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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Opportunity Still Knocking

While we receive many complimentary remarks from summer visitors, both on the attractiveness of our Province and the industry of our people, it is well also to look occasionally on the other side of the picture, and note our shortcomings.

As far back as the year 1836 an ab-servant visitor, the secretary of the Montreal Agricultural Society, declared that Prince Edward Island, properly cultivated, was capable of supporting 600,000 souls.

The Island's population at that time was 62,678, York County's 106,995. Our land under tillage was 215,386 acres, as compared with York's 217,288 acres.

The editor went on to complain that while our misfortunes were due primarily to the leasehold system, indolence contributed its part.

This is the reverse side of the picture, and does not take into account two important industries—fishing and shipbuilding—which were flourishing here at that time.

For many years past our farmers have themselves been their own proprietors, and the difference has, of course, been marked.

Week-End Peril

One of the first moves in national preparedness should be the elimination of the traditional week-end so far as the armed forces and other defence machinery are concerned.

An absolute reduction in free time is not, of course, necessary or desirable, but should be staggered throughout the week so that at no time could the enemy depend upon all key personnel being blissfully off duty, and even out of recall.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Your country needs you" is the clamant cry from Ottawa these days.

The Battle of Otterburn, Northumberland, England, fought this date 1388 when Douglas defeated Hotspur, a memorable event celebrated in the ballads "Chevy Chase", and "The Battle of Otterburn."

Sunday School teachers and religious leaders from almost every part of the world converge on Toronto this week for the 13th convention of the World Council of Christian Education.

A profit of \$7,000 on over a million dollars' business in the first year is a fine showing for the Island Co-operative Services Ltd., for which credit is due to Mr. Dennis and Mr. O'Brien, the front line officials.

The purpose of the proposals worked out at Ottawa is to enable both this country and the United States to make their maximum contribution of war material.

There is something very familiar about Russia's offer to Korea of two provinces of Manchuria.

The United States Congress has resolved to return to the Republic of Mexico a group of flags and other emblems captured more than 100 years ago.

The application of the "test and try before you buy" principle led to New York potato importers settling upon Prince Edward Island as the source of their supply of inspected seed potatoes.

The Ottawa Journal goes out on a limb, or perhaps a mast, in the matter of flying flags at half-mast for mourning, and recommends centering the flag midway between the top and base of the flagpole.

The Victoria Times sanguinely hopes that a by-law giving a pedestrian right-of-way against vehicular traffic at intersections will make it necessary for cars to give such priority to pedestrians.

When funds were being made available for the First and Second World Wars it was a frequent comment that the money could be found for war when it could not be found for peace.

Egg prices on August 3 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers.

Table with columns for location (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown) and years (1950, 1949, 1948) showing egg prices.

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.

PROVINCIAL BUILDING

Sir.—Now that the foundation of the Provincial Building has been strengthened and the work completed, attention will be given, it is hoped, to the copper drain pipes that carry the rain water off the building.

The window sashes throughout the exterior of the building would be greatly improved by a coat of paint.

I am, Sir, etc., VICTORIAN.

TOURIST IMPRESSIONS

Sir.—Exploring the hills and glens of King's and Legging's we came upon an old logging trail through second growth mountain maple.

The big birch had been logged out, but the old road was still in evidence—like a trail through Northern Ontario.

Healthful—true to its name—has many kinds of berries (Ericaceae), Lampskill (Kalmia angustifolia) in all the beauty on the hills along Brown's Creek.

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BENEFITTING FROM CRITICISM

Sir.—The campaign now being waged in this Province and elsewhere, aiming at the overall organization of agricultural producers, to the end they may gain complete control over their economic affairs, is interesting if not indeed already the cause of considerable excitement.

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The preceding sketching of an approaching economic combat is couched in imitation "ring parlance" in order to stress how unevenly matched are the contestants, and the inevitable outcome of the struggle.

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The Neighbors

By George Clark



"I can't drag 'em to dinner till this movie's over so I might as well enjoy it too."

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

PROMOTING HOME INDUSTRY

From the report of a Commission appointed to encourage Agriculture and local industry, tabled in the Legislature March 19, 1948: "Your Commissioners held their first meeting in the Library of the Colonial Building on the 10th of August last, with the Hon. E. P. Haythorne honorary secretary, and Mr. Archibald McNeill acting secretary.

I am, Sir, etc., J. A. GILLIES.

A NIGHTMARE

Sir.—Last night, I had a bad dream. I planned to go back to Dalway, where a short time ago I had passed a delightful, restful afternoon. The road seemed unusually full of traffic, which grew more congested as we reached the North Shore.

"Fully alive to the important uses such occasions may be made to serve, the Commissioners would suggest that a liberal grant should be appropriated to defray the expense of holding local Exhibitions. That during two years, the said grant should be equally divided between the three Counties, and be placed at the disposal of Commissioners for this purpose; and that every third year a large sum should be appropriated for the purpose of a Triennial Provincial Exhibition in Charlottetown—of course affording every facility for the transport of goods from other parts of the Island.

"It may seem inconsistent with the idea of a local Exhibition to invite parties on the mainland or citizens of the United States to send their productions to Charlottetown; nevertheless, the Commissioners consider that some great advantages may result to the people of Prince Edward Island by inducing agriculturists to send grain and live stock, or manufacturers to send their productions, not only necessarily to compete, but rather to compare with similar articles of Island productions.

"In like manner, implement makers might be induced to send specimens of the latest and most approved inventions; for example, the demand for mowing machines is supplied by one enterprising individual who, of course, names his own prices, and it is by no means certain that he supplies either the best or the cheapest article. Neither is there at present in use amongst us any efficient horse pitch-fork; our threshing machines are of the most ordinary description; we have a few steel mould-plate ploughs, still fewer cultivators, our horse hoes are very inefficient, and our common field harrows perform probably one-third less work per day than a gang of English or Scotch iron harrows.

"It is by comparing improved implements, and testing their working capabilities against the performances of other kinds, that reliable results may be arrived at. The Commissioners therefore take upon themselves to recommend that, if a Triennial Provincial Exhibition should be held in Charlottetown, a special grant should be devoted to offer prizes to exhibitors from abroad."

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Notes By The Way

An American railroad has ordered diesel which makes a noise like chimneys instead of whistling. What Canadian railroads need is a brakeman who makes a noise like English when calling the name of the next station. — Peterborough Examiner.

Any child is happiest when he feels he is wanted, is understood, is liked by other children and is liked by them. Parents have a primary responsibility in this regard because they, more than anyone else, can ensure that the child will grow up secure in the knowledge that he is loved and wanted, no matter what else happens. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

An increasing number of motor cars have their windshields or their rear windows decorated with dancing figures or other ornate designs. Clear vision is one of the prerequisites of safe driving. That the figures amuse the driver's children is no excuse for hanging them where they constitute a motoring hazard. Toronto police announce they are going to "crack down" on this bad habit—and so they should. — Toronto Star.

A jet plane flew from London to Manchester recently. The trip took only 24 minutes, but for Louis Paulham it was historic and nostalgic. Forty years ago M. Paulham, a Frenchman, won a prize of £10,000 (then almost \$50,000) put up by the London Daily Mail for a flight from London to Manchester. He made the trip in four hours and 10 minutes. M. Paulham was 27 years old when he was strapped into the framework of a repented "boxkite", exposing him to all the buffeting elements had to offer. — Manchester Guardian.

The beginnings of a "Spare-the-Mayor" movement seem to be taking root in various parts of the country. This problem is not peculiar to Edmonton and Ottawa. Mayor Coulter of Winnipeg is another friendly man who does not like to hurt anyone's feelings. Some evenings he has to attend as many as three or four functions as a representative of the city. He must have a cast-iron stomach, selective ears, inexhaustible patience and a vast love for Winnipeggers to meet all the demands that are made on him by groups and individuals. Long since the Tribune appealed to citizens to leave the mayor more time for his official duties, but apparently the desire to have Mr. Coulter grace dinners, receptions, store openings and the welcomes of visiting firemen is almost overwhelming. — Winnipeg Tribune.

George Adrian of the First Cavalry Division in Korea whose Army will straighten out his status soon. Mr. Adrian of Mount Vernon, Ohio, is a lieutenant, a sergeant or a corporal — he doesn't know which. A mortar platoon commander in the Pacific in World War II, he was discharged as a lieutenant. He left the University of South Carolina to re-enlist — as a sergeant. But he lost his papers. The Adjutant General ordered him reduced one rank until the papers were found. That brought Mr. Adrian up to the Korean war — and Korea, where he is with a heavy mortar outfit, as a corporal. Now Corporal Adrian hears from home that he may become an officer again — just as soon as he is recalled to active service. — Associated Press.

One of the great needs of railroads is a "Damage-free" box car, particularly in this age when the speed of freight trains has been stepped up to levels unheard of before the day of Diesel locomotives. It is now not uncommon for freight

to be moved long distances at 90 miles an hour. Box cars, when heavily loaded, have to be stoutly made to stand up to fast movement and not damage the costly freight they contain. The claims from shippers for goods "damaged in transit" amount to huge sums and have long been among the major headaches of railroading. The answer, however, is believed to have been found in a new type of box car which rolls on its own trucks. A model of this car was previewed last May and already several thousand of the cars are in operation. It is equipped with a loading device which virtually eliminates damage and is adapted to high-speed transportation. — Hamilton Spectator.

Promptly at 9:20 each morning a short, bustling figure runs up the steps of the Ministry of Defence, hurries along a somewhat raised in the lift—at a somewhat slower pace—to the second floor and, in a matter of seconds, is at his desk. He is Mr. Shinwell, on whom so much depends at the moment. For six days he labors. On the seventh he relaxes and has fun—he makes political speeches. Mr. Shinwell, as Minister of Defence, has the asset of boundless, bouncing energy; he sometimes gives the impression that he once dropped a couple of seconds and is hastening along to catch up again. No less important for the Labor Government is the fact that Mr. Shinwell has always been identified with the Left Wing of his party and cannot be suspected of being a jingo. And he has courage—"I don't mind being attacked," he often says. That is just as well, because the Minister of Defence could hope to be very popular in peacetime. He must, of course, be ready to do all four with gusto and should get much more support inside the Cabinet than he could have expected even a month ago. — London Observer.

The Age-Old Story

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

The Poet's Corner

Trees are the aspiration of the ground... Rooted in earth, look how they build in air. A green cathedral echoing with the sound of music... He who climbs their spiraled stair Approaches the Himalayas of the mind. But soon he will return unto the sighing Leaves, and dwelling in their dusk will find Peace and strength for living and for dying: They are father and mother to the lonely heart, To the homeless they are home. They give the brain Its childhood images, with consummate art Building until life's ugliness and pain Are diminished by their influence, and the night Is outdistanced by their journey into light. — Florence Ripley Mastin.

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