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

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The Furnace in Spring

In not a few homes the heating system is of a portable kind, and its removal and storage during the Summer months gives additional room indoors. For those whose furnace is a permanent fixture, however, this is the ideal time of year to have it fully overhauled.

It is not widely appreciated that many heating systems are effective air circulators even when fires have been drawn. To take full advantage of this as well as to be prepared for a distant but inevitable winter, it is necessary to have a thorough cleaning job done both on the furnace itself and on its pipes and registers or radiators.

The insulating effects of even a very thin coating of soot are well known, and householders will certainly make sure before the cold weather again comes around that the heat he provides goes into the house and not through it.

Going Too Far

A Liberal member of Parliament, and from Toronto of all places, is urging that the word "Royal" be dropped from the Canadian Navy and the Canadian Air Force, and presumably from specific units and branches of the Canadian Army.

"We have accepted the Defence order that 'Rule Britannia' shall not be used any longer as the musical salute to top-ranking officials of the Navy," says the Ottawa Journal. "We have seen this Government quietly playing down use of the word 'Dominion', have noted attempts to abolish Dominion Day itself, suggestions that a Canadian should be next Governor General.

"But when a Toronto M. P., an ex-Major, proposes to abolish the 'royal' prefix in the designation of our armed services it is time to protest, and vigorously. "To us there is something mean and underhand in all this niggling whittling down of our association with the Crown and the Commonwealth. And, if it matters to this latest worker in so unworthy a cause, his proposal if adopted would be a gross insult to the King—the King of Canada."

Mission To Germany

At a time when Western opinion is undergoing some change with regard to Germany and the future of that country within the community of Western nations, the Ottawa Citizen sees more than ordinary significance attaching to the appointment of Hon. T. C. Davis as chief of the Canadian mission to the Allied High Commission in Germany. The mission will be located at Bonn, the capital of Western Germany, instead of Berlin, where it has been since it was established in 1945 under Major General Maurice Pope.

As former Canadian ambassador to Nationalist China, Mr. Davis occupied a key position in the Canadian diplomatic service. His two years in China coincided with the end of an era in the Far East. His new assignment in Germany, it may be, will coincide with a new era in Europe. In placing a civilian in charge of its mission to Germany, Canada is assisting the policy, which all the victorious powers will have to adopt in time, of replacing the military control of Germany with civilian administration. It is too soon to draw up a peace treaty with Germany, but it is becoming too late to neglect longer the problem of resuming full and normal relations with Germany. The cold war makes any final settlement of Germany still impossible. Common sense requires that Germany's position and relation to the rest of the world be put on a regular basis in the general interest. Mr. Davis is one of Canada's senior diplomats of ambassadorial rank and his diplomatic mission at Bonn will be one of the most important for the intelligent development of Canadian foreign policy in the next few years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Union Day of South Africa.

The Battle of Jutland, 1916.

The co-operators are gathering.

A Carnival has a widespread appeal, and the annual Kinsmen fete always seems to catch the carnival spirit.

Acting Minister of Fisheries MacNaught is having initial experience in piloting measures through the House of Commons. That is not unusually a preliminary to a portfolio appointment.

Parliament has commenced its drive for prorogation with the usual thinning out of private members' opportunities, and sufficient additional sittings to make up an eight-hour day of sittings alone.

Summerside airport's influx of undergraduates and cadets from R. M. C. and Royal Roads should be apparent to the eye of the man in the street, unless the bearing developed by service colleges has suffered a marked deterioration.

The sum of \$647 "picked up in the streets" in one day by the ladies of the I. O. D. E. for the Manitoba Relief Fund, is something to crow over. That, added to The Guardian's readers response, will make well over \$6,000 from the Island.

Canada's whole immigration policy is reported to be due for review. Such an examination certainly seems highly necessary if this country's development is not to be impeded by the relative difficulty would-be immigrants encounter in settling here rather than in sterling area Australia.

Dr. Sumner H. Slicker, Harvard University economist, informed the Canadian Manufacturers Association: "I don't think it is in American interests to bargain in tariffs; I think we should make unilateral reductions. We are giving to the world about \$5,000,000,000 in goods more than we are getting; I think it is in our interest to raise our imports by \$5,000,000,000 as fast as possible." So say we all of us.

Britain's nationalized hospitals cost more than £475,000 (\$1,429,750) a day to run during the first nine months of the National Health Service. During the period July 5, 1948 (when the service opened) to March 31, 1949, the hospitals spent £127,925,716. Their income for the period was £9,308,141. These figures were given in the accounts of the regional hospital boards, published by the Government, covering hospitals in England and Wales.

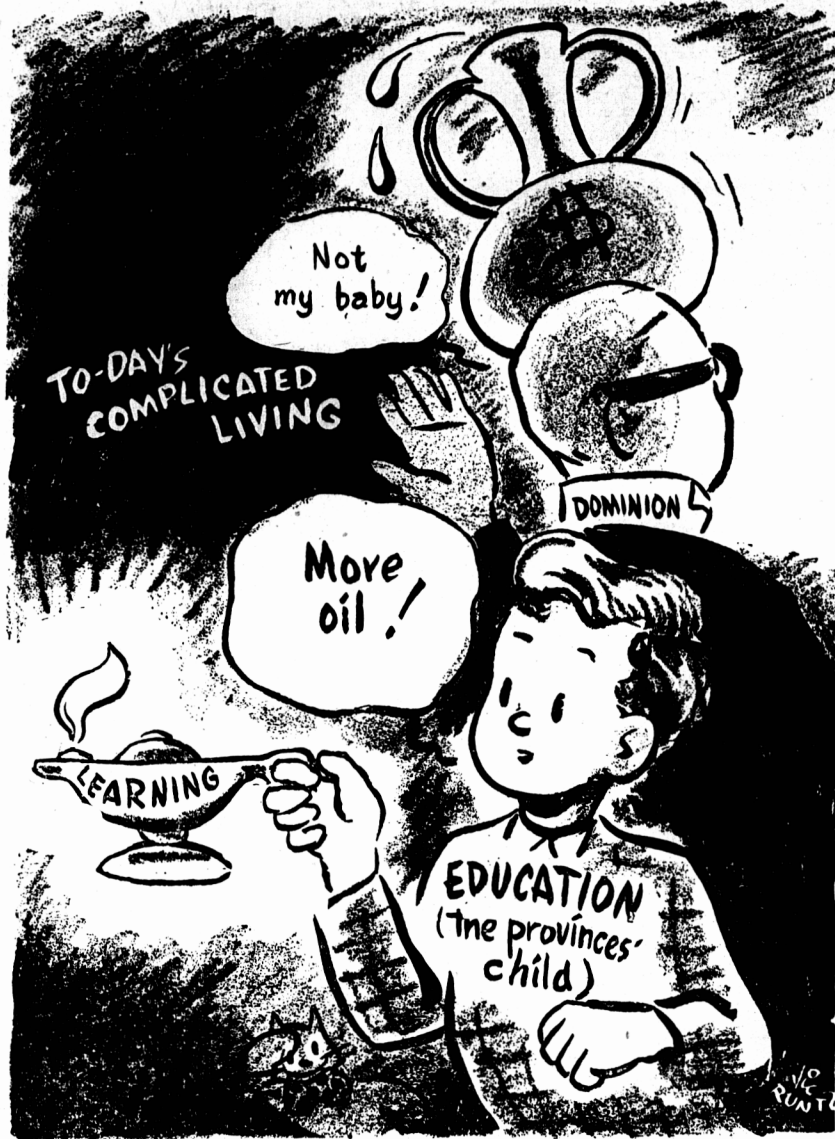
The Guardian's campaign for the Manitoba Relief Fund concludes today. It has been an entirely voluntary appeal, and the response has been most generous, over \$5,000 being received. There were no expenses in connection with the appeal, and the total amount received, together with a duly audited statement, will go forward to the headquarters of the Fund in Manitoba. The Guardian sincerely thanks the contributors for the generous response to its official appeal.

Prince of Wales College is, of course, a junior college, rather than one offering the full arts or science courses, and it is certainly not a degree-granting university with member colleges and professional schools. None the less, P. W. C.'s acceptance as a member of the Maritime Universities' Council is no empty gesture. She has long made most important contributions to Canadian education and is a perpetual memorial to the fact that size is not a really important criterion of educational success or prowess.

As a result of gains in purchasing power in today's mass-distribution economy, the average citizen in 1950 will consume 2 1/2 times as much goods as in 1900, says Modern Packaging. "A pound of butter today costs perhaps 10 times as much as it did 50 years ago. But in 1900 the average factory worker laboured an hour and 47 minutes to earn the price of his pound of butter; today he gets it as the product of 31 minutes' work. In 1900 it took 27 minutes' work to buy a quart of milk delivered at the worker's home in comparison with 9 minutes now."

The development of retail trade is on the increase. Industrial selling costs are too high but are coming down, is the consensus of over 300 purchasing agents queried by Purchasing. Sixty-eight per cent of the respondents stated that they notice a definite effort on the part of suppliers to increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of distribution. A total of 81 per cent said suppliers in their areas are increasing warehouse facilities for better distribution. Over 50 per cent claimed they were being solicited by suppliers operating beyond their natural or economical marketing areas.

Needed: Benevolent Godfather



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

STREET PREACHER MOBBED

"Yesterday (Sunday) evening, at eight o'clock, as was announced by him at his place of meeting, in the Temperance Hall, Mr. Cephas Barker, accompanied by members of his congregation, proceeded to the head of Pownall Street wharf, and mounting some mill-stones of the bank opposite the storehouse of James Purdie, Esq., commenced divine service. For some time previously a crowd of persons, of both sexes, had been collecting, and the Police were on the ground to preserve order, if necessary. After the conclusion of a prayer, Mr. Barker gave out a hymn, preparatory to commencing his discourse, when the crowd of persons collected about him began to press upon him, and in turning to remonstrate with them, requesting them to keep back, &c. he was shoved from his position, amid cheers, shouts, yells and laughter. The crowd then closed around Mr. Barker, pushing him about, when the Police interfered and rescued him.

"Mr. Barker then mounted the steps at the front door of the Hon. W. W. Lord, which are somewhat elevated and railed in, and amid some confusion, mildly remonstrated with the people, and commenced his discourse. He had proceeded for about ten minutes, when he was again interrupted by shouts, menaces, &c., and he desisted from speaking. Hon. Mr. Lord then rose and tried to quell the disturbance, but was interrupted by shouts and cries. After the excitement had somewhat subsided, Mr. Barker, under the protection of his Worship the Mayor and the Police force, was escorted to the residence of John Williams, Esq., followed by a mob of men and boys, hooting and yelling after them.

"We express our sincere sorrow for the disgraceful interruption to Mr. Barker's religious devotion; but we have no doubt that he will regard it with Christian forbearance, and not impute to a whole race, a gross impropriety of a few reckless, ill-informed and infatuated men. The question has been asked frequently today, why did not the City authorities prevent the disturbance? We cannot answer the question on any other ground, that they were too numerically weak to prevent it." —The Examiner, July 13, 1857.

The Age-Old Story

If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them, because the evil of their doings. Amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent Him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

One of the total British working population of 22,220,000, only 360,000 were unemployed in December, 1948.

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The Poet's Corner

THE FLOWER

Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed.
Up there came a flower,
The people said, a weed.
To and fro they went
Thro' my garden-bower,
And muttering discontent
Curs'd me and my flower.
Then it grew so tall
It wore a crown of light.
But thieves from o'er the wall
Stole the seed by night.
Sow'd it far and wide
By every town and tower,
Till all the people cried,
"Spplendid is the flower."
Read my little fable:
He that runs may read.
Most can raise the flowers now,
For all have got the seed.
And some are pretty enough,
And some are poor indeed;
And now again the people
Call it but a weed.
—Lord Tennyson

Potato Products

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal)

In the House of Commons the other day Mr. T. A. M. Kirk, M.P. for Digby-Yarmouth, brought out the fact that the federal department of agriculture has not done any research work on the development and marketing of dehydrated potato powder. It will strike many people that a project of this kind is long overdue. At present, while our own potato growers have surpluses on their hands, dehydrated potato powder from England is being sold throughout Canada. This clearly indicates that a demand exists for the product, which is conveniently packaged and easily prepared.

For the last twenty years the per capita consumption of potatoes in this country has been declining. Authorities claim that this is because more and more Canadians are watching their waistlines and avoiding fattening foods. There may be some truth in this theory. But it should be remembered that the tendency of the housewife is to favor foods which she can snap on the dinner table in the shortest possible time and with the least possible effort. Potatoes, in their natural state, don't fall in this category. They take longer to cook than canned vegetables. But that isn't the case when they are pre-cooked, dehydrated and powdered. The large-scale processing of po-

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Notes By The Way

Once the slogan of economic progress on this continent was a "chicken in every pot". At present prices of beef, the new objective must be a roast in every oven. — Windsor Star.

The United States has a continuing interest in Europe; it will express that interest in the most practicable manner so long as the need exists. The basic unity of the Atlantic community has been proved in two wars and has taken concrete shape before the threat of a third. It must and will endure. New York Herald-Tribune.

Robert Stanfield's suggestion for a Maritime "deliberative body" deserves the careful consideration of Nova Scotia's Legislature. Although Mr. Stanfield is Leader of the Opposition, his provocative idea should be considered solely on its merits, regardless of party lines. Briefly, he urges that the House study the possibility of setting up a body representing the four Maritime Provinces, to consider common problems and the pooling of certain resources. Mr. Stanfield made it clear that he was not raising "the question of Maritime Union." — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Less than half the people of Britain have their own bathrooms. A third of the population use portable baths—the old tin tub in front of the fire. And more than a quarter heat their bath water in kettles and pans. Twelve per cent of Britain's households use no hot water for their baths. The facts are given in a Works Ministry booklet just published. They are based on a survey of 6,000 homes all over the country. Even in the higher income groups—families getting more than ten pounds a week—one per cent have no bathing facilities. — London Daily Mail.

In future the jalopy and other old model cars will have to comply fully with Highway Traffic Act regulations concerning equipment, or be barred from the road.

It is in this manner that the decline in consumption. Then, too, there is no reason why dehydrated potato powder couldn't be combined with dehydrated codfish powder, so that the addition of water would make batter for fish cakes. For that matter, dehydrated potatoes, dehydrated milk powder and dehydrated onions and celery might all be blended into a dry concoction which, stirred into water and brought to a boil, would turn into fish chowder.

With its highly-trained experts and its facilities for research, the federal department of agriculture could well devote some attention to the development of such products.

Police plan to direct their drive at these cars and their owners, but all other automobiles also are subject to check. Motorists in general should welcome this action by police to enforce regulations pertaining to automobile equipment. The campaign is being conducted in the interests of safety on the highways, something from which all car drivers stand to benefit. Some old-type cars undoubtedly will find their way to the wreckers as a result of the campaign. This, however, should entail relatively small loss for the owner, but the overall effect in promoting highway safety should be considerable. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

A fact that should be well digested by those who fret so strenuously about the behaviour of teen-agers these days is the splendid job that has been done on the dikes by Greater Winnipeg's young people. Those who have been down on the dikes know that there is hardly a sector that has not had a goodly number of teen-agers, filling sandbags, or lugging them on the dikes, in most cases setting the pace for their elders with their youthful energy. By and large, the teen-agers, along with the majority of younger people in the city and environs, have shown a capacity to pitch in and work take direction where necessary from the authorities, and in general a sense of responsibility that adds up to a truly magnificent response in the present emergency. —Winnipeg Free Press.

What of the marauding English owl that dives out of the blue and steals the spectacles right off the noses of its victims? There was Mr. C. J. Orme walking peacefully in suburban Ealing when this feathered jet came zooming from nowhere and snatched the eyeglasses from his nose and flew off with them. Whether it went no one could say; in its timing, the bold, cunning villain! Mr. Orme's indignation can well be imagined. Less than an hour later, Mr. William Kysow was in the same area of suburban London. There was another swoop and whistle of wings, and away went another pair of spectacles. Two days afterward, Mr. Eric Dowton was the third target, but in this instance the owl's aim was not so accurate, and the man escaped with a few scratches on the back of his neck and a severe fright. The folk around Ealing are out to get Mr. Owl. They have set a trap baited with a pocket mirror, but as yet their efforts have not been attended with success. The bird is believed to have acquired strong Socialist tendencies. Those free eyeglasses, you know, and so easy to obtain, it was bound to happen. — Hamilton Spectator.

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