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

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A Wonderful Week

Despite the partial failure of the weather man to co-operate, Charlottetown's first Festive Week has been a truly wonderful one. The impressive ceremonial parade of the armed services with six bands in attendance, the big field and track meet, the magnificent float parade, the Firemen's tourney, parade and entertainment, the children's doll and pet parade, the beauty contest which will culminate tonight with the crowning of "Miss P. E. I.", the street dancing, night racing, band concerts, dramatic entertainment and other numerous features, will be remembered with pleasure for a long time to come.

Considering the large street crowds and numbers in attendance at the many open air events, there has been excellent co-operation with the police in observance of traffic safety regulations and in general good order and sobriety.

There is no doubt but that Festive Week can be developed successfully as a regular feature of our tourist season, adding much to the pleasure both of our own citizens and of our summer visitors. In any case, we have proved that it can be done in a big way, and all responsible for such a magnificent demonstration of community enterprise and organization are to be warmly congratulated.

Convenient, But Irregular

One serious objection to the Dominion Government's new method of collecting income tax revenue in advance and at the source up to 99 per cent of the tax on aggregate incomes, is pointed out in a Toronto exchange. That is the fact that some of the income exempted from taxation by Parliament will not in fact be exempt until some time after the end of the tax year, when the Government refunds tax collections in excess of the legal impost.

Portions of income which by statute and authorized regulations are exempted from taxation include the support of dependent in-laws, charitable donations, medical expenses where applicable, and other items. It is true that Parliament approved of income-tax collections on every pay-day at the source, and also that many wage and salary earners welcome the method. But it is also true that every such tax deduction is a prepayment, an advance in cash against a liability which has not yet matured. Now that the tax deductions are to be in excess of the legal rate applicable to taxable income, the taxpayer also is being compelled to surrender that excess payment without compensation for the whole period up to the unknown date of its refund.

Summer Highway Hazards

A pamphlet issued by the Ontario Department of Highways deals with special traffic hazards during school holidays. The figures cited are of general interest and point a moral applicable to every part of Canada.

Out of 524 school-aged Ontario children killed or injured in road accidents last summer 188, mostly aged five to nine, were on foot. The accidents occurred when the victims were coming from behind parked vehicles or other objects, crossing rural highways, crossing streets not at a corner, playing in the streets, and crossing streets at the corner.

Of 125 children killed or injured while riding bicycles, most were between 10 and 14 years. They became casualties when they lost control or swerved into passing vehicles, entered a street without stopping, made unsafe left turns, collided with a left-turn vehicle or collided with an open vehicle-door. In the case of 211 children killed or injured while riding in motor vehicles, only the drivers—mostly parents, older brothers and sisters and friends—could

have prevented the accidents. The Ontario pamphlet points out that despite all that law enforcement and safety engineering do to prevent accidents, traffic safety still depends on individuals. The summer time, it says, calls for extra emphasis on safety. By giving that extra emphasis Canadians can help to reduce a traffic toll that is much too high.

Aquatic Sports

Yacht racing and the swimming meet are the order of the day, along with a decidedly varied entertainment programme. It is safe to estimate that a very high proportion of the outstanding young swimmers received their basic instruction through the Red Cross swimming and water safety programme.

Most commendable work has been done in this regard but the work is handicapped by being confined to the summer season when youngsters tend to be scattered, many of them enjoying vacations near some of the almost endless miles of beach surrounding this Island.

An indoor swimming pool or pools would enable instruction to be given to much greater advantage and would add to the safety and enjoyment of many of our young people. They could learn in the winter months how best to enjoy salt-water swimming when the season comes around. We are singularly fortunate in recreational opportunities and should take steps to get the most out of them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Festive Week—Sixth Day.

Tomorrow, 7th Sunday after Trinity.

Korean cease firing conference at Kaesong today—the United Nations representatives to journey thither by jeeps instead of planes.

"Beauty, like wit, to judges should be shown", sang the poet, but others certainly do not object to an occasional glimpse.

The weather was not allowed to interfere with the children's programme of Festive Week, with the result it was an unqualified success from all points of view.

With the week-end will go many who came to enjoy with us the fun of Festive Week. May they carry pleasant memories with them as Islanders will of them.

The thanks of citizens and others are due to the management of the Forum who have been generously permitting free use of the building whenever required for Festive Week events.

Islanders are not of envious nature but it is doubly satisfactory that industrial development in our neighbouring Provinces, such as Newfoundland, should also mean improved markets for our own products.

Congratulations are due Postmaster P. J. MacInnis, Borden, on his re-appointment to the directorate of the Maritime branch of the Canadian Postmasters Association. The branch will hold its next year's annual meeting in Charlottetown.

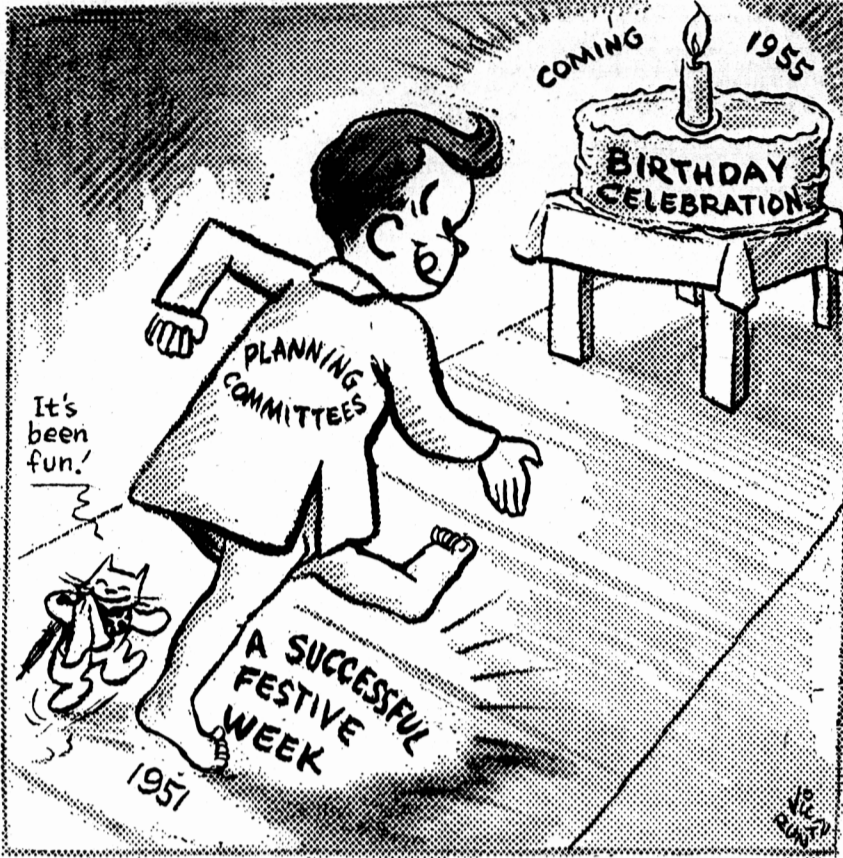
John Huss, or Hus, Bohemian reformer, was burned at the stake this date 1415. Although supported by King Wenceslaus and in possession of a safe conduct to attend the church council at Constance, he was seized and condemned to death.

When Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip visit this country in October they will be experiencing what has been rather unsuccessfully maintained for long, that autumn is one of the most delightful of Canadian seasons.

The weather was far from at its summery best for part of Festive Week but even downpours coming at critical moments could not dampen the spirits of most of our visitors.

Before winning first place for their folk-singing at the famous Welsh Festival of Music, the St. Joseph's University choristers, "thirty young men in blue blazers, white shirts and red ties," sang in the choir of Westminster Cathedral, and also on the platform of Euston Station, London. "This Week In Britain", a news release of the United Kingdom Information Office, gives the New Brunswick singers high praise. It says it is remarkable for students, practicing only in their spare time, to achieve "such pure and delicate intonation, precision and blending. Their taste is immaculate." The choir has a repertoire of some 40 pieces, including choral works, Gregorian chants and folk songs. They received \$5,000 from Lord Beaverbrook to come to England, and they are paying their way around Britain and France by singing.

A Step In The Right Direction



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.

EXHIBITS APPRECIATED

Sir,—Before leaving the Island after a short visit might I call the attention of your readers to the exhibit of paintings by contemporary Island artists now showing at the Harris Memorial Art Gallery. It was a great pleasure to see them and it is a pity that anyone interested in painting should miss them. Also to the very instructive exhibit of pictures of Charlottetown in its early days and of objects of historical value showing at the Prince of Wales College which suggest the great need of a permanent museum in the City. Those who have arranged these exhibits are rendering a great service in the development of the life and culture of the City.

I am, Sir, etc. A. GRATEFUL VISITOR.

RED SHIELD APPEAL

Sir,—May we through the columns of your paper make public the appreciation of the Salvation Army for the excellent support given by your publication to the recent Red Shield Appeal. Indications are that the appeal will be successful nationally, and this gives cause for gratitude. The part played by the Fourth Estate in bringing the appeal to the attention of the people is fully realized. Fund-raising does not get any easier, even in times of national prosperity. It is essential, therefore, that the public be made aware of the Salvation Army's needs, and of its efforts to help the needy. Thank you once again for generous and competent assistance.

I am, Sir, etc. PETER FORBES, Lieut.-Colonel National Campaign Director, Toronto, July 28.

SEASONAL NOTES

Sir,—Of grave importance on the Island is the increase of spittle insects on the rank growth of grass and clover. Every fifth stem seems to have that white foam—the main foam on the Island) to protect this tiny leaf-hopper from birds, and seemingly successfully, for I haven't seen a Bob-o-link on the accustomed meadow post. Only the canary or goldfinch feeding its young the ripe seeds of the Orange Hawkweed. The Ox-Eyed Daisy whitens the fields of otherwise perfect hay fields.

There is enough white Dutch Clover seed on the five acres around this old manor to seed a city and at two dollars a pound, would pay the taxes. The last man I worked for (sixty years since—and it seems like yesterday) made a fortune out of Alsike Clover seed. Ever tried to rub out clover seed in the palm of your hand? That's the rub.

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But clover threshers rub it out successfully, and there is good money in it at \$2 a pound, when a fortune was made at 20c a pound. Especially when the cash crop here is less than half a cent a pound.

The potato grower here was getting 52c for the 75 pound bag, selling in Toronto for \$1.79 a bag and now potatoes for pig feed are selling at 20c a bushel. The jute potato sack costs 35c, and the double paper bag 10c. Yet 90% of the crop was shipped in jute, so exacting is the market buyer. Such is the handicapped economy of the Island, so remote from its market.

Raccoons seem to have fared better this year, on the clams of the tidal flats. Saw three on the road from Wood Island's ferry. One had been killed by a car. And a cuddle of four young in the barn, here, are now pet coons in a piano case with a wire front. Cute as coons always are, getting fat on fish heads and cracked eggs. Ready for the zoo or the fall fair.

I am, Sir, etc. V. W. JACKSON, Orwell, P. E. I.

The Age-Old Story

I am the Lord; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. . . . And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before

The Poet's Corner

THE WAY

The way of Canada's strong nationhood Is a river of our historic past. Flowing from springs which to France brought greatness— The early source of our deep faith in God: And there were ancient homes out-forebears knew. In the dear and mellow Isles of Britain, Whose strength and guidance served so long and well, In bringing Union to these provinces; Virile Warden of the North, your proudly stands, showing to the world the way. From Sea to Sea we came to nationhood, For we are strong of heart, our courage high, Fearless with lengthened stride we onward press, Firm in the Faith of Truth and Righteousness.

—H. R. Stewart in the Montreal Gazette.

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Notes By The Way

A dentist recommends use of the toothpick to prevent tooth decay. In view of the high price of meat, of course, this advice is academic. —Edmonton Journal.

If provincial authorities in charge of traffic have any definite ruling about the legality of mechanical direction signals with manufacturers equip their cars it is time they let the public know about it. —Vancouver Province.

A U. S. senator says that the administration is "pouring good money down a rat-hole to bail out a dead horse." He is wise to nip it in the bud before it blows up in his face. —Peterborough Examiner.

Management is at fault in workers keep on making the same mistakes, according to the Canadian General Electric personnel man. But don't try telling your boss that. —London Free Press.

This is the time of year when the young college student receives his diploma and prepares to conquer the world overnight. If he has a date, of course, the world will have to wait until tomorrow. —Montreal Gazette.

A little more than a month ago Finance Minister Abbott appealed to all Canadians to work an extra 45 minutes a day "to help slay the dragon of inflation." On Friday, June 15, the Civil Service Commission announced that Dominion civil servants will go on a 35-hour five-day work week during the summer months. Here is another exasperating example of the Dominion Government failing to practice what it preaches. The Dominion Government drains the pockets of Canadians "to curb spending" and yet it continues to spend money like a drunken sailor. . . . Perhaps one of the reasons for the 35-hour week is that Dominion Government offices are getting overcrowded. —Winnipeg Tribune.

Raising the status of Canada's relations with Yugoslavia from ministerial to ambassadorial level is evidence of Belgrade's closer relations with the West, and its growing importance among the world's capitals. In the past year Yugoslavia has become more than a potential ally. Through the help sent it in the form of money, ma-

terials and arms by the United States, Britain and France, it has become an ally in fact, if not formally. This aid has not been accompanied by any pressure tending to influence Yugoslavia's domestic policies. It still aims at socialism, in a much less harsh form than that attempted in the first post-war years. But Yugoslavia, now convinced that the West does not plan to interfere with its internal affairs, appears ready to orient its external policies very fully toward the West. Canada's first ambassador to Belgrade will be Mr. J. Scott Macdonald, an experienced diplomat with service in France, Newfoundland and Brazil to his credit. He will no doubt find his new post interesting and fruitful. His opposite number in Ottawa will be Mr. Karel Pribevic, until now the Yugoslav minister here. Mr. Pribevic's quiet manner, obvious liking for Canadians, and obvious working efforts on behalf of his country have already earned for him great respect in Ottawa. Together with his competent staff, the new ambassador should add to his country's growing reputation as a potential leader among the middle-sized nations of the West. —Ottawa Citizen.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) FESTIVE VISITS "On Wednesday last, the steamer Albion arrived from Piclou, with a large party, about sixty in number, of ladies and gentlemen belonging to that place, on a pleasure excursion. They remained here about twenty-four hours. "We have been gratified also by a visit of the Miramichi Brass Band, which arrived in the "Cape Breton" steamer on Thursday, and has, for the last two evenings, favoured us with several select pieces of music, executed in a style such as we have been little accustomed to in Charlottetown. The performances last evening in the Court House were warmly applauded, and evinced a high degree of perfection in the performers, who are all gentlemen amateurs." —Colonial Herald, Aug. 15, 1840.