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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Acadian Convention

The Acadian Convention which is being held today at Egmont Bay is a matter of interest to all parts of eastern Canada and the United States.

While French settlers have been here since 1720, when they landed at Port Lajoie and built the first Christian church of St. John the Evangelist, our present-day Acadians are descended from the most part from some thirty families which re-established themselves after the general deportation of 1755 and now constitute a large percentage of the Catholic parishes of Tignish, Palmer Road, Bloomfield, Well-

In his review of Acadian history published in The Guardian some time ago, Dr. J. H. Blanchard noted that in the political life of this Province the Acadians have furnished a Premier and Judge of the Supreme Court in the person of the Hon. A. E. Arsenault, and a Lieutenant Governor in the person of the Hon. J. A. Bernard.

From Acadian parishes have also come many of our religious, professional and business leaders, who are taking an increasingly important place in provincial affairs. The teaching profession is particularly well represented, as are also our farming and fishing industries.

It may also be mentioned that in two world wars the Acadians furnished their full quota of volunteers and distinguished themselves in every branch of the services.

What Advertising Achieves

A conference of business and other executives was held in London recently on "The Tasks of Advertising in a Free World."

"Advertising is addressed primarily to consumers' freedom in the management of personal incomes," said Rt. Hon. Lord Beveridge (of Beveridge Report fame). "It is natural that advertisers should desire world understanding and world trade, so that the consumer's income can become the means of choice between things, activities and enjoyments in all countries."

"Advertising helps to give the consumer publications on which she can rely," said Mr. George D. Bryson of the London, England, office of Young and Rubicam Limited. "Under normal conditions in a democracy, it is advertising revenue that makes the free press possible by freeing it from dependence on Government subsidies, or other financial dictation. As long as the consumer can record her votes on the cash

register, advertising will give us a better standard of living and a freer country to enjoy it."

Fear Or Sophistication

President Truman is hardly to be blamed for making political capital of a recent experiment conducted by the Madison Capital Times. The Times found that 111 persons out of 112 asked refused to sign a document consisting of excerpts from the American Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights.

The President cited the results as showing the effects of Senate charges of Communist influence in the administration.

While such investigations undoubtedly have put a spotlight on all sorts of activity which smacks of the subversive, the reluctance of the man in the street to sign high sounding and seemingly innocent petitions has another explanation.

Americans are generally willing to have their good nature imposed upon but insist upon having their eyes open in the process. There are few things more distasteful than being made a dupe or "sucker" and the purchase of Brooklyn Bridge has been succeeded by the signing of seemingly unobjectionable petitions, immediately to be used for Communist propaganda, as being the ultimate in gullibility.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Observance of the law must be upheld, unless we wish to return to chaos.

Lammas Day, Anglo-Saxon Loaf Mass. when a loaf of bread was offered as first fruits of the harvest on August 1.

A Halifax man sent to jail for six months for stealing shoes claimed the sentence would spoil his intended trip to this Province. We naturally prefer his room to his company.

A 30,000 acreage reduction in Canadian potatoes entered for certification this year over last, should make itself felt when the crop is reaped for marketing.

Up to mid-July, there had been much less grasshopper activity in Saskatchewan this season than during the corresponding period in 1950.

The U. K. Ministry of Food has arranged to purchase 6,000 tons of Canadian canned salmon from this year's catch, for distribution in Britain next year.

The United Nations should take considerable comfort from Red predictions that "Just as America lost militarily on the front", no doubt she will be defeated at the conference. What more could be wished!

Chief Engineer W. G. Connolly, assistant to the chief engineer, Central Mortgage and Housing, is visiting Summerside briefly. It should not be difficult to convince him that housing construction here requires stimulation rather than otherwise.

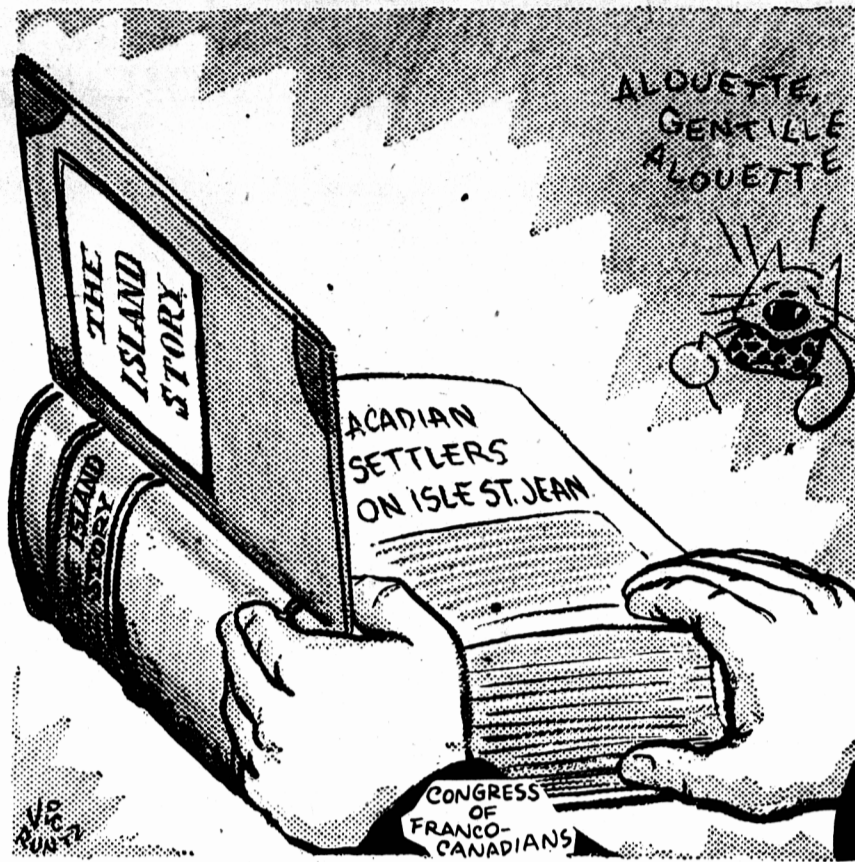
For practical as well as sentimental reasons it is a very fine thing that the Commonwealth Division should have been created, but the significance of the present campaign is better represented by the U. N. medal designed to be awarded to those of all nations serving in the Korean theatre.

Something to be thankful for, but not to hurrah over. According to the Hon. Brooke Claxton, the proportion of the total population employed by the central government in the United Kingdom is 1.333; in Australia, 1.478; in France 2.286; in the United States 1.395; but in Canada it is 1.126."

The boat races at the North Rustico regatta, as with similar events in Island fishing ports, call for skill and high serviceability in construction and handling of the fishermen's everyday work boats. Some will miss the grace of boats under sail, but to those who know actual fishing conditions in these waters, the contest has an honest charm which no specially built racing craft could give.

The trouble with the C.C.F. Party in Canada (says The Gazette) is that it suffers from premature old age. Though young in years, it has become a little old man. With a limited history to look back upon, it lives imprisoned in its past. It is a true saying that a man is as young as he feels. But by this standard the C. C. F. is afflicted with hardened arteries. It clings to the world of the 1930's amidst the very different world of the 1950's. And it clings so tenaciously that much of what it says has become irrelevant or obstructionist. Though it still claims to be "the people's party," fewer and fewer people are showing any inclination to have anything to do with it.

Recalling An Early Chapter



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.

PROUD OF CANADA

Sir,—I am a Canadian who has been working for the past few years in the American Middle West. I felt I had to improve my opportunities, and it seemed so simple to go south over the border. Away from my country, I have been able to see that Canada has a characterized individuality of her own. She is not American, nor European, and in many ways, blends the best of both. Her future seems to hold the brightest benefits for her people.

I am sure now of one thing, that I will return and be content in knowing I am, and always will be, a Canadian.

I am, Sir, etc., MARCEL COLBERT, Chicago, Illinois.

A CHANGING WORLD

Sir,—We are gradually adopting a new system of government. There is a tendency towards public ownership of utilities. But more striking is the Socialist way of levelling up society. I have just noticed a quantity of literature dealing with the question of blindness in the world. The number of blind people is set down at 12 millions. More cases are found among backward races that do not get the benefit of modern medicine and sanitation.

The John Milton Society was brought into being at the suggestion of Miss Helen Keller for the purpose of providing for the spiritual needs of the blind in every country under the sun. The cost of this is made up in a voluntary way. I understand that vacation school children will contribute to this. Our own blind people receive a Government pension after the age of 21.

Canadians over 70 are to get \$40.00 per month. And if in need will get it at a younger age. The wounded veterans are looked after, orphans are housed, fed and educated. Those without means are treated free of charge in our hospitals. The TB patient is treated and boarded free of charge in most cases. The mental hospital is a charitable institution. These all, more or less, look to a socialist minded government and to a few public spirited citizens for the means to carry on.

Our Provincial Government feels the load heavy. And the Federal Government is always considering ways and means of collecting from the wide awake producer of wealth, enough to make up what goes out for charity. This is deeply resented by many, who, like the high school teacher in New York, when he noticed the young people partial to the idea of a welfare state, told them that it was just as unfair as if he gave them marks for their exams ranging from 55 to 95, then pulled down the high ones to 80 and raised the low ones to 75. He claimed that this would destroy all incentive for diligence among both dull and clever and he would have to use punishment to get results. So also in civil government, if you tax the worker heavily, he will quit. And if you feed and care for the crippled, the aged, the sick, the blind, the illiterate, the insane and so forth, these people will simply lapse into lethargy.

But I think this is a gross exaggeration. I know a poor widow in her own cottage, getting \$40.00 per month. She faithfully gives four dollars per month to charity. On the balance she lives, pays taxes, doctor's bills and fuel. And I hold that if each one went to church every Sunday morning, bringing with him one-tenth of what he earned the previous week, all our public institutions could be maintained without resorting to compulsion. But human nature has not changed enough yet for that.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

HIGHWAYMEN FOILED

"On Monday night three employees of the contractors for the erection of the Lunatic Asylum were met on the Lower Road, in the vicinity of Kensington, by four men. It is reported that the latter ordered the employees to halt, produced a revolver, and demanded 'money or watches.' The employees, however, presented their revolver, and the would-be robbers made off—taking with them only a pair of shoes belonging to one of the party. 'The facts were brought to the notice of the Civic authorities by Mr. James M. Butcher, and as a sufficient number of Policemen could not be spared to make the arrest, Mr. Butcher volunteered—if assisted by one policeman—to try to bring the robbers to justice. Policemen McGregor and Cameron were detailed for the service, and C. Molyneux—four in all—started in pursuit. After searching in the woods at Kensington some time without success, the rendezvous of two of the would-be highwaymen was found, and an exciting chase commenced. The Policemen acted splendidly. One of the men was fairly run down. The other took to the bushes but was closely followed by Policeman Cameron, dislodged from the covert and brought within the range of Mr. Butcher's revolver. At the command to 'stop' with the revolver at full cock, levelled at him, he stopped suddenly." —The Examiner, July 18, 1877.

The Age-Old Story

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; there shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

Quite a number of us are as selfish as the rich man at whose gate Lazarus was laid. We read of where he went to. So if they get our money from us there will have to be some force worked used. I heard one man say that, he was opposed to this theory of giving—"just Sermon on the Mount stuff". Although we are not all agreed on the matter of a welfare state or a welfare world, the snowball is rolling, increasing in size and momentum. And as I see the matter it is our defence against the atomic bomb. It is the clearing up of the underbrush that the fire of Communism is ready to feed on.

I am, Sir, etc., ARCH. MACKENZIE, Kensington.

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The Poet's Corner

THE DUCK

While midnight clung to every shore I walked me round the reservoir, With little cause and little sense I rambled round and round the fence, And once while standing quietly I saw a little duck swim by.

I plainly saw his head a-wobble, I plainly saw his tail a-bobble, As all across the captive lake He spread his negligible wake. And I can scarce begin to tell How mystical this caravel, Or how surprised he was to see A duck as wide awake as me.

Afloat at night upon the deep You'd think a duck would go to sleep, You'd think a normal duck would hanker To close his eyes and ride at anchor; You'd think a duck would set his breast Against the wave, and come to rest.

You'd think that twelve o'clock were late For any duck to navigate All round and round the reservoir; I wondered what he did it for.

I wondered if he'd left his kind Because of something on his mind; A midnight sail to clear his vision And help him reach some duck decision. Surely he would not swim and swim Were something hard not troubling him.

It was preposterous to think A duck would rouse to get a drink; Nor was it anything but silly To think he paddled willy-nilly; And though 'twas funny to suppose A little duck had secret woes, And though he put me on my mettle To guess what problems ducks must settle I like to think he swam the deep Because he simply could not sleep.

—E. B. White.

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Dr. A. L. MacIsaac

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Notes By The Way

In his 66th year, Dr. Jean Picard is prepared to make another and balloon ascent in an effort to boost his altitude record. In his 68th year, Dr. Jean Picard declares he is not too old. In his 68th year, he says he knows more than he did 10 years ago and impresses people who meet him with his physical and mental alertness. The distinguished scientist now vacationing at the Center of International Living at Cherry Point, apparently has not heard the slogan "too old at 40." He seems to consider his extra years in the light of the added experience and knowledge they have given him. — Victoria Times.

In several World War II instances, unification of ordnance and uniforms, as well as command, was achieved among various national formations. But such unification in peacetime is unprecedented. General Eisenhower's bold vision of a European army that would not only be subject to a single command, but that would use the same equipment, down to uniforms, constitutes a new, imaginative step. It is practicable, as was proved in the last war, if on a fairly limited scale. It is desirable, for it would improve the efficiency and lower the cost of the armed forces needed in Europe to deter aggression. — Ottawa Citizen.

The Bard of Avon, if all goes well, will have a new home in our own Connecticut, where Governor Lodge has signed a bill incorporating the American Shakespeare Festival Theater and Academy, to be established at Westport. It would seem to us a most happy transmigration. The Puritan Fathers, of course, looked upon the theater as one of the works of the devil; and they hoped that the settlement which came to be known as Connecticut would be free of even such heresies as afflicted old Boston. But Shakespeare, when he had a mind to, can speak with

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