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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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An Impressive Demonstration

The representation made yesterday at Ottawa on the freight rates question lacked nothing in impressiveness. It is difficult to recall a similar occasion on which five Provincial Premiers and leading spokesmen of three other Provincial Governments appeared in a body before the Federal Government to press an appeal from the action of a Government-appointed board.

The immediate issue should present no difficulty whatever. As noted previously in these columns, Section 52 of the Railway Act empowers the Cabinet, without any petition or application, to vary or rescind any "application, decision, rule or regulation" of the Transport Board.

As for the need of Cabinet intervention in this case, it has been shown that the Board has followed a system of straight percentage rate raising which was condemned after a full dress inquiry by the Tourgeon Royal Commission. It was unfair at the outset and has now, with repeated discriminating increases, become intolerable to eight of the ten Provinces of the Dominion.

Mental Health

The average person would be more mentally healthful if he never thought about mental health but played hard, worked hard and practiced Christian charity. Unfortunately, however, if anything is to be done for those in poor mental health it is essential that some people give thought to the subject.

The Canadian Mental Health Association has taken for the slogan of Mental Health Week, "Poor mental health—let us fight it where we find it." It is, of course, well worth while. We can count the cost of hospitalizing some 59,000 Canadians as mental patients but it is impossible to count the cost in lost usefulness, unhappiness and fear which is paid because of poor mental health.

Continuing anxiety, fears, sleeplessness, extreme loneliness and illogical resentment take their toll of young and old, rich and poor. They can no more be left for the medical profession alone to remedy than can other bad habits of hygiene. We want children to grow into robust, mature and responsible citizens as well as into healthy and strong specimens of humanity.

Mayor Stewart's Telegram

Our citizens generally will strongly endorse the complaint forwarded yesterday to the Prime Minister of Canada, with regard to the lack of attention given to local public works expenditures in the main and supplementary estimates at Ottawa. The Federal Building project has been held up for years for no satisfactory reason; the airport extension undertaking has been made contingent upon the City assuming maintenance and operational costs which might involve serious financial losses; the proposed Naval and Military buildings, which we were given to understand were on the priority list some years ago, appear to be as far away as ever from realization.

There are other defense contracts which could be given. This work is going forward on a tremendous scale in the larger Provinces, who have already profited in other ways by huge postwar industrial expansion. As taxpayers we are surely entitled to a fair share in the allocation of contracts of this kind.

The argument has been advanced in some quarters that the lack of attention given to this City and County at Ottawa is due to our having Opposition members as our present representatives in Parliament. This would be outrageous if it were true; but it has been specifically denied by Government Members, and we can hardly believe that Prime Minister St. Laurent, or any responsible cabinet minister, would avow such a policy.

We are reminded again of the oft-quoted maxim of the late Premier Lea, that it is the squeaking wheel which gets the grease. Perhaps we have not been aggressive enough in pressing our requirements on the powers that be. Perhaps we have not been consistent enough in concentrating on the right objectives. In any case, the present occasion serves to highlight the need of working more closely together and of making it clear at Ottawa, that so far as the great majority at least our citizens are concerned, politics do not enter into these presentations and that they are in every way just and reasonable.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 4th Sunday after Easter.

The final decision of the Department of Fisheries on increasing the minimum size for lobster is that it is preferable to raise chickens than to eat the eggs now.

The Legion goes from strength to strength. The annual meeting of the Charlottetown branch indicates the high order of service to the community and spirit of comradeship that is being maintained.

Considerable efforts are being made to make the Coronation memorable in this Province as elsewhere. This would seem to be an appropriate time to place a flag-staff to mark the various localities in the Province which are or were formerly fortified.

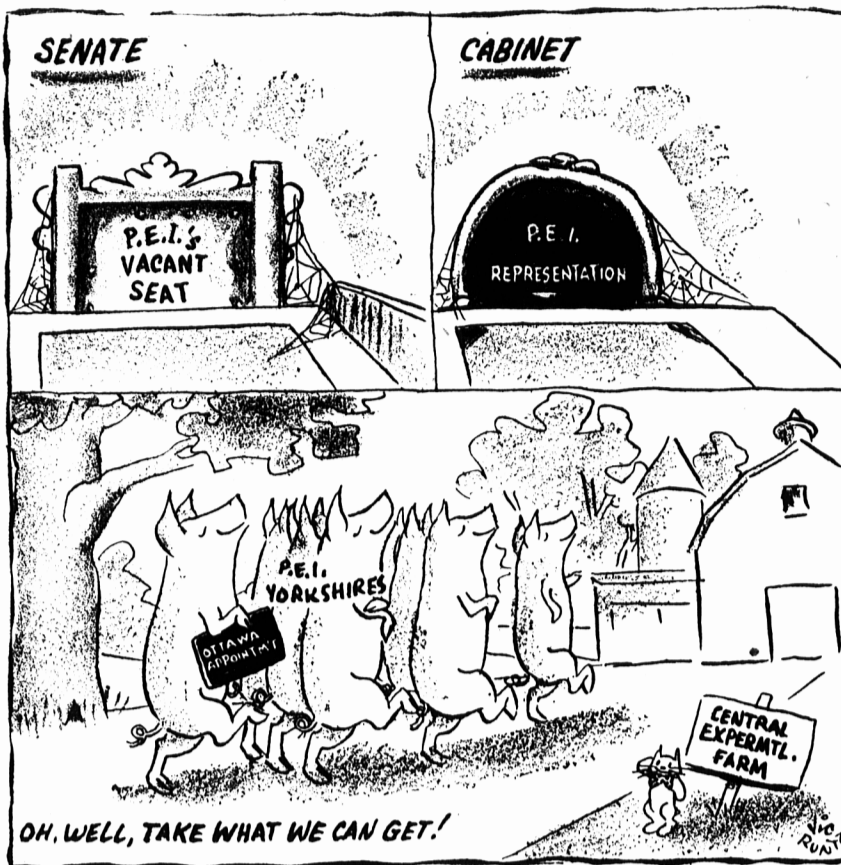
The proposed British Caribbean Federation will be an important factor in the world, far more so than the individual colonies of which it will be composed. The choice of a capital is quite appropriate. Although Grenada is so tiny, its capital St. George has for long been the headquarters of the Windward Government.

Jerome Klapka Jerome, English author, was born this date 1859. He was by turns schoolmaster, clerk and actor before he took up journalism. He made his reputation as a humorist in 1889 with "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" and "Three Men in a Boat". He was at the same time editor of "Today" and co-editor of "The Idler". During the same period he wrote a number of successful plays. He did ambulance service on the Western Front.

That farm buildings are tools, not monuments, is the succinct way in which Mr. D. C. Milligan, Nova Scotia director of agricultural engineering has put one of the most important aspects of modern farming. The time is past when material and labour could be squandered on buildings without regard for the return. Buildings, as well as livestock and equipment, must pay their way and highest efficiency for the lowest cost is the aim.

The Financial Post reports that in 1953, up to mid-March, some \$50 millions of British money was invested in Canada. This is more than the entire annual investment in preceding years. Not all of the investment is new or came directly from the United Kingdom. In recent months there has been a change in the terms of the 1942 Canadian loan to the United Kingdom. Originally it provided that all Canadian dollars realized from the sale of British investments here would automatically apply against the loan. As a result, the 1942 loan has been largely liquidated. Recently, however, the terms were changed to permit re-investment of British money in Canada in machinery, plants, etc.—but not in Canadian securities. The British stake in this country is thus being preserved by being redirected into new and largely industrial undertakings.

Some Recognition At Last



The Poet's Corner

FROM LOVE IN THE VALLEY

Shy as the squirrel and wayward as the swallow, Swift as the swallow along the river's light, Circling the surface to meet his mirrored winglets, Fleeter she seems in her stay than in her flight.

Shy as the squirrel that leaps among the pine-tops, Wayward as the swallow overhead at set of sun, She whom I love is hard to catch and conquer.

Hard, but O the glory of the winning were she won... Heartless she is as the shadow in flying to the hills on a blue and breezy noon.

No, she is athirst and drinking up her wonder; Earth to her is young as the slip of the new moon. Deals she an unkindness, 'tis but her rapid measure, Even as in a dance; and her smile can heal no less; Like the swinging May-cloud that pelts the flowers with hail-stones

Off a sunny border, she was made to bruise and bless.

—George Meredith

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MAKING A START

"We are at length enabled to congratulate our readers on the fact that the first cargo of Nova Scotia freestone, intended for the new Colonial Building, has just arrived. We also observe that a large quantity of sand has been deposited on Queen's Square, near what we understand to be the intended site of the building. We therefore indulge the hope that much time will not be allowed to elapse, before the laying of the foundation stone of a structure which will prove a conspicuous ornament to the Capital, and, we flatter ourselves, a lasting benefit to the Island at large."

—Colonial Herald, Nov. 12, 1842.

Grizzlies for New Zealand?

(Sydney Post-Record)

A scheme afoot in New Zealand to import Canadian grizzly bears and let them loose in the woods for hunting purposes has alarmed many New Zealanders, and no wonder. Some influential sportsmen believe the grizzly would remedy a lack of dangerous wild life in that country, and one does not doubt it. Canadians never have thought of the grizzly as a product for export, but there are those who would say New Zealand is welcome to all we've got. If only they could be caught alive—that's the problem.

Red deer and the wapiti already have been introduced from abroad in the New Zealand woods where they thrive, but they are gentle creatures. Hunters with a yen for menace in what they hunt would feel better if they had the opportunity to look a grizzly in the eye. They want to install the beast in the sparsely inhabited south-western part of South Island, a forest-clad mountainous region penetrated by deep inlets winding in from the sea past stern cliffs. To show how far such an idea can develop there are those who are saying that if grizzly bears then why not lions and tigers? Indeed, why stop there? Why not also monkeys and poisonous reptiles, and thus make of the once peaceful New Zealand woods a jungle filled with roar, chatter

Notes By The Way

There are probably millions of pounds of fish in Ontario waters that are not being harvested but allowed to die of old age, according to Departments of Lands and Forests fisheries research authorities. Much of this poundage is made up of a variety of species classed as "coarse" fish, though their flesh is eminently palatable, which the officials claim could be economically utilized. —North Bay Nugget.

Organ of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, principal opposition to the present party in power in Western Germany. Neues Deutschland advocates the use of satire as a political instrument. This is merely calling attention to what is a political fact. Satire has played a prominent part in most revolutions or even evolutions. Ridicule is a most effective method of emphasizing weaknesses in existing systems, or in the individuals who personally existing systems. The French Revolution was an example of the power of satire. The School of Philosophes, composed of Voltaire, Montesquieu, Rousseau and others verbally had torn the Bourbon regime to bits. The men of action took over later. Satire had prepared people for revolution. —Windsor Star.

Elephant Farming — The long-standing importance of the elephant in Ceylon's economy is shown in a recent press statement that serious consideration is being given to the breeding of elephants in captivity and the eventual establishment of a large elephant farm. Ceylon's elephant population is believed to have depreciated seriously during recent years. Today it amounts to little more than 2,000, most of them living wild in the jungle. The decline and hiss, to fill the hearts of sportsmen with bliss and put the timid to rout. It appears, however, that the New Zealand Government is not disposed to fall for the pro-grizzly propaganda. Aside from what menacing wild animals, there always is the probability of upsetting the balance of nature when any sort of wild life is introduced to a region not its native habitat. The animals have a way of not staying where they were expected. To witness the appalling result of introducing the rabbit to Australia. The ravaging, rapidly multiplying rabbits have been more devastating than even lions, tigers or imported grizzly bears would have been, nibbling the grass from off the face of the land to the despair of those trying

The Age Old Story I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer THOUGHTS ON A CONFUSED SITUATION

A correspondent wants to know why I don't write something about the Russian "peace offensive". Well, the answer is that I have tried in this column to avoid subjects about which I know nothing. I regret to say that the Russian peace offensive is one of these. When the leaders of the free world and the experts in international affairs admit that they are puzzled, the rest of us can surely be forgiven for pleading total ignorance. No one that I have heard of knows whether the new protestations mean peace or only a new kind of preparation for even more aggressive intentions. Perhaps Mr. Malenkov himself is not quite sure.

What everybody knows is that the semi-oriental Russian mind escapes the understanding of the kind of logic that is familiar to Western civilization. That being so, the wisest can only conjecture. For the rest of us even this is a waste of time and mental concentration. If we must think about it at all, the opinions of the acknowledged experts are about the only guides we have.

For myself I am inclined to believe that Senator Judd of Minnesota knows as much as anyone about Russian interests in a possible Korean armistice. I happen to know Senator Judd personally and I do not think he could be called a victim of hysteria in any shape or form. When he makes a statement on any subject concerning China he speaks from considerable experience as a medical missionary in that country. His opinion, as reported recently, is that the Communists really want peace in Korea, but only that they might be in a better position to make more intense war in Indo-China and other parts of Asia. In this view, they want to get rid of involvement in Korea so that they might concentrate on bigger and more lucrative plunder elsewhere. This is a simple explanation, to be sure, but coming from Senator Judd I should not be surprised if time were to prove it correct. On the other hand, it may turn out to be very far wrong. Senator Judd acknowledged this possibility in his recent statement.

Modern warfare appears to be incomplete without tales of atrocity and the latest crop would seem to be particularly lurid. The odd thing about them is that they are being told mainly, though not exclusively, by American soldiers. Dr. Cooper, former bishop in Korea, has somewhat similar stories to tell, though his version is a bit less emphatic than that related by the G. I.'s.

Some are apparently of the opinion that the Americans are deliberately exaggerating the situation and that the others, who speak of being fairly well treated, are deliberately minimizing it. It may well be, however, that both groups are telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Private soldiers are not, ordinarily, inclined towards making up stories for propaganda purposes. I think we

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