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

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The Late Col. Hooper

News of the sudden death of Lieut. Colonel J. Parker Hooper, M.C., will come as a shock to his very wide circle of friends in this Province and throughout the Maritimes. As a soldier he had a distinguished record overseas in the First World War, and as a citizen he took a leading part in the activities of the community and Province. In his younger days he was one of the Island's best athletes, and he continued to take a keen interest in sports of all kinds, particularly in harness racing. Several years ago he saw the opportunities in developing the seed potato industry of the Province, and he threw himself into this occupation with characteristic enthusiasm.

A man of warm personal sympathies, he was particularly concerned in promoting the interests of war veterans, and was among those prominent in organizing the Canadian Legion in its early days.

The Guardian tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family on this occasion.

Parkdale

The public meeting held earlier this week in Parkdale showed that the residents of that district are well aware of the necessity of incorporation to provide at least the minimum municipal services for health and education. The Small Towns Act provides a possible means of achieving that essential purpose.

It should be considered, however, whether property holders in Parkdale and adjoining districts would be satisfied with minimum services. The rapidly growing population on the outskirts of Charlottetown will undoubtedly feel the need for improved streets, sidewalks, water supply, police protection, snow clearance in winter and street cleaning in summer as well as numerous other services. To obtain these means setting up an organization and supplying equipment which will largely duplicate that already existing for the city.

It would seem that the most efficient and satisfactory means of obtaining the advantages of incorporation would be to throw in their lot with Charlottetown, paying only their share of municipal overhead rather than provide the whole at their own expense. Charlottetown would also be the gainer by being in a position to properly integrate the development of those districts, which whatever may be the political lines of demarcation are closely tied to the city proper.

First Principles

It is well for all concerned to be reminded that the basic subjects in education are still reading, writing, arithmetic and history. In his masterly exposition of this point before the Teachers' Federation, Principal MacKinnon of Prince of Wales College dwelt on another equally important one. "In every field of knowledge a penetrating understanding of a few things is far more essential in life than a superficial smattering of many."

One of the dangers in modern educational trends is the tendency to substitute superficialities for fundamentals—the learning of facts and the acquisition of skills, both important in themselves, for the more important and more difficult art of distinguishing between the significant and the trivial. This is the road—and the only one—to the attainment of mental clarity. It cannot be made easy by "frills and spoon-feeding", for its aim is the development of character. But the teacher can perform a useful function as "guide or director"; and somewhere along the way, when the initial difficulties have been surmounted, the student will find the going easier. Instinct will have become self-conscious and intelligent. At this stage the teacher's task is about finished. From here on progress will depend on the pupil's own inherent capabilities; his feet having been well and truly planted in the path, they must of their own volition find the higher altitudes.

Dish For A King

It is cause for regret and a distressful commentary on this era," complains the Ottawa Journal, "that more men cannot sit down to a supper of satisfying potato soup these days. Use six medium-sized potatoes, one quart whole milk, one cup light cream, a large sliced onion, a big stalk of celery, two tablespoons of butter, one and three-fourths teaspoons salt and a whiffle of pepper. Boil the potatoes, onion and celery together and when cooked, work the po-

tatoes and onion through a sieve and chop the celery very fine. Warm the milk and cream together; add the butter and celery. Put in the potatoes and onion. Don't let it boil but keep the temperature high. And just in case you like to experiment, put in a generous handful of chopped fried onions a few minutes before supper time. Rich, thick, tangy potato soup with plenty of corn bread and tart jelly, plus a big wedge of hot mince pie, a piece of virtuous cheese and a cup or two of honest coffee is a very acceptable supper in April."

This encomium is well merited. Here is a royal dish that could be served generously in every home in Prince Edward Island, at very little cost,—and wouldn't our visitors go for it too! Potato soup used to be a familiar diet in pioneer days in this Province, but we have gotten out of the way of it. Perhaps our energetic Travel Bureau will take the lead in helping to revive its popularity.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Hon. John Bracken received a warm welcome here notwithstanding unseasonable snow drifts.

Trout fishing opens on Monday but those disciples of Isaac Walton who have not obtained a license by today should be content to pity those who think that anything resembling fishing is yet possible.

Sub-mariners have always claimed that the submarine is the most effective weapon against its kind. American naval plans for small anti-submarine subs indicate that their arguments have not fallen on deaf ears.

The Russians flocking into China had a prototype in American history. They resemble nothing so much as the "carpet baggers" of the reconstruction period in the South.

Island farmers have shown an astonishing amount of agreement on the desirability of marketing boards for potatoes and also eggs and poultry. The only disquieting thought is, how could so many people have managed to be right about anything.

Opera singing Latvian immigrants are enabling Nova Scotia to produce three operas a year. It is noteworthy that their coming brings new opportunities to native Nova Scotians rather than depriving them of the chance to sing.

Henry James (1843-1916), American novelist, brother of William James the psychologist, was born this date. Novelist, short story writer and critic, he achieved great popularity in England and the United States. His works include, "A Passionate Pilgrim", "Daisy Miller", "The Ivory Tower" and "The Middle Years."

An important matter which did not come up at the Teachers' Convention is job security. It would add much to the average teacher's peace of mind if there was not hanging over his or her head the constant threat of not being re-appointed at the end of the school year. Teachers should be appointed for a much longer period than one year and be subject to dismissal only for cause.

A well-known group of Shakespearean players from Stratford plan an extended tour of British Commonwealth countries this year. They have been encouraged to embark on this project by the remarkable success of a recent visit to Australia. Immediately after the close of the Festival of Britain, next autumn, the company plans to leave for Canada, New Zealand, Australia and possibly South Africa. It is hoped to stage at least four or five productions under the supervision of Mr. Anthony Quayle who is the director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Britain.

Rev. Dr. O'Hanley's achievement in translating a widely-used Latin text on Thomistic philosophy is a reminder that its accomplishments of recent years have been rapidly advancing St. Dunstan's College to the fore in Maritime educational circles. Its rapidly increasing enrollment, its expansion in curriculum offerings, the recognition given its student body through national and international fellowships and scholarships, its conquests in academic and athletic areas of endeavour, have all contributed to the development of a dynamic institution in our midst. Prince Edward Island particularly, and Canada in general, have long profited, in the religious, social and political fields, from the brilliant leadership that has been developed at St. Dunstan's. Our citizens have taken St. Dunstan's and her achievements so much for granted, that her most recent contribution to the scholastic world has been passed over at home with little mention. But it is one of permanent value and importance, as is indicated in today's news columns.

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.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT

Sir,—If you will permit me the space in your valuable column I would like to reply to a letter which appeared in your issue of April 10, signed "Average Citizen". He refers to Mr. Shaw's statement that only 10% of the potato growers on P. E. I. grow in excess of twenty-five acres which to my good friend was both gratifying and enlightening. Now are we as farmers supposed to believe that ten per cent of our market problems are solved? Not by a long shot. What a good few of us want to know is how many farmers are growing potatoes in excess of twenty acres and why many bushels of potatoes were contracted for last fall at the \$1.00 mark and shipped on the same boat for the same destination as potatoes that were bought for only 50c, same variety, same quality. Does it cost us 50c per bushel for some one to draw up a contract?

We have learned through the University of Hard Knocks that we farmers have to have a marketing system of our own, and the fact remains we produced potatoes these past two years below cost of production only to satisfy the laws of supply and demand and to gratify and enrich the fertilizer plant. Our good member from 1st Prince, Mr. Ramsay "the farmer's friend" said in the Legislature that if this practice were allowed to go on the farmers would be compelled to unite for better prices or words to this effect. We have nearly as many buyers of potatoes on P. E. I. now as the number of farmers growing them.

Prince Edward Island is now the "seed-plot" of the world as far as the certified potato industry is concerned. If this seed-plot is allowed to become obsolete, as the fact is, it is from the truth. This should have been "the only political party that is backing and has backed the Federation of Agriculture 100% is the C.C.F."; and I don't like being misquoted. I would like to ask "Average Citizen" what political leader other than Mr. M. J. Coldwell has ever sat in on the proceedings at the annual convention of the National Federation of Agriculture and is still fighting for those resolutions at Ottawa? Now compare the C. C. F. agriculture policy with what we have in operation at the present time. Figures may lie but facts are the truth.

I think "Average Citizen" must be another cog in the machine who thinks the only way for the farmer to get along is "keep mum, grow fewer potatoes, but grow them so big and fast that they will wear themselves out stretching them along the ground." Then the problem will be solved. Prince Edward Island, the land of our birth, To children and grown-ups the best place on earth; A whole million acres of fertile land spread— Sixteen million dollars—is now in the red. A man often wonders, as well a man may, Where in heck we are heading? How long can we stay? For to depression we sure have been started. By old party lines and the course they have charted. But hold we our peace, lest the "Dreamer" bestir! Say nothing 'bout markets for taters or furs; Leave things as they are, be a "Citizen" brave; Be a farmer by trade—a Governmental slave. And all will go well, till the great Judgment Day. Then no worries we'll have and no taxes to pay! Our sons will have gone and will never be back. And our land will become "Reservation Micmac!"

I am, Sir, etc. FARMER

Elmsdale, P. E. I.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Sir,—With your kind permission I would like to bring to the attention of the citizens of Charlottetown and rural residents west of the city, a question which deserves consideration at this time. Previous to the last meeting of the local Legislature we were led to believe that considerable time was to be given by the Government during the session for a full and free discussion of the route to be taken by the proposed trans-Canada Highway, but only in the dying hours was this matter brought up, and our Premier stated it was a road from Borden to Wood Islands the inference being that Charlottetown was not important enough to even be considered a calling point. One wonders why this road is being constructed. Is it to be the shortest and most direct route for our citizens in going to Borden and to serve the farming communities south of the railway in that section of Queen's County which have for many years been compelled to use a clay road while other parts of the Province adjacent to the railway have enjoyed paved highways as well, or is it to be a scenic highway crossing as many rivers as possible and by-passing our capital city? We know that trans-Continental highways find it good policy to avoid large cities where heavy traffic would delay the traveller

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN

Murray Harbour.

Karsham Rides Again!

THE INTREPID INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER, J. QUINZAO KARSHAM, BOTTOMHOLES MEMBERS OF THE DRIVING PUBLIC CONCERNING THE MAYOR'S STATEMENT THAT POKEY DRIVERS HINDER TRAFFIC, AND THAT PERHAPS EVEN THE SPEED LIMIT COULD BE RAISED TO 22 MILES PER HOUR.



MR. SYLVESTER SLOWDOWN: "IF THE LIMIT WAS RAISED TO 22 MPH, I DO BELIEVE I'D TRY IT. THAT'S FULL TILT FOR AN OLD LIZZY, AND HE ALWAYS HAD A SECRET DESIRE TO LIVE DANGEROUSLY."

MR. R. MADON HEANSTRAK: "I DRIVE VERY SLOWLY MOST OF THE TIME BUT I DO CO-OPERATE SOME—ALWAYS RACE THROUGH POLES AND—(GRR, HEN) MAKE QUITE A SPLASH."

MR. AFFABLE CHATHORNY: "THE GEE, I'VE BEEN LIVIN' TOO FAST AS TIS—I MIND THE TIME A FEW MINUTES COULD PULL UP MIDSTREET A QUARTER HOUR AND NO ONE'D EVER SAY A TOOT."

MR. LITWELL MENASS: "HARZ THISH TH? SHEVEN DANISH AGAIN FOR HITTIN' SOMETHING? HOUER, AND NO ONE'D EVER SAY A TOOT."

many hours but no such problem exists here.

I venture to state without fear of successful contradiction that ninety-nine per cent of our visitors using this road would wish to stop at least a moment along to Elmira and all points east. If so, why not bring them in by the front door using Brighton road and Victoria Park, the best entrances we have to our city, with a bridge across the North River at this point and a direct road to Borden?

The construction of this bridge and highway will mean a large outlay of money by our Province even with the aid from the Dominion Government, and as the citizens of Charlottetown pay a large portion of the taxes in this Province surely they are entitled to have a say in the location of the highway and bridge.

Why is there so much secrecy about this matter? We know that secrecy only rouses suspicion. Why not have a public meeting presided over by our Mayor, invite representative citizens within the different organizations within the city, also the members of the Legislature and farmers from the outlying districts, to have a free discussion on this important subject.

I am, Sir, etc. CITIZEN

THE HANDMAID OF CRIME

Sir,—Liquor is the handmaid of crime. Near us in Trinidad was an old Chinese shorekeeper, a quiet, inoffensive old man. His long narrow store had groceries in one half and rum in the other. He had no faith in banks and kept his money in a huge safe. It was his custom to take jewelry in exchange for his goods and these were stored with his money in the safe. It was said he had, at least, \$25,000 in cash and a considerable amount of jewelry he had taken in during the years. For a long time four covetous Mohammedan men had talked together of robbing that safe. They lived only half a mile away, and had often gloated over its contents, but they lacked courage. The Mohammedans are total abstainers but on June 6th, 1911, a pitch dark night of pouring rain they drank rum, became reckless, followed the old man up to bed, killed him, rifled the safe, carried off the loot in baskets, and set fire to the building. Some months later those four men paid their penalty on the gallows. Fifty per cent of the robberies and murders in that Colony are accountable to drink.

That robbery and near murder, committed in Charlottetown on Saturday night, the 8th, was probably the work of cowardly hoodlums made reckless by drink. "They were bad anyway," but drink brings out the evil and makes trouble for other people. Man's higher faculties of discrimination and judgment were the last of his faculties to develop; and these are the first to deteriorate under the power of alcohol; and usually, it does not take much to fit a man for his crime. It is a notable fact that road accidents usually happen to moderate drinkers. One glass may make the difference between safe driving and a fatal accident.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN

Murray Harbour.

The Poet's Corner

A GRAIN OF SALT

Of all the winning doubly blest The sailor's wife's the happiest, For all she does is stay at home And knit and darn—and let 'em roam.

Of all the husbands on the earth The sailor has the finest berth. For in his cabin he can sit And snarl and snarl—and let 'er knit.

Notes By The Way

The famous British aircraft carrier, "Ark Royal", which earned much renown during the war, is not to be forgotten. A new vessel with the same name is to be launched by Her Majesty the Queen on May 3. The Admiralty has issued a special Fleet Order inviting all officers and men who served in the original carrier to be present at this ceremony. A similar invitation is being issued to members of the Royal Marines who helped man the "Ark Royal"—UK Information Office

Outside the United Kingdom there are now four Socialist Governments—in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. But none of them, in face of the present world situation, is now extending nationalization. They aim at a Welfare State but are leaving ordinary industrial enterprise free to produce the resources required to support it. In extending nationalization as it is now doing the Labour Government is alone in Western Europe, in the Commonwealth, in the whole of the free world.—Sir Arthur Salter in Manchester Guardian.

The curious way in which names get altered through the centuries is well exemplified by the strange signs on some of the old inns in England.

"The Goat and Compasses" is by no means an unusual sign and is a corruption of the Puritan "God encamp us". "The Goat in Golden Boots" comes from the Dutch "Goed in der Goldenen Boot" meaning "The Good (Mercury) in his golden sandals". "The Bag o' Nails" is really "The Bacchanals"—those who feasted in honor of the ancient god, Bacchus. "The Bully Ruffian" derives from the name of the battleship, "Bellerophon". "The Cat and Fiddle" from "Caton Fiddle", i.e. Caton, the faithful governor of Calais. "The Cat and Wheel"—St. Catherine's Wheel. "The Iron Devil" means "The Hirondelle", being the French for the bird called a swallow. "The Queer Door", a corruption of Coeur Dore—the Golden Heart—and there are many others.—Letter in Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

The Age-Old Story

Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

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