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

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Bilingualism Proves Its Value

Canada is bilingual because of her history and there have been many who look upon the existence of two official languages as a source of weakness.

In this post-war world of the Atlantic Pact Canada's peculiar language situation is proving of remarkable practical usefulness.

Reckless Driving

Anything which legislatures can do to remove drunken drivers from the highways of the Dominion will be welcomed as an additional aid to safety, says the Globe and Mail.

It is generally agreed that statistical records underestimate the number of accidents caused by alcohol. But any general plan to make driving safer should not be concentrated on this one menace.

In practically all instances these irresponsible characters are properly equipped with licenses and identifications. Most of them are smart drivers.

It is possible that no satisfactory method of preventing the issue of drivers' licenses to such persons can be devised. But there is no reason why the law may not be altered to deprive them of the right to drive when their wayward behavior is discovered.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eighteen more days till Easter.

We hear a lot about the start of the proposed national highway, but not a cheep of the direction it will run in this Province.

The 25th of March is the anniversary of the National Holiday of Greece, or the Independence Day of Greece.

The provisional value of United Kingdom exports in February 1950 to Canada was \$8 million (\$24.64 million Can.) and to the U.S.A. \$6.3 million (\$17.7 million U.S.)

Sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander when it comes to discussing "language" used on the floor of the Assembly. It is out of order.

Highways Minister Cox gives timely warning to the public to give their trucking before it becomes necessary to close the roads. The eventual aim must always be to acquire a system of all weather roads, but that distant day, prudent forethought

will do much to avoid the inconvenience of the seasonal stoppage.

In addition to car registration fee, it is now proposed to charge an extra dollar for the privilege of driving one's licensed car. The beneficiary under this act will be the non-financial fellows who cause accidents.

The United States is reported to have agreed to sell to Canada arms and equipment still on the secret list. That has not been a difficulty for some time. What is needed to facilitate arms production is an undertaking by the United States to buy part of the arms production in which this country specializes.

An electronic "brain" being constructed at the University of Toronto will be able to complete 25,000 problems in addition in one second and will possess a memory far beyond the scope of a human.

The dairy industry is not content with the negative approach to its difficulties of merely attacking margarine. President J. P. Duplan of the National Dairy Council has stated: "Our industry cannot afford to sit back and see its markets undermined, and I suggest to you that sales promotion activities on our domestic market should represent the No. 1 project of every dairyman in Canada for the years ahead."

The R. C. N.'s experimental luxury destroyer, H. M. C. S. Sioux, has an impressive amount of living space for her crew and rather more than all the comforts of home. It is likely, however, that, as was the case with earlier types, new equipment will continue to be installed taking up space and requiring additional complement until the crew once more find themselves squeezed in as of yore.

Sir Anthony Van Dyck, Flemish portrait and historical painter; also skilled etcher, born this date 1599. He studied under Rubens, then travelled in Italy, and on his return to Antwerp became chief Court painter. Visiting England he was received with open arms by the learned societies, painted for James I and Charles I.

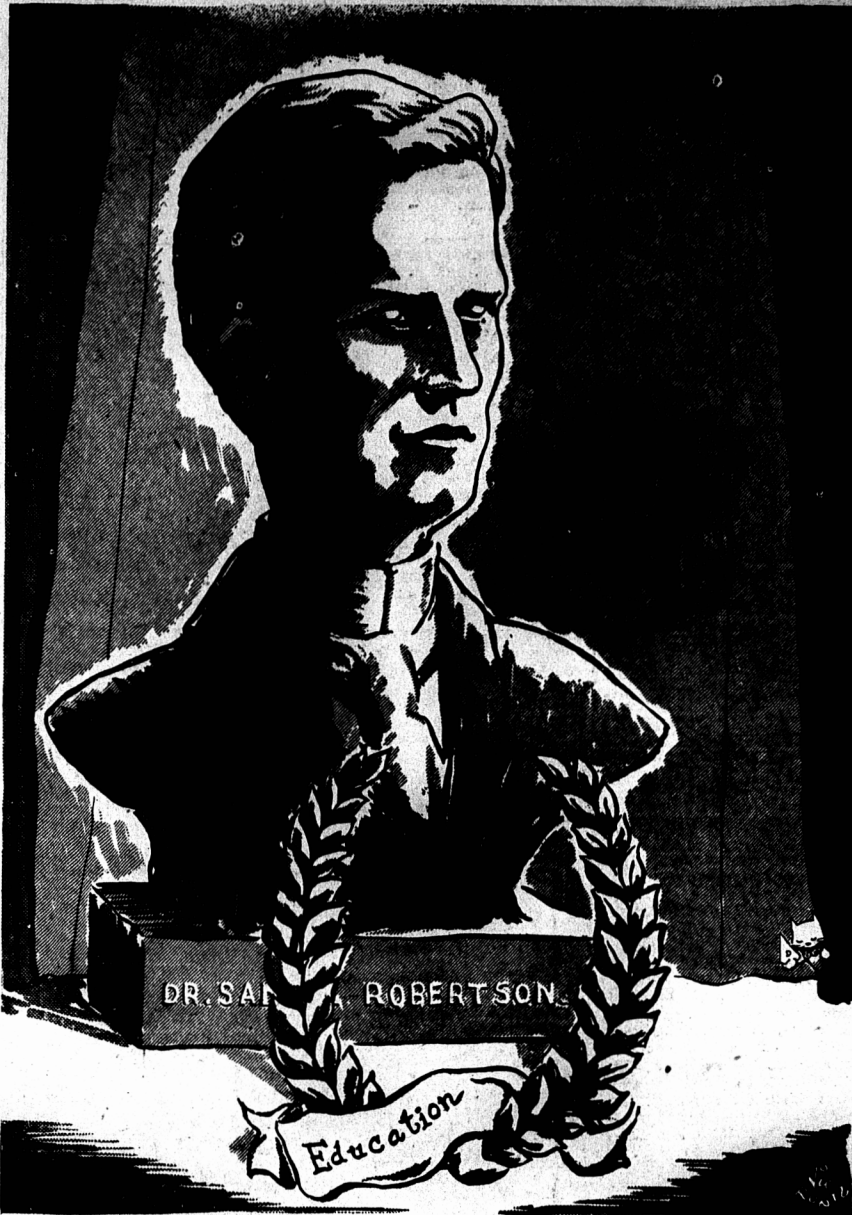
Egg prices on March 17 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with 4 columns: Location, 1950, 1949, 1948. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Ch'town.

"The typewriter, instead of saving labor, (writes Ivor Brown in London Observer), has multiplied it in every land, not for the typists only, but for the readers or at least for such readers as lack the courage and good sense to throw most of it away. And what a colossal waste of paper the typewriter has encouraged! My own desk is cluttered every morning with the paper-chasers' typewritten reports, chronicles and imprecations which ought either to be more concise or ought never to have been begun at all.

The unveiling today by his widow of a memorial portrait of Dr. Samuel Robertson and delivery by Dr. Alexander E. Kerr, President of Dalhousie University, of the first annual Samuel Robertson Memorial Lecture at his beloved Prince of Wales College are appropriate, if inadequate, tributes of a great teacher and a great man. Principal Robertson was about the last of the old-type educationists who believed in "first things first", namely the interests of his scholars and students.

For Him The Teacher's Chair Became A Throne



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 REAL SHOCK

Sir—Your editorial in this morning's edition, dealing with the Wood Islands ferry service, gave the writer a real shock. Surely Premier Jones will see, now that you have explained matters, that an attempt is being made to take Prince Edward Islanders for a walk.

PREMIER'S ATTITUDE

Sir—The time has come when all farmers on Prince Edward Island had better get together and become members of the Federation of Agriculture so they can have a voice in the running of the affairs that relate to them in every day life.

It appears our Premier has become too friendly with some of our bigger firms in this town and it is one of the big firms that is pushing the sale of their produce—margarine. This trouble all dates back to the time of the strike in the abattoirs across Canada and especially the part our farmer Premier paid in dealing with our local one.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Sir—Now that the Legislature is in session some business has been transacted. A great number of questions have been asked, some wise and some otherwise. The question that affects the electors of the First Electoral District of Queen's is, why were both men which we elected to the Legislature two years ago dropped from the Cabinet positions they held at that time?

We were told at that time if we elected two cabinet ministers it would be the dawn of a new era, that we could expect and receive justice from those in authority. We got busy and elected both men with overwhelming majorities and apparently got away to a good start.

stood that Mr. Stewart has been a life-long Liberal, contested six elections, and has never been defeated.

Like Mr. J. L. Douglas, M.P., he was supporting the Liberal party when those in authority were either voting Tory or Socialist. Mr. Stewart also made a success of his own business, and proved an able administrator, always keeping the expenditures of his department within the estimates.

Was it because the Premier thought he should be home on his farm, or was it the "big interests" from Prince County that demanded their removal to make room for two Prince County men? Or were they dismissed because of inefficiency?

This is one pertinent question that might be placed on the order paper.

I am, Sir, etc. BONSHAW ELECTOR.

THOSE HERCULEAN LIBERAL COMMITTEES

Sir—There appeared in Saturday's Forum a letter signed "Newton Voter" in which that writer criticized the Federation of Agriculture for their rudeness in approaching the Government and accusing them of blowing their horns and taking credit for all good things that come our way, and informing your readers that the only successful way to get things done is through the Liberal Committees which are scattered through the country.

Then to prove his theory, this "Newton Voter" asks, "Who was it that sent George MacKay to Charlottetown and C. C. to his present post?" Well, so far as George MacKay is concerned, George MacKay was obviously quite willing to go to Charlottetown. This being settled, all George MacKay had to do was to rise up like Lazarus and walk.

Because a high official in the Conservative Party who, in the way, lives quite near George MacKay in the same district, was apparently lying fast asleep in the same bed with Rip Van Winkle when it became known that these all-powerful Liberal Committees, which "Newton Voter" eulogizes, had nominated George MacKay to contest the by-election in the Fourth District. If this Conservative sleeping Rip Van Winkle office holder had been replaced by some young up-and-doing Conservative who could keep from falling asleep when by-elections are brewing, it is quite probable that some one other than George MacKay would have moved the recent Draft Address in the House. And this Fourth District would not have been allowed to go by default.

And may I say to "Newton Voter" that if these all-powerful Liberal Committees, with their amazing power of hypnotizing the Government are responsible for getting an extra million dollars added to our Provincial debt every year, and, through their recommendations, have dropped the farmers into their present pitiful plight, then it's about time these mighty people were given an anesthetic and then another dose just for good luck.

I am, Sir, etc. SEARLETON VOTER.

TINY STATE

Rhode Island, with 1,214 square miles, is the smallest state in the United States.

The Poet's Corner

THE CITY IN THE SEA

Lo! Death has reared himself a throne In a strange city lying alone Far down within the dim West, Where the good and the bad and the worst and the best Have gone to their eternal rest. There shrines and palaces and towers (Time-eaten towers that tremble not) Resemble nothing that is ours. Around, by lifting winds forgot, Resignedly beneath the sky The melancholy waters lie. No rays from the Holy Heaven come down On the long night-time of that town; But light from out the lurid sea Streams up the turrets silently— Glimpses up the pinnacles far and free— Up domes—up spires—up kingly halls— Up fanes—up Babylon-like walls— Up shadowy long-forgotten bowers Of sculptured ivy and stone flowers— Up many and many a marvellous shrine Whose wreath-ed friezes inter-twine The violet, the violet, and the vine, Resignedly beneath the sky. So blend the turrets and shadows there That all seems pendulous in air, While from a proud tower in the town Death looks giganticly down.

—Edgar Allan Poe (1809-49).

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Notes By The Way - The Royal Mail liner, the "Anders" was presented at Southampton recently with a plaque from the Seaford Highlanders of Canada, to commemorate her maiden voyage in December, 1939, when she brought 900 officers and men of the regiment from Halifax to Scotland. They were the first Canadian troops to land in Britain for the Second World War. — UK Information Office. Lethbridge's latest phone book proves without any shadow of a doubt that we are growing like the proverbial weed, if you will excuse the expression. Nine months ago there were 173 pages in the book; now there are 168. Quite an increase! If this keeps up it will soon be difficult to tear a Lethbridge telephone book in two. — Lethbridge Herald. In this slushy weather, and more so as Spring approaches, automobile drivers have a chance to show whether they are gentlemen or bores. They can if they so desire, charge through a puddle just when they are opposite a pedestrian and ruin his clothes, or they can slow down, cross over and allow the citizen to go his way clean and comfortable. There is no excuse for splashing people. It is not clever. It is not funny. If the victim gets your number he may sue you, and very likely get a judgment against you for the costs of cleaning his wilted apparel. — London Free Press. The Department of Lands and Forests informs us that plans are afoot to begin the hatching of Catostomus Commersonii, a species of fish known as the sucker. The department is going to hatch suckers for the same purpose that they fulfill in the natural scheme of life among fresh water fish. They will serve as food for the maskinonge being raised in the same hatchery at Deer Lake. If the scheme proves successful it will save the purchase of minnows from outside sources. It takes a tremendous amount of food to raise one husky maskinonge, trout or bass to maturity. Cornwall Standard-Freeholder. Boston Strause arrived in Toronto with 4,000 pie recipes. Talk about crust! Mr. Strause is No. 1 pie engineer in the U. S. and has been for 38 years. That means he sets a pace in pie-making that housewives find hard to follow. They firmly believe pies are becoming better and that if people followed proper eating habits they would start off their meals with lemon meringue and finish with soup, said Mr. Strause. He was asked to repeat that. "It's true," he said. "Too many people eat too much and the remedy is simple. If their first tidbit was a big, luscious slab of pie they wouldn't want much else. The pie supplies so much energy their appetite would disappear. That means they would lose weight!" "In my opinion," he said, "women are not good pie-makers. They lack concentration. They never follow the same recipe twice. And they do on rule-of-thumb measuring sticks. That is fatal." — Toronto Star. Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) PUBLIC DISPENSARY "A meeting of the citizens of Charlottetown was held in the Court House on Tuesday last, to establish a Public Dispensary, to provide medical assistance and medicines for such persons as are unable to procure them themselves: An object so much in accordance with the well-known charitable sympathies of our people met with most hearty support from a numerous and highly respectable assembly. The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dundas were present, and honoured the institution with their patronage. His Worship Mayor Haviland occupied the chair." —The Examiner, Dec. 19, 1858. Order Your SPRING SUIT and TOPCOAT from J.P. MacPherson & Son Electrical Contractor WIRING AND REPAIRING ERNEST E. RAMSAY, 129 Elm Ave Phone 1065J

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