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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink." CHARLOTTETOWN, SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, 1950

Labour Day Monday

Labour Day was founded in Canada in 1894 through the efforts of Alexander Wright, a woolen mill worker of Markham, Ontario, who prevailed upon Prime Minister Sir John Thompson to introduce the necessary legislation in Parliament. It was not many years later—in 1901—that the Laborers' Protective Union was formed in Charlottetown, and since that time has played an important role, not only in promoting labour interests, but in advising those in authority on labour conditions and requirements and acting as a stabilizing force in the community. During both World Wars, no organization in this Province achieved a more enviable record in the number of its members serving in the various armed forces overseas. Many of them sacrificed their lives and many others were wounded or otherwise incapacitated. L. P. U. leaders have recognized that this, Province is primarily an agricultural and fishing one, and that only by co-operation between the farmer and fisherman and the urban worker can any substantial progress be attained.

The rights of organized labour, as well as the limits it may be necessary to prescribe by Parliament in emergency cases, were exemplified in the recent railway strike. On this occasion, a day of honour to labour, organized workers might well take stock of the dangers which threaten them as well as their hard-won and well deserved advancement. As labour's strength increases, so also does its responsibilities—the necessity of wise operation of unions, of sane leadership, and of value for value rendered.

Law At Dalhousie

There will be general satisfaction at the news that Dalhousie University is to extend its famous Law School to provide for post-graduate work leading to the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.). Dalhousie has always been more than a Provincial University. It is truly Maritime and students from this Province, from New Brunswick and from Newfoundland look on it as their own.

The new departure has been made possible by the establishment of three full-time chairs, two in the last two years by the Government of Nova Scotia in addition to providing a special library on Government, Labour and other related subjects, and one by Sir James Dunn, Bart., K.C., LL.D.

The field of public law, which will be the special study of those seeking this further degree, is one of growing importance. The relations between the Government and the individual become ever more complex and there is a pressing need for lawyers with specialized training in dealing with the problems involved.

Innocents Get Hurt

Here is a story which, while concerning an incident many years ago, might well be taken to heart today.

It was when the United States West, after several years of lawless beginning, began in tiny communities to organize for law and order. In one of these communities the citizens had formed a committee to maintain the peace and as their first step they called for applicants for the job of Sheriff. The young man selected was duly sworn in and presented with his badge and the best obtainable pair of "six-shooters" the community could locate.

The Sheriff, with the whole-hearted backing of the committee and citizens generally, soon proved his worth and the little centre of civilization enjoyed contentment and prosperity with the banishment of might as the only standard of judging right.

Not all the lawbreakers were persuaded to forego violence and the "six-shooters" dealt injury and death on many occasions, the assumption seeming to be that it was best to shoot first and investigate later. A few unfortunate "misunderstandings" resulting in explanations and apologies to officially made widows, caused growing concern in the committee. Then one afternoon the Sheriff's guns killed three innocent people who were in the line of fire. The citizens' committee was hurriedly called together and the chairman summoned the Sheriff who expressed his regret at the occurrence. An angry relative

up." The Sheriff eyed him coldly, "These guns were not given me for ornament. They are used in your interests. Where do you expect me to draw the line between when to use them and not to use them?" "Son," said the chairman, "we did give you the guns and authorized their use on our behalf, but if you need to ask such a question we have the wrong man as Sheriff." Removing the badge and pistols he advised the young man to put as much distance under his horse as he could before the new Sheriff was appointed. Moral—If you must sign a blank cheque be sure of the man to whom you hand it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The visit of H. M. S. Snipe, which comes to an end Monday, is all too short. But Islanders will follow her further doings with friendly interest.

The game census is now in the hands of our local hunters, who are called upon to fill up and return the necessary forms attached to licences.

It is appropriate that the Legion Convention at Montague should be on Labour Day. The self same citizens serve their country by their work and by their courage, as occasion demands.

The Green Gables golf tournament starting today shows the way to extend the season at Cavendish and other North Shore resorts. Golf should be a pleasant pastime there well into the Fall.

Is there to be increased accommodation provided for City Children? That no doubt is the objective of the educational survey now taking place under the direction of Prof. John Matthews, employed by the School Board for the purpose.

Surely the Federal Government must now be cognizant of the fact that our Car Ferry system is a Federal and not a departmental obligation. It is left to the Legislature through the Provincial Government to rub it in so that the conviction may become permanent.

The local business community was startled to learn yesterday of the sudden death during the previous night of Mr. Frank Riggs, of the firm of Riggs and Harper, a well known and popular citizen. General sympathy will be extended to his widow and others bereaved at their sad and unexpected loss.

Britain's Labour Government is deeply concerned about the problem of tipping. A commission which has been studying catering wages has brought in its report, recommending that the question be referred to a national committee—as a matter of urgency. The Chancellor of the Exchequer thought he had settled the matter by gathering up all the surplus coin.

Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, died this date 1658 at the age of fifty-nine. After a long period of religious depression which ended in "light", he became M. P. for Cambridge University. He was foremost in securing military forces for Parliament, organizing "The Ironsides" from men who "made some conscience of what they did." He was considered to be the author of the victory at Marston Moor, the beginning of the Civil War, which led to Cromwell's supremacy over Parliament.

Although advertising expenditures are on the increase, they are not yet keeping pace with expanding capacity to produce, says Frederic R. Gamble, president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. "Business is delivering goods today in greater quantities than ever before and at the same time is tooling up to deliver more goods," he points out. "How about selling these goods? Are we gearing up to build a back-log of future demand, adequate to keep the goods flowing through the channels of trade in something like current volume? Advertising is a process of education. It takes time to educate people to needs and desires, for which we should be laying more groundwork now."

Eleven years ago, on September 3, 1939, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and France declared war on Germany. Canada, with several thousand men already called out on active service, joined the fight one week later, on September 10. The first British troops arrived in France on September 6, but were withdrawn a few months later when that country capitulated in June, 1940. Ten years ago, on September 3, 1940, the United States transferred 50 "over-age" destroyers to Britain in return for a defence outpost in Newfoundland and seven others in the Caribbean on a lease of 99 years. Seven years ago, on September 3, 1943, British and American Armies, including the 1st Canadian Infantry Division, invaded southern Italy after a successful campaign in Sicily.

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.

L. M. M.'S EDUCATION

Sir.—Mrs. Toombs' letter in the Public Forum would lead one to believe that L. M. Montgomery's education stopped with the college in Charlottetown.

Dalhousie University has always been proud of the fact that L. M. M. took a special course in English at that institution.

I am, Sir, etc., F. J. W. M. Charlottetown.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

EMPIRE LOYALISTS

House of Assembly, January 4, 1833:

Mr. Brecken, in introducing the report of the committee appointed last session to investigate the claims of certain loyal American refugees, or their representatives, said he would trouble the House with but a few observations, as the facts elicited in the course of the investigation would speak for themselves.

It appeared that in 1783, at the termination of the revolutionary war in America, many who possessed property to a considerable amount, from a principle of devoted loyalty to their Sovereign, abandoned their possessions and sought refuge in Nova Scotia and the neighboring Provinces. In order to reduce some of that deserving class of persons to settle in this Island, and with a view to the improvement of their property, and also that they might have some claim on Government for a commutation of quit rents, certain proprietors resigned a portion of their lands to His Majesty, to be distributed among the refugees, in the same proportion to each as they would have received in Nova Scotia, and that possession should be given immediately on their arrival in Charlottetown.

This proposal was immediately accepted by the Government, and a proclamation was forthwith published by Governor Patterson, promising lands of the very best description to all such Loyalists and disbanded troops as might be induced to settle in this Island.

Numbers, as might be expected, eagerly availed themselves of this proposition; and on their arrival in Charlottetown, and on making application to the Governor and Council, orders were issued to the then Surveyor General to survey the resigned lands, and put the emigrants in possession thereof, according to their several proportions; and the minutes of Council show that the Attorney General was directed, in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to make out their deeds.

So far, however, from these instructions being fulfilled, the report of the committee would show how these unfortunate men were deceived. Some, after taking possession of the lands allotted to them, on which they built their houses, and expended eight or nine years' labour in their improvement, were driven off by threats of charter suits, and every other species of intimidation. The committee had had several meetings, in the investigation of the business referred to them, and examined many of the claimants, a few of which examinations are embodied in the report. The committee did not think it necessary to report all the examinations, the evidence being, in so many cases, alike. The state of the weather prevented many others from giving their attendance. One gentleman, in particular, stated to him (Mr. Brecken) this morning, that after having been in possession of five hundred acres for nineteen years, he had been ejected therefrom by a Mr. Hill, the reputed proprietor of several townships. If there ever was a case that called for the interference of the Legislature, it was that of these misguided and suffering Loyalists.

No opposition was made to the report being received, and the committee who prepared it were directed to prepare the heads of a Bill for the purpose recommended in the report.

The names of the proprietors pledging one-fourth of the quantity of land opposite their names, on the same conditions as they themselves held of the Crown, are listed in the report as follows: The figures after each name represent acres: Edward Lewis, 20,000; John Townson, 10,000; John Stuart, 10,000; Richard Burke, 15,000; John Moteux, 20,000; Robert Mackay, 20,000; Alexander Anderson, 20,000; John Patterson, 20,000; John Patterson, attorney for Walter Patterson, 40,000; John Patterson, attorney for Andrew Todd, 21,000; John Patterson, for Isaac Todd, 20,000; John Townson, for Charles Pearce, 10,000; Daniel Berreau, for Isaac Fanchard, 20,000; Lawrence Sullivan, 20,000; Phillip Stephens, 20,000; Lord Townshend, 20,000; Lord Townshend, for General Honeywood, 10,000; Lord Townshend, for the Lord Chief Baron Montgomery, 20,000.

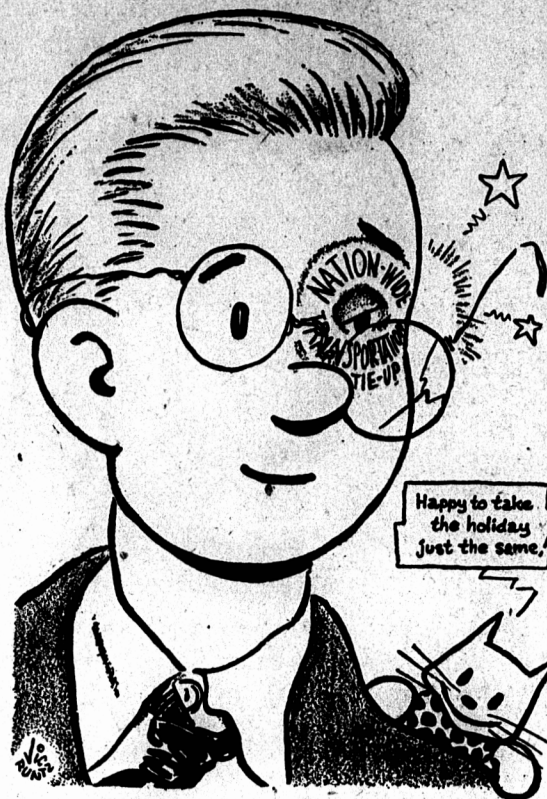
The Age-Old Story

The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.

LONG CAREER

General Douglas MacArthur headed his class at West Point in 1903.

Looking At Labour Day As A Souvenir



Moving Pictures and Sex Education

("Health" Magazine)

In several of the provinces of Canada recently certain moving pictures have been shown under purely commercial auspices which have as the proposed objective of those who distribute them the education of the young in rightful living and the avoidance of venereal disease.

As a matter of cold fact, the primary objective of these pictures is not education but the putting of cold cash into the pockets of those who own the pictures. Owners have found that the spicier these pictures are the greater crowds they will draw. Therefore, the inclusion of gross anatomical details of sex and the sale of very profitable spicy literature, unadorned sex education, has been a part of their stock in trade and an evidence of their insincerity. An added feature in some cases has been a lecturer masquerading under a false name, who poses as an expert and gives an intriguing lecture to increase the sale of books. These gentry are commonly without credentials in the field in which they pose as leaders. A recent pseudo-professor was an ex-traffic cop.

One wonders how in the world pernicious exploitation of this type gets past Boards of Censors, especially since education in this and other fields of health can be and has been well done in the past under approved auspices. In any case, it is the duty of this magazine to call the facts of the case to Provincial Departments of Health and to Boards of Censors throughout Canada. Education in the field of sex education and venereal disease control should be well done or not done at all. It has been proven to be impossible under purely commercial auspices.

The Poet's Corner

SEPTEMBER

September, month of all the year. When Summer, dying in the jaws, Gives her heaped basket to thy hands, And all her ripened greenery,— I know thee of the hazel eyes, The sunny face, whose shy surprise Peeps through the smoke-lit scenery...

The hill-sides know thy sunny love. Where flaming slopes of goldenrod Across the morning wave and nod, Through airs ecstatic, glamorous; While up from far-off river meads There comes a rustling, from the reeds, Or wild-fowl faintly clamorous.

The splendours of the year are thine, The ripened field, the sunny wood, And noontide rapt and wonderous; Till when thy nights are at the wane There comes with drenched wind at the pane Loud Equinox, the thunderous.

Then cold and clear the early morn; The night wind strikes his icy lyre; The lower lands are tipped with fire; And hill-side slopes are saddening;— Till in the midnight, crazed and blind, October's loud, lean wolf, the wind, Goes through the lorn woods maddening.

—Wilfred Campbell

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Notes By The Way

All would be well if Ottawa could get the past initiative of her tax-collectors into the military establishment.—Toronto Telegram.

A waterfall 3,215 feet high, nineteen times higher than Niagara Falls, discovered fifteen years ago from the air has been visited and measured by triangulation. It descends from the edge of a great mesa in Venezuela, near the Brazilian border. The longest unbroken drop of the water is 2,648 feet, reports Perry Lowery, field engineer of the Soco-Vacuum Oil Company of Venezuela.—New York Herald Tribune.

We have no doubt that Alberta's highways are full of drivers who cannot see, who may suffer from sudden heart attacks or even epilepsy while at the wheel. It happens before that men driving big trucks accidentally discovered that they were so blind that they could not see a child on the road fifty feet away. These people will continue to drive cars and trucks until something is done to weed them out.—Calgary Herald.

As a tip to Calgary police, we report that in Toronto the police force is cracking down on wedding parties "which speed around the city in cars, looking horns and causing a nuisance to normal traffic." The traffic inspector says "We won't spare any sympathy for newlyweds who go around the city in cars like crazy." The noise they make is illegal there just as it is in Calgary, and citizens there are demanding that it be stopped. Occasionally Calgary policemen do write tickets for offending wedding motorists but the word hasn't got around sufficiently well yet to put a stop to the unbearable honking and disgraceful road-hogging. A few stiff penalties might impress on newlyweds and their friends that their bliss isn't a good enough excuse for making other people miserable.—Calgary Albertan.

It is not greatly surprising that Communists should borrow heavily from the propaganda methods of their spiritual first-cousins, the Nazis. The North Korean Communists should really be chided for their tardiness in introducing their version of "Axis Sally" over the air from Seoul. The Red Korean sob-

ister came on the air for the first time the other day with the familiar souped-up nostalgia and imitations of the American vernacular. Monitors reported a slight accent that listeners could not identify. However, the enlisted men quickly came through with the apt nickname. The lady is known as Seoul City Sue, after the corn-fed charmer from St. Louis City, whose talents are so appreciatively assessed in the popular song. Apparently the only complaint they have about the performance of Seoul City Sue is that, typically she seems unable to resist mixing Communist parrot-dialectics with the corn and the result is slightly schizophrenic. The Iowa girl would not have made that mistake.—Winnipeg Free Press.

A London despatch tells of a British industrialist holding that all parliamentary candidates should undergo a test, be made to answer the following: 1. What is your experience that qualifies you to run one of the biggest businesses in the world? 2. What have you managed? 3. With what success? 4. Could you earn one thousand pounds (the parliamentary indemnity) in any other walk of life? The Ottawa Journal submits that the tests are hardly good, because government is not entirely business, so many human values being involved. The tests as proposed, says The Journal to begin with would have disqualified Lincoln, who failed with a small business, but did pretty well thereafter in Washington. Disraeli was a pretty good Prime Minister yet we can imagine him making an unholty mess of an industry like Austins. We even like to think what Mr. Gladstone, who was fairly good at Westminster, would have done at Nuffields. So here at home. Sir John MacDonald might not have done too well running the T. Eaton Company, and we rather imagine that Sir Wilfred Laurier would have had a bad time running the CPR. Both gentlemen did good work as Prime Minister. Business men have an idea that government is purely business. It isn't; it is vastly different. Presenting psychologists and other human problems which belong often to the imponderables. And, of course, to be truly successful in government, one must know a bit of history.—St. Catherine's Standard.

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