evening really entertaining. Although one knows they are strictly amateurs, it is easy to forget this fact as the product of their endeavours unfolds on the stage in an almost professional manner.

ENTHUSIASTIC.

of our first engagements—our long marches, and how our first casualties, sickness and disease came upon us.

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Mr. Hare recalled the battle triumphs of the Canadians, final victory and the happy return to Canada.
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Notes By The Way

Nothing can be done in a day if the day is always tomorrow.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.
A contract has been let by the public Works Department for the installation of a modern amplifying system in the House of Commons chamber. It's a pity that a gadget isn't also available to step up the calibre of the ideas voiced in the House.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The human race may not benefit from war, but the animal kingdom sometimes does. Reports from Malaya indicate that big game animals there are enjoying a golden age. Human beings are so busy fighting each other that hunting has practically stopped.—Edmonton Journal.
"Scots families are being given a warm welcome in Australia."—Melbourne message. There was the case of one chap who arrived in the kilt, with wife and weans and noticed a small Aussie following him. "Is there anything we want, faddie?" the Scot asked at length. "I'd like to see one of the little 'uns get into your pouch," vouchsafed the tiny Antipodean.—Daily Record.

The recent outburst of Mr. Louis Johnson, United States Defense Secretary, was entirely pointless. When he talked of retaliating against a surprise Russian attack within one hour he wasn't fooling anyone. And his remark about "licking hell out of Uncle Joe" certainly will not cause any great change in Soviet plans. The one effect of his speech will be to put a false sense of security into American (and Canadian) minds.—Calgary Albertan.

Hunters' guns killed 19,690 deer in New Brunswick last Autumn. This was the biggest harvest of its kind for years. Most of us probably are somewhat amazed to reflect that 19,690 animals can be skinned off the deer population of the province without seriously depleting our "capital resources" of game. But here is an instance

of the annual kill apparently being just about equivalent to the natural surplus—an ideal situation, from a conservationist's viewpoint. But because the annual kill has been so reasonable, hunters have been able to bag nearly 1,000,000 deer in New Brunswick since the turn of the century—and they can still go out this coming Fall and enjoy the sport.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.
One of the most beautiful phrases in our language are the words an American uses when he says to those with whom he has been in disagreement: "I'll go along with you. That's not the way I see it, but I'll go along." Out of this perceptive of reasonableness and respect for the opinions of others often issues one of the finest fruits of thought—a composite judgment, the product of many minds.—David E. Lillenthal in "This I Do Believe."

It will be easy for the "realist" to dismiss as impractical idealism the fresh approach to the world crisis proposed the other day by Senator Brian McMahon. Why not, he asked, spend 50 billion dollars over the next five years—two thirds of what would otherwise be expended over the same period for armaments—and devote it to economic aid to the whole world, including Russia, and to peaceful development of atomic energy. In return, he would ask for general acceptance of an effective plan of atomic energy control and for a proportionate contribution by other countries of the sums which they would expend for armaments. The proposal will be shattered at once, it can be said, on the rock of Soviet resistance. People will say you cannot buy peace. But these objections do not make constructive thought any less a responsibility of statesmanship. The world has desperate need today for bold and imaginative ideas to wrench it from the whirlpool into which it is descending.—Washington Post.

CHINA'S GREAT WALL
The Great Wall to China built in 226 B. C. by Emperor Chin Shih Huang Ti is 1,400 miles long.

The Age-Old Story
Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble; Thou wilt prepare their heart, Thou wilt open their ear to hear.

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