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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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FOOLS AND SABOTEURS

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, according to a CP despatch from Ottawa, say that those who support Communism are either fools or saboteurs. This is a viewpoint which the vast majority of Canadians share.

The source of this definition of people who follow the Moscow line is a book of lectures entitled "Law and Order in Canadian Democracy," prepared by officers of the R. C. M. P. as a text book for members of the force, and published by the King's Printer, Ottawa.

The disquieting thing about the statement is that it comes from the R. C. M. P., rather than from the Minister of Justice, or the Cabinet. To be a fool is not yet a crime.

The whole affair gives one a queasy feeling. What if the R. C. M. P. were suddenly to decide that members of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition were fools, too?

"Medieval" Language Teaching

It has long been a bitter complaint against the schools in this country and elsewhere that although much time is devoted to the study of languages, it is a rare pupil indeed who can carry on the most elementary conversation in the language studied.

Now, as reported by the New York Times, a Columbia University professor has rebelled against these methods and against similar ones applied to the teaching of English.

A revamping of teachers' methods is needed, according to the professor. She has pointed out that the way we teach languages now, none of the students can begin to use it for several years, whereas if the language was taught in a more realistic way, interest would be stronger and more sustained.

"A Bushel And A Peck"

Forty thousand bushels of barley grown on the prairies of Western Canada have provided the "cause celebre" in which the Supreme Court of this country has called "halt" to bureaucratic dictatorship.

What Mr. Nolan proposed to do with the barley was his business. Maybe he wanted it for cattle feed. Maybe he intended to hold it in storage for a while and later sell it for a profit.

But before he could do anything with it, the Wheat Board seized it. Mr. Nolan had no say in the matter at all. He did not even have any say as to the price which the Wheat Board in its wisdom decided to pay him for his property which it had forcibly taken away.

So Mr. Nolan took the matter to the Courts. The defendant, the Wheat Board, an agency of the Federal Government, argued in effect that what it did with Mr. Nolan's wheat was none of the Judiciary's business.

There are those in this country who hold to the view that the Government, in the name of an "emergency", can do whatever it pleases, however arbitrary, in in-

terfering with the person and property of private citizens. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Wheat Board Case is a timely and effective rebuff to such administrative lawlessness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Queen's County Liberal Convention.

Mr. MacNaught may well meet in New Zealand some of the descendants of pioneers who stopped over on the Island but continued on their voyage "down under."

Queen Alexandra, born this date 1844. Widow of Edward VII and mother of George V she devoted her life to the interests and welfare of her people, especially with regard to child life.

Cantonese bobby soxers are reported to have guaranteed never to wear blue jeans again. A good many American parents and teachers must be wondering how the Communists went about reforming youthful dress habits.

The present is the most critical period in all history. On the outcome of events now will depend whether the White or Coloured nations shall rule the world — Christianity versus Anti-Christian Communism.

When the Board of Transport Commissioners ask the railways to draft a new freight schedule it may be taken for granted that it is for a boost and not for a reduction. This will mean eight provinces will once more be pitted against two—plus the Federal Government.

No less than 140 freight car loads of dates, 7,000,000 lbs. of them are going to every part of Canada and all from one ship which is almost unknown. It will be a long time before air transport takes over from water carriers like that one.

The Blue Cross is going ahead by leaps and bounds. Its latest service of honouring membership cards at any participating hospital in the United States or Canada greatly enhances the value of the service to all who spend time travelling.

County jails are an institution which have just about outlived their usefulness. Today it is recognized that the wholesome planned activity of the larger institution has a much better influence over youthful offenders than the mere restraint which is all the smaller jails can provide.

The U. K. cotton industry achieved a postwar record with a weekly output of 21.84 million lbs. for the week ended October 14th. The industry's total production for the 41 weeks ended October 14th was approximately \$23 million lbs. against 770.5 million lbs. in the corresponding period last year.

The filling of the table stock potato quota for the American market is looked forward to with both hope and apprehension. Low prices have not encouraged shipments so far, even under the lower rate of duty. The increase in duty when the quota has been filled will effectively prevent any immediate selling pressure.

Two Winnipeg dogs and a horse, Bonnie and Shepherd, and Rock, are set for life. The trio got the good news when Surrogate Court disclosed that a \$5,160 estate left by the late Elinor Scott of Fisher Branch, Man., is all theirs after settlement expenses. Miss Scott died Oct. 14. After the animal trio are dead, the proceeds of the invested residual amount will go to Fisher Branch Hospital.

An Annapolis Valley apple grower says it is cheaper to buy apples than grow them. Mr. Lloyd Morse told the King's County Farmers' Association that many farmers were switching to diversified farming. He himself had pulled out 42 acres of orchard and switched to poultry, hogs and alfalfa. The result was that his year his profit—though not exceptionally large—was a "distinct improvement" over his returns in recent years from apple sales.

A good election story from the Wall Street Journal: Woodrow Wilson was a great admirer of Mark Twain and when his presidential train passed through Missouri Mr. Wilson had it sidetracked at Hannibal without notifying the press. Alone, the President visited the old haunts of the humorist. "Good morning," he greeted a native. "Mornin', stranger, ain't ye?" "Yes, I am. Do you remember Tom Sawyer?" "Nope." "Or Huckleberry Finn?" "Wa'al", and the Missourian scratched his chin, "could be one of that Finn family that lives 'tother side of the crossroads—but don't recall one of 'em bein' called 'Huckleberry'." The President persisted. "Surely you remember Pudd'n-head Wilson?" The man's face brightened. "Sure, sure! I voted for him twice!"

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String Attached - Saville Says



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.

PAIL-BEARERS' FEES

Sir,—I note an item in your issue of Friday, October 27th, headed, "High Cost of Dying", in which you tell about the Professional Pail-bearers Association.

If this refers to a recent case in Pittsburgh, Pa., I thought you would be interested in knowing that the local funeral directors protested so vehemently and carried on such a well-planned advertising campaign that public opinion in Pittsburgh killed the idea, we hope, for all time.

I am, Sir, etc., JAMES OHAGAN, Managing Editor, Canadian Funeral Service Toronto.

CHRISTMAS RIOT AND RADIO

Sir,—Now that the Christmas season and Christmas riot is at hand, one may wonder if this year at least the long-suffering adherents of loud and excessive radio are doomed for the usual pre-Christmas affliction of being compelled to listen to beautiful old Christmas anthems and carols hackneyed to death by being sung over the radio almost hourly for twenty days or more before the actual advent of Christmas Day.

It is truly a strange thing to see so many otherwise reasonable people obsessed with the idea that in the case of music one cannot get too much of the good thing, especially at Christmas time. But was there ever a more foolish maxim when applied to the good things of life in general? Try the stupid old maxim if you will on your favorite wine. For that matter try it on your favorite Christmas food.

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But before settling in the United States after graduation, I made a tour of western Canada and spent five months ranching in Saskatchewan. I was present at the ceremonies in 1906 when Prime Minister Laurier and Governor-General Grey inaugurated the governments of the new Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

It is far from my intention to play the role of the proverbial Scrooge and try to take one lot of real joy from the Christmas season. By all means let us enjoy our Christmas puddings, but let us enjoy it all the more by practicing moderate eating and drinking for two or three weeks before the final eating of the pudding.

I am, Sir, etc., M. MCKENZIE.

The Age-Old Story

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

STEADY SALARY

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A Son Of Canada

(From an address delivered yesterday by Cyril Eaton, Canadian-born American industrialist, before the Empire Club of Canada, Toronto.)

In the early, formative years of my life, national policies were one of my studies. In Nova Scotia, where my family were farmers, lumbermen and merchants, we also kept the post office, which was the sorting and distributing center for a dozen surrounding communities.

Joseph Howe, Nova Scotia's great liberator, was my grandfather's closest friend and although Dr. later Sir Charles, Tupper, her leading Conservative was the physician who brought my father into the world, he was named Joseph Howe Eaton. From the beginning, I had the good fortune to know statesmen from both sides, and I have been personally acquainted with every Premier of Nova Scotia since Fielding.

When I was fifteen, I went to Ontario to school and college. During my four years in Toronto, I attended meetings of the Ontario Legislature as often as I could to listen to the debates. I have known personally every Prime Minister of Ontario since Sir Oliver Mowat, and every Prime Minister of the Federal Government from Sir Charles Tupper to Mackenzie King.

To help put myself through college, I had a part time job in the advertising department at Ryrie's, poor Birks, and it was there that I learned what an important adjunct the newspaper is to successful merchandising. I early made the acquaintance of Sir John Willison, who had left the Globe to found the News. I saw considerable of his successor on the Globe, Macdonald, and of Joe Atkinson, then a rising star in the newspaper world. I regret that I did not have the privilege of knowing John Ross Robertson. From that time to this, Canadian newspapers have come daily to my desk, and continuous reading of them, and especially their splendid financial pages, has been of great value.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

APPROPRIATIONS

Votes of expenditure passed at the 1943 session of the Legislative Assembly included the following items:

A sum not exceeding \$50 for the purpose of purchasing one of the Murray Harbour Islands, called Indian Island — the said Island to be reserved for the use or occupation of the Aborigines of this Colony; and a further sum of \$15 for the instruction of that Tribe.

The sum of \$1,000 for the erection of Barracks for the Military at Georgetown and St. Eleanor's provided Her Majesty's Imperial Government will allow a detachment of Troops to be stationed at those places, and provided Her Majesty's Government will also allow the said sum to be refunded out of the moneys arising from the future sales of the Crown Lands in this Colony.

The sum of \$10 each to Angus Campbell and Patrick Deagon, and \$5 each to Mr. Clark and Mr. Allen, "who were severely frozen in attempting to cross the Gulf with Mails in February last."

The sum of \$30 for the encouragement of a Packet between Bedouque and Shediac, and a further sum of \$20 for the encouragement of my native land. The most recent step toward that goal has been my participation in the development of the Steep Rock Iron ore range in western Ontario.

Canada is held back by the excessive caution of her banks, railroads and utilities and by her Federal and Provincial Governments, especially in their approach to electric power development and highway construction. Canada, like the rest of the world was laid low by the economic depression of the 'Thirties. Now, twenty years later, it is time for her big institutions to abandon the penurious and unprogressive policies of a contracting economy, and to embark on the bold and courageous course of expansion to bring the economic status of every Canadian to the highest in the world.

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Notes By The Way -

Reports from hunters and woodsmen in general that moose are becoming more numerous in Ontario. Certain individual encounters are becoming more numerous. The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests is more cautious, but the gist of its latest pronouncement is that while there still isn't sufficient evidence for any definite conclusions, the moose situation does show "some signs of improvement."

Dolls' tea sets are being smuggled into Britain. Government sleuths are busy trying to bust this silly-sounding racket, a by-product of the Labor regime's maze of import and export regulations. One of Britain's biggest export industries is that of dolls. The government requires that all of this country's famous colored china-ware be sold overseas — dolls' dishes as well as those for grown-ups. Britishers can buy only plain white sets for themselves.

When bony Death has chilled her gentle blood, And dimmed the brightness of her wistful eyes, And changed her glorious beauty into mud, By his old skill in hateful wizardies;

When an old lichened marble 30 strives to trace, How sweet a gift, how red a lip was hers; When rheumy grey-beards say, "I knew her well," Showing the grave to curious worshippers;

When all the roses that she sowed in me, Have dripped their crimson petals, and decayed, Leaving no greenery on any tree, That her dear hands in my heart's garden laid.

Then grant, old Time, to my great mouldering skull, These songs may keep her memory beautiful.

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—John Masfield

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