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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Air Force Day

Saturday, June 9th is Air Force Day. Each year the Royal Canadian Air Force sets aside one day to display itself to the citizens of Canada.

Although it is Canada's youngest service, the R. C. A. F. is already steeped in tradition. Such names as Bishop, Colishaw, and Barker will not be forgotten as long as there is a young Canadian who is interested in aviation.

Still a mere twenty-seven years old, the R.C.A.F. has attained a reputation surpassed by no other air force. It blazed the name of Canada across the skies of all fronts during the recent world war.

One of the largest training schools in Canada is situated at Summerside. It is the one and only Air Navigation School in Canada and, as such, passes out all types of navigators from the novice to the specialist.

On Saturday this school, along with everything which is required to operate it efficiently, will be displayed to visitors from the surrounding district. They will see the Vampire jet planes of 401 (City of Westmount) Reserve Squadron in a performance of high speed aerobatics and low level formation flying.

These planes will be open to closer inspection as part of the static display on the ground later on. The static display will give witnesses an opportunity to see for themselves what each section on an Air Force unit does.

Sports enthusiasts will have their choice of either a soccer or a softball game at 6:30. Both games will be between R.C.A.F. Station Summerside and H.M.C.S. Stadacona from Halifax.

The high point of the day will be the graduation of the French NATO trainees. An impressive wings parade, taking place at 2 o'clock, will bring memories to many onlookers who have seen themselves or their loved ones taking part in just such a ceremony a few years back.

A pleasant day is looked forward to by all R.C.A.F. personnel and it is hoped that they may be hosts to the largest number of air force day guests thus far.

Price War

With our Cost of Living Index still on the up-grade, Canadians look on with a certain wonder at the price war going on among New York City's great department stores.

Much of the sensational price cutting may be attributed to publicity seeking and in fact the stores concerned have probably received more than their price mark-downs in the form of advertising.

that of the stock being disposed of. After all, the Canadian index is now advancing at a greatly reduced rate. The inflationary peak may well be in sight it not already reached.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Welcome to our most distinguished tourists, His Honour Lieutenant Governor Ray Lawson of Ontario and his party.

Alberton is today officially opening its new public library, a credit to the public spirit of the community and a fine addition to the library system of the Province.

What is noticeable in pictures in newspapers from the Old Country recently is the long dresses worn by the ladies, and the short pants by the boys—seemingly a return to old and better days.

Canada no longer enjoys a favorable balance of trade. One factor, at least, is that this country now imports quantities of oils for margarine rather than stimulating domestic production of butter.

An American Dental Association report indicates that infected teeth are not to blame for aches and pains. The next thing someone will be claiming that sulphur and molasses is not a "must" in the Spring.

For the next few months members of the reserve forces will be taking summer training. They are giving their services. Employers can match their patriotism by making it as easy as possible for reservists in their employ to have the necessary time off for such national service.

The extensive naval ship construction and refitting program announced by Defence Minister Claxton will total some \$200,000,000, a vast sum but one which will have been well spent if this country again has to face submarine warfare on a large scale.

Here is a tip which our Government could have imitated as a powerful draw in Festive Week. The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Denys Lawson, the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs of the City have accepted an invitation from the Government of British Columbia to visit Victoria and Vancouver during the summer.

The principal legal reason for holding the census has, as it happens, no application to this Province. The decennial count is designed to provide a basis for the redistribution of seats in the House of Commons but the representation of the Island is fixed at the same number as we have Senators, four.

The First Reform Bill was passed this date 1832. Lord John Russell introduced the first motion for parliamentary and electoral reform in 1820 and introduced the Reform Bill in 1830. The Government was defeated but an election gave a majority for the Bill. The Lords eventually yielded to the threat of the creation of enough new peers to assure passage of the Bill.

This is a year of drama feasts. "Our Town", the Thornton Wilder play, is to be played in Britain by Schoolboys from Upper Canada College, Toronto. No scenery is to be used and the only "props" will be a table and four chairs. Hardest test for the Ontario schoolboys will be when they play at schools like Rugby, Harrow, Wellington, and Edinburgh Academy.

In British Columbia the leftist movement does not seem to be thriving. The C.C.F. Youth Movement there will be disbanded because of declining membership. The annual convention of the C.C.F. which ended last week, adopted a recommendation of its executive that the movement be "disaffiliated" in B.C. It was reported Youth Movement membership had dropped to 32. Members of the youth group were advised to either form their own C. C. F. clubs or to join up individually. The movement was designed to promote party policy among young men and women.

Mr. H. H. Hatfield, M. P. for Victoria-Carleton, made a strong point when he argued in the House of Commons on Thursday for a fairer deal for our Maritime potato growers. He pointed to the more than generous treatment which the wheat growers of Western Canada have received and emphasized that while the potato marketing plan in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick is working well, our farmers have no assurance as to what initial payment they will receive for their 1951 crop. All he asked was "fair treatment clear across Canada for our primary producers," and that is surely something on which all the members will agree.

Welcome To The Garden Province



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.

FARM OPERATIONS

Sir,—It is indeed amazing to learn from your editorial on "Farm Accidents" (May 19 issue), that "In the United States...there were in 1949, a total of 17,000 farm deaths due to accidents." I can see that the trend to mechanical power "down on the farm"—apart entirely from its obvious benefits in terms of productivity—is no exception to the general rule that, in this "Age of Tears" farming is free, and that the philosopher puts it "every advantage has its tax". Certainly it is worth pondering the grim fact that, according to the news from Washington, "34,000 Americans lost their lives in highway traffic accidents during 1950". This latter is just three times the U. S. lives lost in Korea, since June 25, 1950.

While I've my pen in hand, may I just submit the following revealing figures showing the estimates of the Dominion Statistics Bureau of the operating expenses of our 715,000 Canadian farms for 1950. They certainly support the suggestion by your correspondent (A. E.) that "apparently it costs real money to farm these days". (Figures in thousands of \$): Taxes, 120,060; net rent, 50,106; hired labor, 169,378; interest on debt, 42,322; feed and seed, 287,938; tractor, 95,746; truck, 37,433; autos, 43,835; machinery repairs, 61,697; fertilizer, 40,168; fruit & vegetable supplies, 27,624; building repairs, 48,000; miscellaneous, 66,170; and depreciation on buildings and machinery, 153,625.

The total of the above "operating expenses plus depreciation" describes its full place on the record: \$1,243,692,000. As to the above assumption: "apparently it costs real money to farm these days," the modernist might simply add his terse term: "And how!" I am, Sir, etc. WAR VETERAN

The Poet's Corner

IN A GARDEN

This quiet garden is a refuge for Flickers and robins and bright hummingbirds. Racing their motors while they hang to sip. The honey sweet from multicolored flowers. Here orioles flash their black and golden splendor. And sparrows dart while, hiding in the hedge. Small finches paint their yellow on the green. All day the water splashes in the basin. Where birds come without fear to seek its cool. And air is filled with chattering and wings. Heart now starts singing in reply and eye. Feasts upon light and color while the ear. Content to hear rustle of wings and branch. Splashing of water, blowing grass and leaf. Hears the whole garden blended in one song. —Helen Howland Prommel.

MONTREAL, June 4 (CP)—Scientists and scholars from many parts of Canada today opened sessions of the Royal Society of Canada. Twenty-three new Fellows were formally enrolled in the society's register at a ceremony marking the opening business session. They included: Alfred O. Bailey, Fredericton, N.B.; L. Paul Dugal, Laval University, Quebec; and Louis P. Robitoux, Quebec.

Britain's Stand On Persian Oil

(By W. N. Ewer) The issues of the dispute about the nationalisation of the Persian oil industry do not affect only Britain and Persia. It is not simply a question of the British Government seeking to protect its own commercial and financial interests. The implications are far more wide-reaching; both the legal implications and the economic implications. The legal issue is not that of a sovereign state to nationalize, or in any other way, to take possession of property inside its own territory. That is not challenged by anybody. But the method which the Persian Government has adopted raises quite another issue: that of the right of a Sovereign state to denounce unilaterally a contract which it has entered into either with another state or with some foreign person or corporation. And that goes right down to the roots of our present system of international law, and especially of international contractual relations.

Somewhat paradoxically a contract of this kind could only be enforced if the aggrieved party were both willing and strong enough to use armed force to assert its right, but that is not law; it is the negation of law, and in effect, in the modern world civilisation, that may have been asserted powers have renounced any to use armed force in such a way.

So that the position today is that all international contractual relations assume and depend on the willingness of governments to carry out, without compulsion, agreements into which they have freely entered. And every time that any government, whatever its strength, repudiates that obligation, it shakes the whole system on which all international contractual relations are necessarily based. In particular, it inevitably shakes its own credit. Any government which repudiates a contract makes it exceedingly difficult for anybody in future to make other contracts, especially long-term contracts, with it.

The second point of general concern is a practical one. It is exceedingly important not only to Britain, but for many other countries, especially those of the Middle East, that there should be no interruption or restriction of the supply of Persian oil. And if that is important for the purchasing countries it is even more important for Persia herself. A cessation in the export of oil would bring such a decrease in the revenue of the Persian Government that it would throw the budget hopelessly out of balance. It would completely upset Persia's balance of trade, and since the oil industry employing over 70,000 Persians, is the biggest in the country, it would create at once a formidable unemployment problem.

Now a negotiated settlement, whatever its basis, would obviously provide for the continuous operation of the oilfields and refinery. But if there were no negotiated settlement, if Persia were simply to seize the fields and plant, then, at the very least, a major dislocation would be inevitable. That happened in the case of Mexico where after a rash and hurried nationalization, production fell to less than a quarter. And in the case of Persia, dislocation would almost certainly be even worse. There might even be complete cessation. For the plain fact is that if the Company and its staff were forced to cease operations, the Persian Government would be unable either to find the necessary technical staff, or to make the necessary marketing arrangements. And the result would inevitably be a widespread economic dislocation affecting very many countries besides Britain and Persia.

BEAVER INCREASE NORTH DAWY, Ont. — (CP) — About 2,700 beaver were officially "sealed" after being trapped in the North Bay district in the season just ended. The total is about 830

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

"Friday being the day appointed for the celebration of His Majesty's birthday, it was observed here with the usual demonstrations of respect and loyalty. The Militia, consisting of the 6th Battalion, and strong detachments of the 7th and 9th Battalions, with two pieces of Artillery, under the command of Colonel Holland; and the detachment of the 96th Regiment, under the command of Captain Gethin, formed on Queen Square, where they were reviewed by His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Reidy.

"The firing commenced with the field pieces, the troops firing a volley between the seven rounds of the guns. The line then broke into open column, marching past the Lieutenant Governor, and saluting as they passed. His Excellency expressed himself highly satisfied with the appearance of the officers and men. The day being unusually fine, the spectators on the ground were very numerous, and the Militia mustered upwards of a thousand strong. At six o'clock His Excellency entertained a numerous party at dinner, in honour of the day, comprising the members of His Majesty's Council, the Speaker of the Assembly, the heads of the Departments, and the commanding officers of the Militia." —Prince Edward Island Register, April 27, 1830.

Scrubbed Offices To Earn Passage

(Brian Moore in Montreal Gazette) A Glasgow charwoman, who did extra scrubbing and cleaning to pay her trans-Atlantic passage, arrived here Saturday on the Donaldson - Atlantic Line vessel Laurentia on a two-fold mercy mission to Canada. With her Mrs. Phoebe Nicholson brought Donald Goodridge, seven-year-old boy who suffers from tubercular meningitis of the spine and had never been out of hospital until he sailed for Montreal last week. Mrs. Nicholson never saw Donald before, and is no relation, but she is taking him all the way to Moosejaw, Sask., to join his truck-driver father. His war-bride mother died in England after his birth.

"I never met Donald until I went to pick him up to bring him to Canada," she said Saturday. "But he's in the same situation as my own grandson and I told the British Red Cross I'd take him." "My grandson is seven years old, the same age as Donald and he's out in Edmonton with the same affliction," she said. "His name is Keith Gott and his father is a Canadian ex-serviceman and a truck driver, the same as Donald's. The doctors over here haven't been able to help him, so I promised my daughter I'd take him back to Scotland and let our doctors have a try." "Mrs. Nicholson worked round the clock to raise money for her Canadian trip. She cleaned offices in the early morning, worked for a doctor during the day and did more scrubbing in the evenings. "Many a time I felt like throwing in the sponge," she said. "But I kept it up with after months and now I've enough money for my fare both ways. However, I'll have to find some scrubbing work out west to get the money for my grandson's fare back home. I haven't been able to manage this year." Donald Goodridge, the seven-

higher than last year, due to an increase in the district's beaver population.

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Notes By The Way

Now that military campaigns are fought out by generals before Congressional committees, some people wonder whether congressmen should fight their political campaigns on the battlefield. —Christian Science Monitor.

It takes about 200 pounds of whole lobster to produce a case of 48 twelve-ounce cans of lobster meat and, at the price asked by some producers, this means that the cost of the lobsters needed for one case would be at least \$42. When the cost of cases, cans and labor are added to this, it is not difficult to see why a twelve-ounce can has to sell for nearly \$1.50 from the grocery store shelf. —(St. John's News.)

Those persons blessed with normal vision may count it most strange that any one should knock himself out by walking headlong into a glass door. If everybody had good eyesight perhaps such accidents would not happen, or be of rare occurrence at any rate. But those who wear glasses today are probably as numerous as those who do not require the aid of lenses to get around. Faulty vision is therefore a common defect of this generation. It may be present in many different forms and can be a real handicap to the sufferer, resulting in slower movements, uncertain locomotion and a general hesitancy of the reflexes. To such persons the transparent door may not always be easy to observe. It should have opaque markings of some kind to forewarn those approaching it that it is there in their path, a solid object, and not just the thin air it so frequently appears to be. —Hamilton Spectator.

Editor Jack Parks, of the Dalhousie Nugget, was confronted with a predicament. Dalhousie

year-old invalid she brought here, became a hit with the Laurentia's crew on the trip. "They were wonderful, the crew boys," Mrs. Nicholson said. "They treated him like the King of England."

Mrs. Nicholson said she asked the British Red Cross for help in getting her own grandson home but it was refused. "Then they asked me if I'd take this little boy to Canada with me. I was delighted. Little Donald is my own grandson now and I'd have been glad to find somebody who would have taken my Keith and brought him back to Scotland."

The 45-year-old Scottish grandmother was met here by Red Cross workers who helped her make a train connection west.

is a centre of about 1,300 population in Georgia and also embraces two nearby hamlets known as Yahoola and Frogtown. Editor Parks had planned to write a thunderous editorial on the dismissal of General MacArthur. "But we regret to report," he wrote, "that news from Yahoola and Frogtown, plus other disturbances in and around Dalhousie, have crowded the general off the front page of the Nugget." The world can tremble from earthquake or some remote atomic experiment; the polar icecap may shift ominously and power politics erupt globally. But the country weekly editor must remain calm and not lose his perspective. A new picket fence over in Frogtown, a fresh coat of paint on a storefront in Dalhousie, or a chimney fire in Yahoola are higher than a Truman-MacArthur storm over Washington. Perhaps this incident illustrates how the people of the small places throughout the world go on pursuing the even tenor of their lives, keeping a quiet place and not getting steamed up over frightening headlines. They probably sleep more soundly at night and seldom know a gastric twinge. —(Hamilton Spectator.)

In a small town little is hidden from the knowledge of the general populace. Warren Saunders, who played poker on Saturday nights and faithfully attended church on Sunday morning, learned this fact the hard way when he inadvertently dropped a poker chip in the church contribution box. Hastening to the vestry after the services, he found chief vestryman Mark Linkers counting out money. "Mark," said the troubled contributor, "I guess I put some sort of button in the box by mistake this morning. See if you can find it, please." Linkers poked around until he found the chip. "Oh, thank you," said Saunders. "I'm glad to get it back. It's a sort of keepsake to remind me of my evil gambling days. Here's half a dollar to take its place." "Oh, no, you don't," cried vestryman Linkers. "That's a blue chip and it will cost you five dollars. I know what your game is!" —(Wall Street Journal)

The Age-Old Story

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

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