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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Great Churchman Passes

The late Archbishop Kingston, Primate of the Church of England in Canada, was one of this country's most distinguished religious leaders, and his death at the comparatively early age of sixty-one will be very widely regretted. As Archbishop of the Anglican diocese of Nova Scotia which includes Prince Edward Island as well, he frequently visited this Province and was known personally to many of our readers. He was esteemed no less for his charm of manner than for his scholarly attainments and ability as an administrator. In his preaching he continually emphasized the world-wide nature of the Christian church as a living organism, and aligned himself with every worthy cause in the furtherance of this ideal. He was particularly successful as a youth leader, and his work in this capacity, both in the Maritimes and in other parts of Canada, will remain an enduring monument to his zeal and vision.

Aid Society Campaign

The need for a Province-wide Children's Aid Society has long been felt, and now that the Society has been organized on a non-sectarian and non-political basis it is hoped that it will receive the fullest support and co-operation of all our citizens. In order to perform the work required, it is necessary to have the organization staffed by professionally trained workers. The objectives, as outlined in the press, are to locate adoptive homes for neglected and orphan children, to supervise the placing of such children according to their needs, to assist unmarried mothers and their children, to provide parole and probation services for juvenile offenders, and do other necessary child welfare work throughout the Province.

The Society, which is under the presidency of Lt.-Col. A. W. Rogers, has launched an appeal for funds, the minimum objective being \$10,000. The ten-day campaign is now under way, and it is hoped that the response will be both prompt and generous. This is not only a worthy cause, but a very urgent and essential one. It represents an investment in human lives—not in far-off mission fields but right in our own community, where there is ample opportunity for effecting improvement.

For King and Country

Patriotism is not altogether fashionable today. Like many other virtues it has suffered debasement by being used to further other ends. Nevertheless true patriotism remains a virtue, whatever its profession may be.

The patriot does not talk of his service to his country. He renders it. He does not adopt a bigoted, "My country right or wrong" attitude. Rather he works always for the real good of his own community and nation, which cannot be achieved by policies based on ignorance or folly.

The good citizen is he who looks beyond his own private affairs and takes his share of the general burden. Not all are called to do the same service. Some may find themselves called to fight for their country. Others may see the duty of taking active part in civic, provincial or national affairs. For most people, patriotism means trying to make their own community a better, healthier and happier place in which to live.

Immigration Opportunity

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce believes that world political conditions, our own potential but undeveloped natural resources and our strategic place in world affairs, give Canada both an opportunity and responsibility in the matter of immigration, according to a memorandum just released by the Canadian Chamber.

Pointing up the fact that Canadian industry has undergone a decade of unprecedented expansion and diversification, reference is made to the need for stepping up the tempo of Canada's preparations for defence and, as a result, there are many opportunities for both heavy labour and skilled artisans in the tremendous construction program now underway.

"We are now in the midst of the greatest era of growth since Confederation," states the memorandum. Apart from industrial expansion, there is a need for workers to develop our natural resources and the statement suggests that there is still room for new agricultural settle-

ment. Calling Canada "the new Belgium of a divided world", the memorandum states that the 14 million people who occupy our half continent are far less than what we need to preserve our national security now and in the future.

Other arguments adduced to support the Chamber's policy are that Canada's governmental, communication and transportation systems as well as other servicing facilities were developed for a much greater population than we have today, and, similarly, the burden of taxation which has grown from our efforts in two world wars and from the cost of various social measures enacted by Parliament, can only be lowered on a per capita basis if there are more people. Immigration will mean greater diversification and efficiency in production and greater domestic consumption. Reference is made to the fact that both Australia and South Africa have emphasized a strong immigration policy and that every effort must be made not only to invite immigrants but to seek them in Europe by means of a well-planned campaign.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The British Parliament met in Church House, Westminster, this date 1940 after the destruction of the House of Commons by the Nazi bombs. The restored House of Commons was re-opened recently.

And now it is proposed to have a Government car ferry between North Sydney and Newfoundland. Probably in the course of time we will have an adequately subsidized ferry between here and Nova Scotia.

The bad start of our potato subsidy delegation to Ottawa Saturday may result in a successful ending. It was too bad the weather prevented the plane landing at Moncton to connect with the C. N. R. train there for Montreal.

Judges must apply the law as they find it, even if it means that only a "fisherman" may be punished for having under-sized lobsters. Parliament can soon provide the necessary amendment to the law unless an appeal court first determines that the loophole does not in fact exist.

Prince Edward Island made a national reputation for support of a "Save the Children" drive some time ago when the children concerned were far away. Now an appeal is launched for our own children and should meet with at least as generous a response.

The Federal Department of Health and Welfare has been called upon to do more for the problem of alcoholism, a most reasonable proposal considering that Excise levies on liquor yield more revenue than the Provinces make on handling the stuff and without a corresponding investment.

The British Medical Association supports a proposed strike of doctors against the low rate of pay allowed under the Labour Government socialization plan. On the other hand, Alberta Government intimates that the Medical Association's powers regarding the admission of doctors to practice in that Province will be cancelled. Can it be that Alberta anticipates a rush of British doctors to practise there?

Says The Summerside Journal: "The Summerside site offered would be ideal for the purpose of a museum building, and might well have combined with it a public library. The Government, if it is at all concerned in this matter of securing a Provincial Museum, we believe, should not hesitate about accepting the Summerside offer, and, moreover, there is no substantial reason why all the public institutions should be centred at Charlottetown."

It isn't hard to understand the popularity of Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, says Montreal Gazette, in the light of an incident while he was receiving an honorary degree from McGill Tuesday. For probably the first time at a McGill ceremony, French was used when he slipped faultlessly into that tongue during the course of his broadcast address as a gesture to the bilingual character of this country.

Payments to Canadian families by the 60-odd British, United States and Canadian life insurance companies operating in Canada totalled over \$154,000,000 in the first eight months of this year, \$17,200,000 higher than the corresponding payments in 1949, the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association reports. Of this year's payments, about \$57,400,000 were death and accidental death benefits and about \$96,900,000 were made to living policyholders; the latter representing 62.3 per cent of the total. The benefits paid to beneficiaries were nearly nine per cent larger and benefits to policyholders about ten per cent larger than last year.

A Bigger Slice To-day

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POTATOES IN IT WOULD IMPROVE THE FLAVOUR

Statistics reveal increase in the farmer's share of the consumer dollar since 1935 in many items, though not potatoes

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 CRANBERRY SITUATION

Sir.—Undoubtedly the economy of Prince Edward Island has received a severe jolt this fall by the prevailing low prices of our principal farm crop potatoes. It is to be hoped that some measure of relief will be granted to the producers by the Federal Government. Another old stand-by cash crop, particularly of King's County, is cranberries. For a few years previous to 1949 while the embargo was in effect on American fruits, cranberry growers received very fine returns for their crops. When the embargo was lifted last year packages of berries from the New England States appeared in the grocery stores of Prince Edward Island. This immediately depressed the prices of the local product. I hope this will not be repeated this year, there are more than enough on the growers' hands to supply the home market.

It is the opinion of this writer that cranberries have never received the acceptance from meal planners that is their rightful due, solely on account of a lack of proper advertising and poor marketing methods generally. Premier Jones has often advocated developing more cranberry bogs and proper cultivation. The Dominion Experimental Farm under Mr. Warren's direction at Blooming Point, where some very fine cranberries are being done. However that is of little use right now to the growers of P. E. I. who have probably got in the vicinity of 100 tons on their hands at the moment.

An effort has been made by the Commercial Cannery of Mt. Stewart to process a limited amount of these berries to partly relieve the congested market. But there again the difficulty is to sell to advantage this excellent product as American processed fruit is flooding our Canadian markets.

Cranberries contain, according to research reports on work conducted at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., "a good supply of vitamin C, some vitamin A, highly available iron, iodine, calcium, phosphorus, copper etc., fruit acids and pectin." As everyone knows they are pleasantly tart and in conjunction with chicken or turkey will not fail to tempt the most jaded appetite.

Island residents should insist on the local product, there is none so fine. Let's all pull together for P. E. I. prosperity.

The Poet's Corner

ENVOY

Go, songs, for ended is our brief sweet play;
Go, children of swift joy and tardy sorrow;
And some are sung, and that was yesterday,
And some unsung, and that may be tomorrow.

Go forth; and if it be o'er story way,
Old joy can lend what newer grief must borrow:
And it was sweet, and that was yesterday,
And sweet is sweet; though purchased with sorrow.

Go songs, and come not back from your far way:
And if men ask you why ye smile and sorrow,
Tell them ye grieve, for your hearts know Today,
Tell them ye smile, for your eyes know Tomorrow.

—Francis Thompson.

The Age-Old Story

My flesh and my heart faileth,
but God is the strength of my heart,
and my portion for ever.

Negotiating With Russia

(By Sebastian Hofner)

Some time there will have to be negotiations with Russia on great questions which divide the world and an attempt will have to be made to compose these questions by agreement if they are not decided by war. But, on the other hand, experience has taught the West that it cannot afford to sit down with Russians unconditionally at their bidding and negotiate with them on their own terms and in their own time about whatever they please. Reluctantly and with difficulty, the West has had to learn that when the Russians offer negotiations this does not necessarily mean that they desire agreement.

Thus, in 1945-46, long-drawn-out negotiations about secondary European peace treaties were used by Russia to gain time in which to undermine the peasant and social democrat parties in Eastern Europe and install Communist dictatorships. In 1946-47 abortive conferences about Germany were used by Russia for an attempt to drive a wedge between France, on the one hand, and Britain and America on the other. The detailed story of Russia's tactics at the Moscow and London conferences of 1947 shows that this, and not any agreement on Germany, was the aim for which Russia joined these conferences.

Finally, there has not been one conference since the war which Russian delegates have not abused by making propaganda speeches which did in no way further the business in hand but were addressed to some outside audience. A classical example was provided on the 10th and 11th of July, 1948, in Paris when Mr. Molotov, having asked for negotiations on Germany, made a violently anti-German speech for consumption in France on the first day and on an equally strong pro-German and anti-Western speech for consumption in Germany on the second day, and the Western Foreign Ministers found that they had simply given two days of their time to act as a studio audience and a sounding board for a thoroughly dishonest Russian Propaganda manoeuvre.

It follows that if negotiations with Russia are to be fruitful, the ground must be very carefully prepared before the conference is joined. This means two things. First, there must be diplomatic preparation. The agenda must be clearly defined and mutual positions must be sufficiently explored by normal diplomatic means to make sure that they allow some hope of agreement.

Secondly, and even more important, the actual situation under discussion must be mature for settlement. Agreements with Russia accept—either because she finds them favourable to herself or because she finds herself powerless to alter them. Thus, the agreement about Western access to Berlin proved possible, in Paris, in June 1949 after the Russian blockade had been defeated by the airlift; it had proved impossible nine months before, in Moscow, in September 1948, when it was not yet clear whether the blockade could be defeated.

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CIVIC STREET WORK

"In the last year, a large quantity of gravel — a scarce and valuable article — was thrown away by being put in front of the Colonial Building to fill up the muddy hollow between the Meat Market and Miss Fanning's Lot, instead of taking away the crown of the hill in front of the Catholic Chapel, which would have had the effect of grading the whole space from Queen Square down to the water-side, the surplus earth from the hill serving to fill up the abrupt declivity below the pump at Ings' corner, and thus making the ascent from the water-side easy.

"A particular attention to these matters is becoming every day more important. The ends of two streets — Queen and Pownall — are already occupied with wharfs, and in the course of the summer, Prince Street will be similarly filled up with wharfs. It will be therefore of the utmost importance that the intermediate one, Lower George Street (as it is the fashion to call it) should terminate in an inclined plane (furnished, we should say, with a slip for the accommodation of sleds and sleighs in the winter, and boats in the summer. The late surveyor, Mr. Williams, complained, and with good reason, that he had not sufficient funds for the purpose of making any permanent improvement, but this is not the case with the city corporation; there will be therefore no excuse if in the course of a few years, our streets and squares are not in the first order."

—Hastard's Gazette, June 4, 1856.

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Finally, there is one more aspect

Notes By The Way

Inefficient or insufficient testing is not the only cause of motor car accidents, but it is an important one. For that reason there is need, and, in fact, a demand for suitable tightening of the regulations along these lines. — Brantford Expositor.

The Alberta Supreme Court has ruled that a farm tractor is not a vehicle within the meaning of the Motor Vehicles Act of Alberta, and that therefore a drunk person driving a tractor on a public street or highway is guilty of no offence under the act. There can be no quarrel with the court. It doesn't make the laws. By clarifying the law on this subject, it has done a valuable service. But its decision has revealed a big loophole in the law. — Calgary Albertan.

We take particular pleasure in tending our congratulations to Sir Thomas White on his 84th birthday. Few Canadians have served their generation with greater distinction than this wise and modest man. Confederation itself was a few months in the future when he arrived in a log cabin near Bronte, Ont. In his school days, he mastered the great English poets, and he remains one of the few Canadian financiers for whom writing poetry has been an avocation. His great contribution to national affairs came during World War I as Minister of Finance when he worked out fiscal policies which a generation later served his successors well. His health injured by the long strain he refused the opportunity to succeed Sir Robert Borden. Though troubled by weaknesses of the body, Sir Thomas retains his clear vision and generous outlook. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

Construction of the Maritime Provinces' first cement plant has been taken into consideration. In the case of the Austrian Treaty, the Western Powers have had the baffling experience that Russia, after years of negotiation and after having nearly all her demands granted for agreement's sake, has in the end refused to sign the agreed treaty because for one reason or another it does not suit her interests to do so. As long as this attitude prevails, it seems futile to seek any agreement at all; and the question will have to be seriously scrutinized whether any further negotiations with Russia should be undertaken before the agreed and completed Austrian Treaty is signed and ratified by her.

commenced at Havelock, New Brunswick. With Newfoundland also getting a cement plant, the Maritimes should soon be well supplied with this basic product which has been so scarce in recent years. It means that Nova Scotia may now abandon its cement-plant proposals — and concentrate on other forms of new industry. A flour mill, for example, this province should have a flour mill at Havelock. It is a "natural". And no further time should be lost in bringing Nova Scotia's flour-mill plans to the construction and production stage. — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Not that we're suggesting competition for the fuel companies, but a blaze of pine cones on the family hearth for a sweet woody smell and warm fiery glow is certainly hard to beat. At this time of year the woods are literally full of the dead cones from a variety of pine trees peculiar to this part of the country. Instead of strolling along the cement pavements on a Sunday afternoon, the fireplace owner could turn his steps to the wooded areas of the town and within a short half hour would easily fill a bushel basket with this natural resource type of fuel. No one could ever say that a basket of pine cones is a heavy thing to carry home and a roaring fire and brilliant coals make it well worth the effort. — Brockville Record and Times.

The medical profession is once more being urged to throw off some of its ethical reticence and tell the people more about available treatments and medicines. Dr. Russell S. Boles of Philadelphia, writing in "The Journal of the American Medical Association," urged physicians to cooperate with newspapers in helping them report medical news within the limits of propriety. Today, Dr. Boles assures his colleagues, "the physician may feel safe in the confidence of the reporter and can feel assured that interviews and releases will be reported accurately. Also that care will be taken to include reference to any qualification he has expressed concerning his investigations." As this newspaper has suggested before, the medical profession must ask itself if it is honoring a public duty as well as a big job in public relations. The public stands to benefit most from medical science or suffer most through ignorance of its possibilities. — Vancouver Province.

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