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Heroes Of Peace

The return of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment from Korea is a big event for this country, as it is for the troops involved, the first unit of such a size to return as a unit. They have received a warm welcome at Ottawa, a welcome which included amongst other things receiving the freedom of the city and parading on Parliament Hill.

The seventeen Prince Edward Islanders included in the contingent also compose the largest group to return to this Province from Korean service. The others have come by dribs and drabs and it has not been possible to accord them the welcome to which they are entitled. The R.C.R.'s, however, provide an opportunity for making amends, although even in their case it seemed difficult to get information about arrival date.

They represent all the Island servicemen who are fighting the cause of peace and security. Let us make no mistake about it. Korea is not a war. It is police action by the United Nations to show potential aggressors that war does not pay. Policemen get hurt and there have been casualties in the Canadian ranks but that is the price which a comparative few are paying so that the many thousands of their fellow countrymen will not have to fight a full-scale war.

We welcome them home. Congratulations on a job well done. They did not have the encouragement of a nation keyed up to total effort. They saw their duty when it would have been easy to leave it to the "other fellow." Their Province is proud of them.

Interesting Parish Histories

Today's issue contains the first of a series of historical articles on the various Catholic parishes of the Province, which it is hoped to continue weekly for some time. The origin of these articles dates back to 1885, when His Lordship Bishop MacIntyre commissioned his secretary, Rev. A. E. Burke, to obtain from the pastors and elder inhabitants as complete an account as possible of the early beginnings and development of the parishes and missions of the diocese. At the same time photographs of the churches, parochial houses, convents, etc., were to be taken. This material was to be used in the preparation of a volume, the publication of which was delayed for various reasons and has not yet been undertaken.

Father Burke, however, did his work well and left a manuscript account of each parish and mission ready for the press. It has lain since that time in the vault of the Bishop's residence. The negatives of the picture on glass have recently been found in good condition in the attic of the Provincial Building. During last summer the Prince Edward Island Libraries had fair copies made of the manuscript, and also had the photographs printed.

This valuable material is the basis of the articles which The Guardian is now privileged to publish. It has been checked by Dr. J. H. Blanchard, retired vice-principal of Prince of Wales College, who has added footnotes of more recent date. Dr. Blanchard has received valuable assistance from present parish priests and others in the various parishes, but he points out that the articles may yet contain errors or omissions. In the main, however, they will be found to give an accurate and most interesting picture of early settlement days in this Province, and of the efforts of those who pioneered in the cause of religious and social betterment.

Tomato Growers Worrying

If our potato growers have reason to worry, other farm producers are having their troubles in special areas. In Ontario, for example, where tomatoes are grown extensively, American competition is playing havoc with the home market. And this is so despite the imposition of reasonably high tariffs. On the West Coast, where Ontario processors had formerly found favorable markets, sales of the Canadian product have dropped as much as 75 per cent in the last six months.

The situation, according to the Hamilton Spectator, is not confined to tomatoes alone but applies also, in varying degrees, to many other Canadian-grown vegetables and fruits. Canadian processors, bedeviled with rising costs, have found themselves faced with the gloomy prospect of rising imports and falling exports. On a conservative estimate, imports in 1951 cost Canadian growers and processors the sale of 30,000 tons of tomatoes and fruit; other industries hence failed to sell an estimated 1,405,000 cartons or cases, 33,723,000 cans and 33,723,000 labels. The loss was no doubt greater last year and will be still greater in 1953.

With inventories of tomato products moving at a snail's pace (and almost four times as great at the end of 1952 as they had been at the end of 1951), processing plants have been closing down all over Ontario. Those remaining open will operate at little more than half capacity and smaller acreages will be contracted for with the farmers.

Since 1950, when the price of a ton of ungraded tomatoes was only \$21.85, the growers have been steadily pricing themselves out of business. Despite the recommendation of a government arbitrator that they should receive \$27 per ton in 1951, they demanded and got \$28.50 per ton. In 1952 they hiked the price up to \$35, even though American processors were paying their growers at least 25 per cent less. This year, a price of \$33 has been negotiated which still appears too high to be competitive, unless the American growers suffer a crop failure.

Given proper soil and care, says the Spectator, it is not impossible to raise a crop of tomatoes which will average better than 20 tons to the acre. As it is, the average yield in Ontario is nearer eight tons per acre. The amount by which some few growers exceed this average would seem to indicate that a more intelligent use of fertilizers and sprays by the laggards would boost their yields substantially.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Festival of St. Philip and St. James.

Those attending the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Swine Breeders' Association should be in high spirits over the compliments paid the industry and further encouraged by recent price changes.

The Summerside Co-operative Association is to be congratulated on being able to pay five per cent on share capital and five per cent on patronage dividends. Rather surprisingly, this is made possible by a net profit of only 2 per cent of total sales.

Tomorrow is Nurses' National Memorial day and throughout the land nurses will be attending services of re-dedication. There is a ministry to the bodily ills of mankind but could hardly exist but for spiritual motivation.

Lobsters are being landed from the Gulf and western part of Northumberland Strait. More of the smaller ones than formerly will be returned to the water because of the recent raising of the minimum size from 2 and 3/8 inches to 2 1/2 inches, carapace measurement.

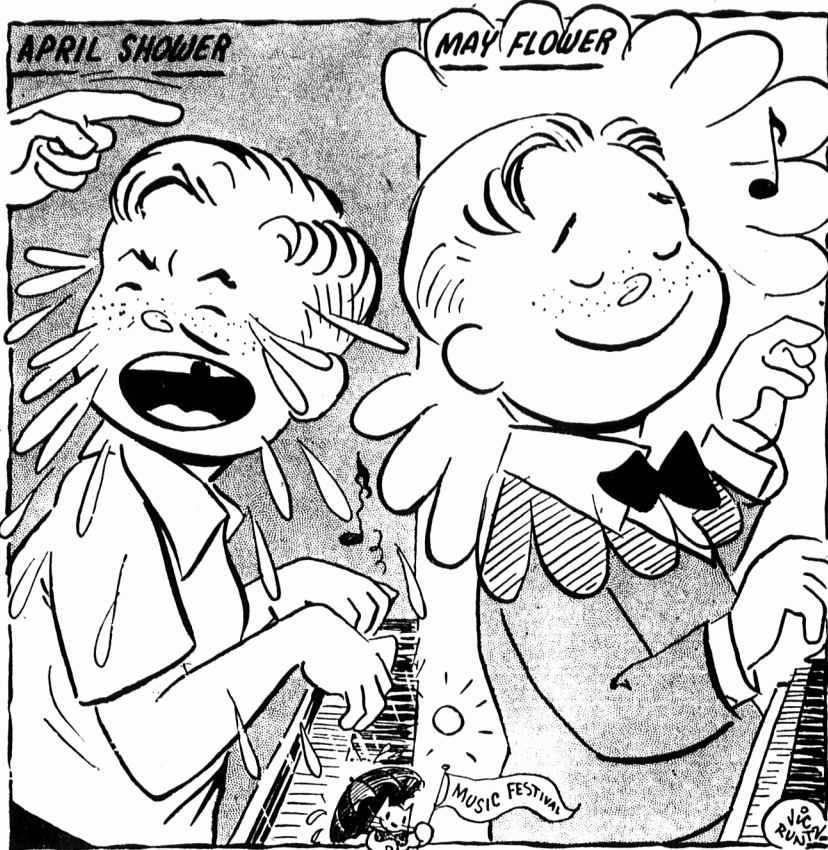
Work having been completed in Charlottetown on the refit and modernization of H.M.C.S. Westmount it is to be hoped that little time will elapse before other work of this kind is put in hand. It is only by carrying on such work that the facilities and skills can be kept available.

The proposal to form a One Hundred and Fifth Veterans' Association is indeed long overdue. Many of the prospective members have given generously of their time in the interest of the Legion and other veterans' organizations but the "boys of the 105th" have not until now had an opportunity to renew old associations as a unit. The convention on June 15 should be a memorable one.

Albert Victor Alexander, British labour politician, was born this date 1885. For some years a Baptist lay preacher, he has been a Member of Parliament almost continuously since 1922. He became First Lord of the Admiralty in Ramsay MacDonald's first Government and again in 1940 in Churchill's National Government, and again in the Labour Government in 1945. He became Minister of Defence in 1947 until the defeat of the Labour Government.

The comparative merits of stock-piling defence products and the maintenance of adequate equipment to produce are discussed in a recent paper of the Canadian Industrial Preparedness Association. The conclusion, both from the point of view of effectiveness and economy is that it is more desirable to maintain production equipment and skills rather than store up actual war materials. From a defence point of view as well as for the economy it is highly desirable that every potential producer and servicer of defence materials be encouraged to remain highly efficient.

In Season



The Poet's Corner

FINAL THAW

The brook, so lately silenced underneath A sheet of ice, is flowing; rivulets course Their way down every slope of country hill. The lanes are muddy, and the pasture lands Are spongy from the long-awaited thaw. Last week the children skated on the pond And carried wood, and daily chopped the ice From water-toughs. They wore their heavy coats And high-topped boots, and shoveled paths in snow. From house to barn. They did the evening chores By lantern light, and after supper-time Made popcorn balls. But now the sun is warm. The snow has melted, and the redbirds sing. Their first brief promise of an early spring. —Billy B. Cooper in The Christian Science Monitor.

The Age Old Story

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

OFF TO GREENLAND

OSLO, Norway, (CP)—Most of the 65 or so Norwegian vessels which will participate in this season's fisheries off western Greenland left nearly a month earlier than usual because of ice-free waters. Their main catch is cod, but smaller catches of halibut are frozen fresh for shipment to Europe.

Australia And Antarctica

Melbourne: The Australian Government will send an expedition to the Antarctic next summer to establish a scientific station on the continent. This continent, at its nearest point only 1,500 miles south of Australia, is about as large as the United States and Australia combined. The territory to which Australia has laid claim — the United States has not recognized any titles to Antarctic territories — covers an area of 2,472,000 square miles.

In 1933 the Australian Government accepted from the United Kingdom Government its sovereignty in Antarctica, based on a long succession of explorations and discoveries dating from 1831. Important contributions to knowledge of this territory were made by two Australian expeditions under the command of Sir Douglas Mawson, who had been a member of Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition of 1907-09, which reached the South magnetic pole. The first in 1911-13 established one base at Commonwealth Bay, longitude 142 deg. 40', and another at the Shackleton Ice Shelf, longitude 95 deg. E. The second in 1929-31 charted large sections of the Antarctic coastline.

Antarctica is important to Australia strategically. Some day aircraft flying between South America or South Africa and Australia may take the short route over the Antarctic continent. Meteorologically, the region is of great value for weather forecasting in southern Australia can be greatly improved by the collection of data from the Antarctic. Huge deposits of coal have already been found and other valuable minerals are known to exist.

Immediately after the war the Australian Government established stations at Heard Island, 2,900 miles south-west of Perth, capital of Western Australia, and Macquarie Island, 1,000 miles south-east of Hobart, capital of Tasmania, and carried out a reconnaissance of part of the coast of the Australian sector in an unsuccessful search for a base.

However, during the last six years the stations at Heard and Macquarie Islands have done useful work. Weather forecasting methods in southern Australia have been influenced by data obtained from Heard Island and both this station and the one on Macquarie Island are contributing to knowledge of the patterns of air circulation over the Southern Ocean. Research work is being done in biology and cosmic rays.

Australia has lately sent official observers with French expeditions to Adelic Land and with the Norwegian-British-Swedish expedition to Queen Maud Land. The research station to be established on the Antarctic continent will supplement the meteorological data obtained from the two island stations and will assist in daily forecasts of weather, in addition to developing useful seasonal forecasts, which enable farmers to take precautions against frosts that occur without warning. Other work will be done in geophysical measurements.

The expedition is expected to leave Melbourne next December and to set up a station on the Antarctic continent in January. It will probably be in that part of the Australian Antarctic territory south-west of Western Australia but the exact site has not yet been determined. During the first year a small party of men who have already served either on Heard or Macquarie Island will build living quarters, an engine room, a radio and meteorological huts and survey the surrounding country.

In the second year the station will be operating at full strength with a larger party. A search is being made for a ship that can push through the Antarctic pack-ice. The Australian Government believes that this expedition is essential to consolidate Australia's title to her Antarctic domain, apart from her obligation to make a worthwhile contribution to human knowledge of Antarctica.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MATRIMONIAL RECORDS

"The Surrogate of this Island considers it his duty to request that the different Clergymen, Ministers of the Gospel, and other persons duly authorized to solemnize matrimony in this Island, will be rather more particular in adhering to the form of certificate required to be sent to his office, as prescribed in the Act of 2nd Will. 4, c.14, also in the spelling of the parties' names. Many certificates have been sent here, that are scarcely legible, and wherein the parties' names are spelled widely different from the way they themselves spell them—which might, in some future time, cause serious inconvenience to such persons wishing to prove their marriage." —Royal Gazette, June 24, 1834.

ENTRY FORM Rural Beautification Competition 1953

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Notes By The Way

In describing the Coronation, U.S. editors have brought out such adjectives as "historic" and "traditional," previously reserved for the World Series — Edmonton Journal.

A French postman who has retired after 32 years' service calculates that he has walked 220,000 miles and drunk six barrels of wine. If we only knew how many gallons there are in a French wine barrel we could give you a proper fuel-consumption figure. — Hamilton Spectator.

Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, says we can forget, for at least 10 years, about lighting our homes with electricity generated by atomic energy. We could get the same assurance about the lights being put out by atomic energy. — N. Y. World Telegram and Sun.

The product of slavish adherence to every rule of grammar is often stilted, awkward and involved. But it is one thing to take the odd liberty with rules in the interests of simplicity and clarity, and quite another thing to jettison the rules. In spoken and written English, the shambles that would ensue from every man and boy setting up his own grammar is something shuddersome to contemplate. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

There is one Canadian who regrets the encroachment of paved roads and streets on the postman. The House of Commons committee on the Post Office Act heard that dirt roads were a great deal easier on the feet of the men who get the mail through. — Road and Wheel.

If a bride is given an automobile as a wedding present by her husband she should make sure there is a legal document accompanying it. Our reason for giving this advice is prompted by the finding of a judge in Vancouver that a young woman, who had separated from her husband, had no claim to the automobile she said he gave her as a wedding present. There had been no actual legal delivery of the car to the bride; it was in the bridegroom's name from the beginning. — Lethbridge Herald.

Possibilities of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors were slightly misrepresented in a recent Alberta editorial. We said they had a chance of moving to Guatemala. On re-checking we find it's Costa Rica, farther down the Central American chain, next to Panama. But Costa Rica, too, has a small railway system, and no doubt we are a lot of it. Whether it would be happy at the immigration of a race of railway saboteurs is doubtful. — Calgary Albertan.

Psychiatrists constantly are expanding the empire of human knowledge. Now, after considerable research, one of them has found that some people have such a fine sense of rhythm that they

even eat soup rhythmically. It is a pity he did not do more research on the subject, however, because there are tons of qualities to be considered, as well as a solid beat, in the consumption of soup. If my well be that soup is one of the best release mechanisms we have. Who can tell how many people have satisfied their subconscious yearning for music with variations on a soup-bowl theme? — Toronto Saturday Night.

There is another reminder of Canada's national youthfulness in the announcement that the West's first post office will be slicked up and used as a post office again. It is a little log building that was opened in the Red River Settlement 98 years ago, and is being preserved in Winnipeg's William Whyte Park. It never handled a great volume of mail, and is unlikely to do so in the future. But its official status will be restored by Ottawa, and for this countless tourists and other visitors doubtless will be grateful. Some parts of Canada are so young it's often said they have no history. Whatever the validity of that assertion, there is no denying they have seen a great deal of change in a century. — Winnipeg's little log post office testifies. — Windsor Star.

The nomination of Miss Winifred Stokes, as Conservative candidate for the new Federal riding of Niagara Falls, is of considerable interest in this neighboring city and in Lincoln county. Miss Stokes, as a prominent staff writer for many years on the Niagara Falls Review, has a legion of friends and is most widely and favorably known. In Niagara Falls City, her experience and her work have meant close association with public men and women, and all issues of note from the level of municipal government up. The lady will be just one of many outstanding women named by the Conservative party. It is forecast that the Conservatives will have more women candidates than all the other parties combined. — St. Catharines Standard.

Lady Nancy Astor has built her reputation, such as it is, on her sharp tongue. Even though she often speaks with her long tongue in her capacious cheek, her words have a sting in them. And she shows more courage than courtesy in her choice of victims. Her latest outburst: "The Irish in America are still living on their traditional hatred. It's a pity the British didn't sink Ireland long ago." There is some truth in what the lady says, especially in Boston and New York. Politicians, for their own purposes, have helped keep alive the Irish issue. But even were it physically possible, the "sinking" of Ireland wouldn't have solved the Irish problem. It would only have aggravated it. Most Irish, or those who like still to consider themselves Irish, don't even live in Ireland. The real point is, however, that Lady Astor condemns herself. Denouncing the prejudice of the Irish, she displays her own. — Windsor Star.

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