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

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Decline Of Parliament

Alarm that the powers of the Dominion Parliament and the legislatures is on the wane has been expressed by Mr. Arthur R. M. Lower, Professor of History at Queen's University.

The warning, of course, does not come as a surprise. Since the publication in England of the 1932 report of the Committee on Ministers' Powers there have been uncounted attempts to retain or restore to Parliament the duty of legislating and of properly supervising the manner in which the Government carries on its functions.

There have been modifications of parliamentary procedure but, by and large, we are trying to have it control a complex social service state with machinery designed to prevent barons from intimidating the citizen, and the king from intimidating both.

Nova Scotia Experiment

An immigration experiment which is being watched with interest across Canada is at present under way in Nova Scotia in collaboration with the Federal Immigration Branch, Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

After selected immigrants have worked for at least a year on a Canadian farm for local experience, the Nova Scotia Land Settlement Board will lend them a sum equal to two-thirds of the purchase price of a farm plus 50 per cent of the cost of livestock and necessary farm equipment.

Suitable farms for the immigrants are carefully chosen by co-operation between the Nova Scotia Land Settlement Board and the Settlement Service of the Federal Immigration Branch.

First experiment is being made with immigrants from the Netherlands for several reasons. Some 3,000 of these Netherlands agriculturalists, men, women and children, came to Canada in 1947; 7,000 more came in 1948 and another 6,000 in 1949.

The first experiment under the new immigration policy was launched in Nova Scotia by St. Francis Xavier University extension department. With the aid and advice of the provincial department, the Federal service and university scientific studies of land, a group of Netherlands families are being assisted to settle on farms in the Antigonish and Inverness areas.

The Netherlands Emigration Foundation which supervises selection of emigrants from their homeland maintains close relations with Canadian officers in Holland and with the Federal Immigration Department in Ottawa through the agricultural attache of the Netherlands Embassy.

Outside of Nova Scotia, such immigrants may obtain the assistance available to all settlers under the terms of the Dominion Farm Loans Act. Quebec provides some special assistance, too.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Farmers say they could do with much more rain; indeed, at least one heavy shower per day.

Parliament is about to prorogue, and not a few here are wondering whether appointments to the Senate and Government House will be made before adjournment.

Russia's enormous efforts to bring China within its orbit could be explained by the desire to add to its collection of "firsts" in human history.

The Dominion-Provincial Fisheries conference at Lunenburg is covering a lot of ground although its subject matter is of the sea.

This also is a week of farmers' meetings but it will in many cases be a hard decision to leave the land which is probably in better condition for working than for many a week.

Accession of Queen Victoria this date 1837, the beginning of the most glorious reign in British history, not excepting that of Queen Elizabeth. She reigned for sixty-four years, having celebrated her silver jubilee, her golden jubilee, and her diamond jubilee as well. She died in 1901.

The late Mr. John R. MacNicol was probably better known in, and knew more about the Maritimes than any other outside M. P. He was a great traveller and student, familiarizing himself with the problems of every province he visited, especially those of the provinces by the sea which he visited, addressing Boards of Trade, etc., at least every two years.

The United States Customs has ruled that a picture book based on the story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is not entitled to the low duty on books for children's use. It is not the frightening pictures, oddly enough, which brought about the ruling.

There will be many important visitors here this week, including those en route to Newfoundland, and the Maritime Region of the Canadian Press, including officials from headquarters in Toronto.

Evidently imprisonment in Georgetown is treated with contempt by one King's County prisoner, who, when sent to what is supposed to be "durance vile" for a previous escape, coolly bent the iron bars of his cell apart and disappeared during the night.

The movies showed two robbers just how to accomplish the looting of a Woodbury, Conn., bank of \$12,000. The bank was used by Connecticut State police nine months ago as the subject of a movie showing how they could halt a bank robbery.

Among those mentioned as a prospect for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party is Mr. J. Angus MacLean, of Lewis, former Progressive Conservative candidate at the last Federal elections. Mr. MacLean is the son of Mr. George A. MacLean, who has upheld the party colours in the Belfast district over a long period of years.

Above the armada of ships the sky was clear and starlit. On the decks groups of men stood about their padres for brief services, and the chaplains had to speak a little louder to be heard above the whistling wind. The sea was running in a heavy swell and standing was difficult.

Ladies First, Or Every Man For Himself?



(A RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE CONVENTION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBERAL WOMEN TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT APPOINT A WOMAN SENATOR FROM EVERY PROVINCE.)

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) A GALA EVENT

The following excerpts from The Examiner of July 12, 1859, deal with the visit here of General Sir William Fenwick Williams, hero of Kars, who had been appointed Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America.

Whale Problems (Manchester Guardian)

This seems to be an ill year for whales; they appear to be losing their sense of discretion or direction, or both. Another school of about 150 has now managed to strand itself on a beach near Dunbar and another local authority is faced with the problem of disposing of the helpless creatures.

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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.

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Sir,—You are to be congratulated for your editorial comment on the recent appointment to the School Board by the City Council. The citizens of Charlottetown are now awaiting with interest the reaction of the School Improvement League, for this act of the Council was as much a slap in the face to the League as it was a rebuff to Mrs. MacDonald.

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The Poet's Corner EVENING

From upland slopes I see the cows file by,
Lowing, great-chested, down the homeward trail.
By dusking fields and meadows shining pale
With moon-tipped dandelions.

SINGHALESE HOSPITALS

Ceylon has 189 government general hospitals and about a dozen other special institutions.

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Notes By The Way

The recommendation made by Judge Shaunessy that young persons convicted on first offences be given a mild lashing instead of being let go on so-called suspended sentence has practical merit. This opinion is shared by a grand jury sitting at Sarnia.

If the fate of China is allowed to overtake India and Southeast Asia, the chances of democracy's survival will be gravely impaired. France, Britain and the United States have a real and urgent duty to halt the spread of Communism in these Asiatic countries.

Our prosperity is not as solid as it might be and there is reason to correct weaknesses that are apparent or imminent. Unemployment is high in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in many New England cities, and in pin-point areas the country over.

The Age-Old Story

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Maples and elms grow with a good deal of rapidity, and they are both handsome. The sugar maple and the American elm are the best for road ornamentation, if not also for climatic betterment.

One of the difficulties about building a combined armed force for the North Atlantic Treaty countries is that the military men have trouble understanding each other. Headquarters become a strange-sounding hodgepodge of "okay", "right" and "oul", British, French and Dutch warships recently held joint sea manoeuvres.

Highways Minister Doucett made an extremely ill-advised statement the other day when he said flatly that illiterate persons are perfectly capable of driving motor vehicles. An understanding of diagrammatic traffic signs and signals is enough, according to Mr. Doucett.

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