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

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The Late Mr. Duchemin

A distinguished son of Prince Edward Island, and one of Canada's most outstanding journalists, passed away yesterday in the person of Mr. Henry Pope Duchemin.

His potent pen was also devoted to furthering the interests of the Maritime Provinces, and he never lost an opportunity, in the midst of other issues, of keeping his native Province to the fore.

One of the early members of The Canadian Press, Mr. Duchemin was a past president of this organization and served for many years on its directorate.

A born crusader, Mr. Duchemin fought gallantly for social and humanitarian as well as political reforms, and the stamp of his personality was written clearly across everything he wrote.

St. Dunstan's Closing

The commencement exercises at St. Dunstan's University today mark the ninety-sixth anniversary of the institution.

The emphasis at St. Dunstan's has always been placed upon character building. The acquisition of knowledge in the arts and sciences is of itself useless to the community, and may be dangerous, without an adequate philosophy of life, and training in Christian ethics.

A Great Newspaper

Winnipeg is a much ravaged city, divided into sections by the waters which have risen above its almost billiard table flatness.

When the history of the present flood is written it may well be that much of the credit for keeping Winnipeg alive will go to that great newspaper the Winnipeg Free

Press. Undaunted by the difficulties of publishing in a water logged city, Editor Grant Dexter and his colleagues have not only continued to bring out their paper regularly with practically the full story of the battle against the waters, but they have actually added a Sunday edition so that in these days of trial the people of Winnipeg will not be left prey to isolation and uncertainty even one day of the week.

The spirit which makes this possible permeates every part of the team which makes possible the production of a newspaper. Newsboys and their families have even remained in the city when opportunity for evacuation was offered, only because they felt the responsibility of keeping their fellow citizens informed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is Highway and Traffic Safety Week and the sponsors have tackled the matter at the root—teaching the young idea.

Prince Edward Island loses a very competent and popular official in the retirement, on Saturday, of Mr. E. E. Clawson, Marine Agent for the Province since 1925.

"Balanced collective forces" under the Atlantic Treaty are a decisive step away from the outmoded idea of absolute sovereignty. Now that it is to be taken by a group of great and small nations there is good reason to hope that real international authority will take root and grow.

The rejuvenation of the Free Dispensary will fill a very real need. Although the more fortunate amongst us have, with a few notable exceptions, tended to ignore its existence, those in need have always known well where to look for its timely aid.

With the appointment of a lady J. P. we are advancing with the times. Mrs. George S. Morrison is thoroughly prepared and fitted for such a position, belonging as she does to a family well and favourably known in public life, and she herself trained and graduated in social sciences pertaining to the exercise of the office of Justice of Peace.

The world's first airliner driven by four jet engines — the de Havilland Comet — has added yet another record to an already long list. It flew from Cairo to London in just over 5 hours and 39 minutes without stopping.

War veterans on small holdings under the Veterans' Land Act are being given an additional incentive to develop their property. Prizes in the contests announced by the branch are much less valuable in the long run than the improvements necessary to win them but who would complain at the opportunity of having both?

Concern for the lot of flood victims in Manitoba is proving a "shot in the arm" for organizations all across the land. It seems that there is nothing like putting forth effort to meet adversity, our own or another's, to strengthen the sinews of societies as of individuals.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, English novelist, born this date 1859. He leaped into fame with "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", the predecessor of a whole host of "Whodunit" fiction. He had many other novels to his credit as well as books of a more serious character.

Why does the Bureau of Statistics in its official returns lump the Maritime Provinces as one? Surely each is as much entitled to its individual identity, as are the Prairie Provinces, for instance. In the latest agricultural returns we are told that "Canadian farmers went on a buying spree last year to boost the sale of new farm machinery to an all-time peak of \$220,710,000...

Health Board prosecutes. "The American brigantine 'Eglington' arrived here from Boston this morning, with fifteen passengers, whom the master permitted to land before their inspection by the Health Officer, and after he had been warned of the consequence of such violation of the law. The Board of Health met, and on this fact coming to their knowledge, and on the Health Officer reporting on board found there a case of Typhus Fever, in one of the crew who is now in Halifax. The President of the Board of Health, Charles Dempsey, Esq., immediately entered a prosecution against the offending party.

The Wisdom Of Being Ourselves
THIS IS THE STORY OF WHAT MUSTN'T HAPPEN TO THE WOULD-BE VISITOR WHO SEES THE FARAWAY FIELD LOOK GREEN AND FAIR'S OR AT LEAST DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING.



The Poet's Corner

THE SWEET O' THE YEAR

The upland hills are green again;
The river runs serene again;
All down the miles
Of orchard aisles
Of garden close
And dooryard plot
Comes back the rose
And bergamot.

The ardent blue leans near again;
The far-down swallow is here
again;
To his thorn-bush
Returns the thrush,
And the painted-wings appear
again;
In young surprise
The meadows run
All starry eyes
To meet the sun.

Warm runs young blood in the veins again,
And warm love floods in the rains again.
Earth, all aflush
With the fecond rush,
To her Heart's Desire attains again;
While stars outburst
The exultant word—
'Death's in defeat,
And Love is Lord.'
—Sir Chas. G. D. Roberts.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

HEALTH BOARD PROSECUTES

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— Prince Edward Island Advertiser, July 13, 1864.

The Age-Old Story

Behold I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a tried stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste.

FINNY MIDGETS
Scrod is a term used to identify small cod and haddock weighing less than two and one half pounds.

The Soviet Union And The "Cold War"

(By W. N. Ewer)

The Foreign Ministers' talks in London have ranged over all the world and have touched upon a score of important problems. And yet, at the same time, they have been concerned with one problem—the relations between the Soviet Union and its associates on the one hand, and what we have come very inaccurately to call "the Western World" on the other.

I want, in this article, to consider only the first question. Is there anything which the Western Powers can do which would bring about the ending of the "cold war" — a truce, if no more, between the "two camps"?

Would a Four-Power conference — either of Foreign Ministers or heads of Governments — be both possible and profitable? Would a special meeting of the Security Council, which Mr. Trygve Lie has suggested, be possible without, on the other hand, allowing Soviet Imperialism to overrun and annex further areas of the free world; without, on the other hand, risking the danger of the "cold war" turning into a "hot war"?

It was all entirely outside the scope of the Deputies' work. But Zarin had made the point he had evidently been instructed to make. It was that the Soviet Government holds that the Western Allies do not keep Four-Power agreements. A few days later, Pravda repeated the charge. This time Zarin was chosen as the subject. The accusation was the grotesque one that the Allies are plundering Western Berlin of metal, smuggling it out in military trains and using it to increase their "stockpiles of strategic raw materials in Western Germany". But the point was the same: the Allies do not keep Four-Power agreements.

There is no mistaking the intention. The Soviet Government is trying to justify in advance its decision to rebuff any moves which either the three Ministers or Mr. Lie might make in an effort to end the "cold war"; for whatever the move, it must at some stage require some sort of Four-Power agreement.

That has, at any rate, clarified the situation. It means that the three Foreign Ministers, however reluctantly, have been compelled to regard any kind of approach to Moscow in the present circumstances as a useless and doomed failure. That is unfortunate and regrettable. But it would have been worse than futile to knock hopefully at a door which has been demonstratively closed.

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.

MANITOBA FLOOD

Sir, — The amount of money, generously given for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, is steadily rising. Never have the people on the Island been slack when it comes to putting a campaign over the top.

We give our money generously, but what about our prayers? It was the World Day of Prayer, along with the material help that won us the war.

I would like to see in Charlottetown a committee of ministers prepared to call a day of prayer at a moment's notice for any catastrophe that might come. All the prayers of the faithful is what is needed right now, to keep the rains from coming and hold fast the dykes and bridges. We know what God can, and does do for us.

Let us all remember, "Whatever ye shall ask in My Name, I will do it, if it shall be given unto you." Please accept these two dollars for the Fund.

I am, Sir, etc., A FRIEND

FreeTown.

ization. A week later he added an even more irrelevant accusation that they were breaking the Four-Power agreement, on Trieste.

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Notes By The Way —
The director of a New York maternity centre wants expectant fathers admitted to the delivery room with their wives. It is suggested the wives might gain emotional security during the strain of childbirth. Afterwards, perhaps, the wives might be wheeled into the ward where the fathers were recovering from their own emotional upsets and physical collapse. Nothing like unity in marriage.
Quebec's new censorship law authorizes the provincial film censorship board to censor all magazines and comic books sold in the province. Its "censure order" involves the confiscation and destruction of the whole issue, and all further issues are banned within the province until the board revokes its order. The censors need not hold public hearings or give any reasons for their decisions, nor is there any appeal to the courts from their orders. While everyone will sympathize with the avowed object of this legislation, the arbitrary authority given the film censorship board is excessive and dangerous. After this, and earlier Quebec infringements on traditional Canadian liberties, such as the Padlock Law, the question arises whether the Dominion government should not intervene. —Edmonton Journal.
The defenders of the British electoral system have claimed as its great virtue that it produces strong governments — not always wise but at least capable of firmness. The truly alarming lesson of the general election of 1950 is its failure to repeat this pattern of the past: instead of producing a result which might chart the course of British politics for years to come, it merely showed that the two major parties have divided the nation into almost equal halves. The forebodings that greeted this result are now shown to be fully justified. The new Parliament has no intrinsic life of its own; it is proving to be merely a battle ground on which the parties maneuver for the best position for a fierce and prolonged struggle some time in the future. —The Economist.
Upon our country, spared the terrible destruction which afflicted other continents during war years, heavy troubles are falling. Press and radio transmit from one end of Canada to the other and abroad the news of our trials. At the end of the week we remained alert to follow from hour to hour the progress of fire and flood. Special programs sponsored by generous subscribers permitted the people to keep in touch with these great catastrophes. Yet in the midst of these trials and because of them one felt a great wave of sympathy for one another sweeping over Canadians. For the first time perhaps the people of the different provinces have understood that they were dependent upon one another. The beginning of a genuine national sentiment was born. The people of Quebec felt compassion for the citizens of Winnipeg and the adjoining region. The people of Ontario, of New Brunswick, of certain cities in the west and of the United States, shared in the trouble of which Rimouski and Cabano were the victims. —Notre Temps, Montreal.

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