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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Care Of Old Cemeteries

An excellent move is on foot in the eastern part of the Province to give attention to the older cemeteries of the community, which have not already been put in good condition. The people of Wood Islands district have made a good start in this direction, as have those in Caledonia and Murray Harbour. Still more recently, the plotters of the Little Sands cemetery, one hundred and twenty years old, held a meeting for this purpose and agreed unanimously on a plan of action.

All our burial grounds are sacred and should be tended with pious care. As the generations pass, however, families become dispersed and the older burial plots fall into decrepitude unless taken over as a communal responsibility. The last resting places of the pioneer settlers of our Province merit special consideration in this regard, and those who take the initiative in work of this kind are to be warmly commended. Nothing impresses a visitor more than to see evidence of such solicitude in a community, or detracts more from the appearance of a countryside where its absence is noted.

Gargantuan Figures

The final report on the Senate committee's investigation of Government spending in Canada contains the following significant figures:

By 1952, so-called public welfare expenditure—family allowances, old age pensions, hospital aid, relief, unemployment insurance, etc., including veterans' pensions and after care—will absorb fully 9 per cent of Canada's total net national income, an increase from 7.6 per cent in 1949. These public welfare charges will have risen practically level with the huge new burden of defence spending figured at \$1.7 billions a year over a three year period—and probably extending beyond that.

The point of significance is that while the defence expenditure is a reasonable emergency bill of insurance against war, to be tapered off sometime in the future, public welfare spending by all governments is growing by leaps and bounds and no end is in sight. All public welfare costs including veterans pensions and after care in each figure cited here rose from \$264.5 millions in 1939 to \$895 millions in 1948 and to \$1,040 millions in 1949. It will increase to probably \$1,100 millions in 1951 but in 1952 will soar close to \$1,500 millions.

Helping The Fishermen

On his recent visit to Shediac, Fisheries Minister Mayhew discussed the problem of re-establishing fishermen in the event of their equipment being lost by storm. This misfortune happens occasionally in every seacoast Province, with grave financial consequences unless help is promptly forthcoming. The Minister is reported as suggesting the formation of a pool, with the fishermen and Government contributing, to provide funds for relief in such circumstances. He added that "if a plan could be worked out by the fishermen and administered by them, this might be the solution."

The Moncton Times suggests that while a large body of opinion among the fishermen would be amenable to participating in such a contributory scheme, it would be preferable if the Federal Government, in collaboration with the fishermen, devised the scheme and arranged for its administration—provided, of course, that Parliament approved the necessary legislation.

"The fishermen of this and other Atlantic Provinces," argues The Times, "have every right to expect and receive treatment similar to that provided for and given Western farmers under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act whenever they sustain losses due to adverse action of the elements. That plan to which the Dominion Government contributes millions of dollars annually, has been in operation since the early '30's. It is a type of legislation which, in all equality, should be broadened to give advantages to the fishermen of these Provinces whenever misfortune overtakes them in their calling. We trust that Mr. Mayhew, when he spoke of a solution of this serious problem, had in mind the operations of the Federal act that compensates Prairie farmers, and that he will soon initiate steps to have like legislation pro-

mulgated to help, when needed, these men who face the constant dangers of the sea in order to make a livelihood for themselves and their families."

Back To The Land

If it was ever economically feasible for farmers to employ all the year round the help necessary for the harvest it certainly is not today. Either labour costs would be prohibitive or else a large farm population would be restricted to a standard of living far below the general level.

The only solution is for town's people to turn out in large numbers and help "save" the crop. The practice is a general one in other countries, notably in France and Britain. Whole families frequently combine an extended outing in the country with welcome additions to the family income and go far to solve the problem of getting in the harvest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Japanese peace treaty has not met with much enthusiasm, but what could be expected at this late date?

As there are no jury cases at Georgetown Supreme Court Tuesday, the summoning of jurymen has been cancelled.

All the world loves a circus which implies there will be a swell attendance for Biller Bros. 3-ring show today.

Next week will be recruiting week for the R.C.A.F. with recruiting units appearing at Charlottetown, Montague and Souris.

While there is promise of an abundant harvest of hay of a superior quality, there is a shortage of clover compared with other years.

More than \$150,000,000 was paid in Britain in 1950 to assist the aged, the sick and those unable to work for other valid reasons.

Summerside is welcoming visiting firemen, quite literally. The 37th annual convention of Maritime Fire Chiefs are assured of an enjoyable visit.

Another conference between Federal and Provincial Government officials is to be held at Ottawa shortly to iron out differences, if any, in the payment of old age pensions.

The City and Province continue to look their best with the plentiful rainfall averting any look of tiredness. There is a fly in the ointment, however, or rather paper rubbish, which seems to keep more than a step ahead of efforts at tidying up.

The million dollars spent annually to prevent fishermen from destroying the fishing industry could certainly be used to better advantage. The law-breakers are not working against the Department but against their fellow fishermen and themselves.

Cease-fire or no cease-fire, the peace and security of the world remains dependent upon the readiness of the members of the United Nations to stop any would-be aggressor. When a fire is checked but smouldering is no time to dismantle equipment.

Sir Joshua Reynolds, English portrait painter and first president of the Royal Academy, was born this date 1723. He studied at many centres in Italy and settled in London, securing the position of leading portrait painter of the day. As late as 1784 he painted "Mrs. Siddons as the Tragic Muse", but failing eyesight ended his career.

That Oxford trained socialist British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, announces that 43 civil servants showing Communist leanings were suspended during the last year. The action was taken in departments handling secret information. Of the 43, Mr. Gaitskell said, seven were reinstated, 17 were transferred to work where no question of security was involved, four still are on special leave, four resigned and 11 were dismissed.

The charter of the BBC is to be renewed for another fifteen years. It is controlled by an independent board of governors appointed by the Government. The independent committee of the House of Commons, after studying commercial broadcasting in the United States, recommended that no change is warranted in the policy of barring advertising. Public opinion would reject broadcasting dependent on commercial sponsorship, the report said. And revenue from license fees was adequate. The BBC is financed by its listeners, who pay £1 a year if they own a radio and £2 if they have both a radio and television set.



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.

SEEKING FARM EMPLOYMENT

Sir.—We are wondering if there is anyone among your readers who could help us make our dream come true. We both love farm life and farm animals, especially horses. We are both the eldest of large families, were born and grew up on a farm, and would enjoy making our life work farming. We were married young and, without much backing, started out on a little run-down place, which was supposed to be ours, but alas! after spending all our earnings and time on repairing it, we now (after twelve years) find ourselves still with no place of our own.

Our idea is that perhaps, somewhere there is an elderly couple or perhaps just an elderly person who doesn't have anyone to take over for them, when they feel ready to sit back and enjoy the remainder of their stay on this troubled earth. Now if we knew of that person, maybe we could make some arrangement to take care of them and pay for their place gradually. We are very willing to pay, but haven't the price even to make a very big down payment. We sincerely hope the right one sees this plea for help and writes to us at Box 1234, c/o Lapland post office, Lunenburg, N. S.

A PAIR OF DREAMERS

INCOME TAX ANOMALY

Sir.—There is growing concern all over the Dominion of Canada regarding the attitude of the Department of Finance to the working man and the white-collared worker with a fixed salary. When income taxes were assessed in the first place some 30 years ago, it was described as a temporary measure, but today, instead of being a temporary measure, it has been developed by the Liberal Government over the past 25 years to a very fine art of extortion.

If this form of extracting taxation were equal in all cases of people of Canada there would be no grounds for complaint, but there has been a movement developing in all trade unions throughout the country to amalgamate their forces against the Liberal Government, because of the fact that no attempt has been made by them through the Minister of Finance to treat professional men the same as they do the working class. It is left entirely in the hands of doctors and dentists to declare what their income is, and they need only declare what they wish, but in the case of the working man and the white-collared worker in industry, the money is extracted by force by the Dominion Government before it is paid. While it is entirely possible for doctors and dentists to operate two sets of books, one for the use of the Government, and the other for their own private use, the Minister of Finance compels all employers to make payroll deductions for income tax, yet he makes no attempt to make payroll deductions from the professional classes described above. The recent increase in income taxes indicates further that the only channel from which the present Government is interested in obtaining money is by payroll deduction from the workers in industry, while doctors and dentists are at liberty to go along and declare 1/3 of their gross income, more or less, as they wish.

It is quite within the realm of possibility for the Government to allow a percentage of income taxes for the total amount paid to doctors and dentists, provided a Government receipt is attached. These receipts could be issued in triplicate by any Post Office, and make it a legal offence for anyone paying a bill to a doctor or a dentist without obtaining an official Government receipt. One copy could be given to the patient, one could be retained by the doc-

The Age-Old Story

And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep; and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him, said, Trouble not yourself; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

PINE HILL LOCATION

Sir.—The matter of moving Pine Hill Divinity Hall from Halifax to Sackville has been brought up by some of the members of the United Church hierarchy at Sackville, N. B. This is a matter of prime importance to many and it is only fair that as large a number of people as possible in the Maritime Provinces should be made aware of the proposed deal. So I would ask a little space in your paper.

Mr. Allison is supposed to be a church college whatever that means. It falls back on the church for money and students to fill its halls. But what influence has the church had in appointment of faculty or policy? Presbytery is reduced to a cipher and is expected to rally to whatever fancy strikes some members of its governing board. It works out that the church connection is of no real value. For that matter it is wise for any church to seek control of education? Of all the Canadian colleges only two are under such control. Those formerly known as church institutions have become public. Is it not better for education to be free to work out its own salvation? That is the wisdom behind all but two small affairs in Canada, the rest are unfettered by sectarian claim.

Whatever destiny Mr. Allison may have it is not within the church but in close cooperation with the University of New Brunswick as a Provincial university. The two combined in staff and courses offered might make a contribution to the life of New Brunswick that now is by passed.

The comparative merit of the present situation of Pine Hill and the one proposed is not so easily brushed aside as its proponents imagine. At present Pine Hill has contacts with Dalhousie and King's Universities. There are met students in all walks of life, medicine, law, commerce, engineering, art, etc. Its students have the opportunity of wider horizons, larger sympathies and insight into matters affecting these professions found in any center east of Montreal. They are able to get an understanding into industrial life make inter-professional contacts which will make them more fit to give help and bridge the gaps that so often are found between these orders. They have at their disposal libraries of two universities and the Province of Nova Scotia, as well as museums, archives, art galleries, cultural societies. They are caught up in a greater life than can be found in some small secluded town. Removal from these influences would react in a smaller vision and the ministry in the future would seriously suffer.

At present there is a happy and

The Poet's Corner

NORTH BY NORTH  
I knew I had the gift of flight,  
And like a swimmer from the shore  
I leaped and breasted outer space  
And left the planet's roar.

The rush of mountains fell away,  
The murmur of the lapping seas,  
And silence met me on the way  
And peace and sweetest ease.

Then thought I, shall I turn to east?  
Or shall I seek the stars to west?  
And looked to find the fixed star  
To put my flight to test.

But now with worlds on either hand  
And space in space for setting forth  
There was no west, there was no east,  
And any star was north!

The certainties were all of earth,  
To set each continent its place;  
They name the heavens from the ground  
But not in heaven, face to face!

O ancient signpost of the sea,  
O north held by magnetic span,  
You are the finite verity  
Within the world of man.

But while assured he travels forth  
And charts afar his frigate goals,  
The compass of the infinite  
Is fixed by other poles.

—Charles Malam, in the Christian Science Monitor.

helpful relation established with the Divinity school of King's College and the training course being initiated by the Presbyterians at Halifax. This brings the young men of these three denominations together in study and associations which will work out to the good of all the churches in the years to come. This mutual help and cooperation is one of the most promising signs of these troubled times. It would be destroyed by the removal of Pine Hill from Halifax. That would be a backward step in the unity of the Churches, and would reduce the United Church to a mere sect in an overloaded world of sects.

The present University Association at Halifax meant much to those who have taken their theological course at Halifax. They went out from there to the wide reaches of the world with fine equipment and ideals. Why should that association be now broken to serve the ends of those who seek the exaltation of Sackville to a vaticanate? Dalhousie ranks with the great universities of America, its foundations are in real love of learning, in thorough work done for work's sake. It knows no restriction of creed, race or class. It affords opportunities hardly surpassed anywhere. To exchange the greater for the less is folly, especially when no moral issue is involved.

I am Sir, etc.  
G. R. MOKMAN

Wolfville, N. S.  
July 14th, 1951

MARGATE, Kent, England — (CP) — Hundreds of pop bottles exploded when a factory caught fire here.

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Notes By The Way  
Time was when those who celebrated the Glorious Twelfth would declare that King Billy was a greater military genius than Belshazzar, Charlemagne and Napoleon rolled into one. You could start a fight in any bar-room over the merits of such skirmishes as Marathon, Salamis, Tours and Waterloo compared with the bloody fury and strategic importance of the Battle of the Boyne. The day is now honored with less violence. The glories of the Glorious Twelfth are dimmed. The drums are muffled; the orange sash is faded; the consumption of beer hardly rises a pint above normal. Even the supply of white horses runs low, and shop windows are no longer shuttered. Doubtless there is some great moral in all this. We leave it to our readers to find the answer. —Montreal Star.

Old Charlottetown  
(And P. E. I.)  
GARDINER PROPERTY SOLD  
"The fine property of C. C. Gardiner, Esq. (on St. Peter's Road, adjoining Wright's Mills) was sold at auction by W. Dodd, Esq., on Saturday. Hand some prices were realized, as the following list of sales will show: John Ball purchased 1 lot for \$289.68; John Corbett, 10 lots for \$4360.18; John Corbett, the dwelling house and 14 acres of land for \$3400; R. Smith, 2 lots for \$188.58; Henry Wright, 1 lot for \$687.80; F. T. Newbery, 6 lots for \$1954.18; Thomas W. Dodd, 12 lots for \$2949.18; Andrew Sullivan, 1 pasture lot for \$900. Total \$21,028.06."  
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