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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Newfoundland, it seems, is to go back a half-hour in order to catch up with the rest of the world in the adoption of Standard Time.

New First Aid posts continue to be established by the Red Cross and with each one, the danger of complications because of lack of immediate skilled attention is lessened for every user of the highways of this Province.

Canada plans to send technical experts to Asiatic countries to help them achieve increased production and an improved standard of living. In what we have come to regard as the "bad old days" Britain sent such countries as Egypt instructor sergeants to teach them how to defend what they had.

The board of governors of the American Red Cross has decided that Red Cross blood donors in the United States no longer will be asked to specify their race. In taking this decision at its annual meeting in Chicago, members of the board emphasized that race is not a factor conditioning human blood.

It is not a sign of disunity that Britain and India should wish to seek a compromise between the American and Chinese positions, while the other Dominions and the United States stand firmly against anything resembling appeasement. Both the United States and Communist China well know that British arms will oppose any aggressive use of force, but that the aim must be to find a way of peace.

Britain has with great reluctance written off the ambitious groundnuts or peanuts project in East Africa. The British taxpayer is left to foot the bill for a scheme which had been insufficiently studied and for which proper equipment was not available at the time. If the world supply of fats should prove inadequate it may some day be revived but the initial investment of some £36,500,000 may make John Bull wince.

Sir Charles Oman, British historian, born this date 1860. Born in India, he went to England as a youth and went to Oxford, becoming a fellow of All Souls College, and in 1905 was appointed professor of modern history. In the same year he was made President of the Royal Historical Society. His numerous works include "Warwick the King-maker", "Short History of the Byzantine Empire", "History of the Art in War in the Middle Ages", "A History of England Before the Norman Conquest", and "Wellington's Army."

The City's interests at Ottawa at present are sadly neglected. We have no Government member there, and worse still, we have no one of sufficient weight and standing here whose advocacy would command the attention and response of the powers-that-be. In the old days we had such stalwarts as Messrs. Nelson Rattenbury, S. A. MacLeod, Henry Aitken, Major Bartlett, whose names and influence were as well known in Federal circles as they were at home. They never took anything for granted, far less lying down, especially Messrs. Rattenbury and MacLeod. No matter which party was in power, they were on the alert to see that the City and Island's interests were properly represented and furthered at Ottawa. It was not unusual in days gone by for local leaders of that type to over rule the M.P.'s themselves and carry their case to the Cabinet direct. Have we such political stalwarts today? Since the death of Senator Sinclair we have been practically unrepresented at the spot where our present existence and future prosperity are vitally at stake.

Egg prices on January 5 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.

	1951	1950	1949
Montreal	45-46	33-33½	49
Toronto	44-45	32	47-48
Winnipeg	36	25	45
Vancouver	45	31	43½
Edmonton	35	28	44
Regina	35	28	45
Charlottetown	39	28	46-47

Weight of Live and Dressed Poultry at Registered Stations week ending

Province	Dec. 23	Dec. 16	Dec. 9
B. C.	710,757	601,478	409,497
Alta.	316,619	726,734	993,505
Sask.	173,844	467,014	639,952
Man.	376,454	366,426	438,881
Ont.	604,846	568,691	764,020
Que.	1,187,206	846,123	
N. B.	15,486	13,113	19,969
N. S.	47,954	56,589	
P. E. I.	123,836	124,589	109,173

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Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)
COL. SLEIGH'S NARRATIVE

The hardships of the oldtime ice-boat crossings between the mainland and Prince Edward Island, so much in contrast with the present day service by the "Abegweit", were never more graphically described than in a volume which was published in London in 1853, entitled "Pine Forests and Haccatac Clearings, or, Travel, Life, and Adventure in the British North American Colonies," by Lieutenant Colonel Sleigh, C. M., late of Her Majesty's 77th Regiment. The author's description of his experience in the spring of the preceding year is a classic of its kind. It is proposed to publish excerpts from his narrative in this column, in several instalments, beginning today with the account of his departure from Halifax:

"The period was the first week in March, 1852, and I was desirous of proceeding to the Island without further delay; for the wait for the usual mode of transit by steamer from Pictou to Charlottetown would entail the probable detention of a couple of months, as the navigation was not generally open or free from ice, until the middle or latter end of May. Having obtained all necessary information from friends in Halifax, and notwithstanding urgent recommendations that I would not risk a winter passage over the icebergs of the Straits—which was described as an undertaking of imminent peril and hazard to life and limb—I booked myself a seat in Hyde's six-horse sleigh for Truro, Amherst, and New Brunswick.

"The morning of my departure arrived, and at eight I crossed over to Dartmouth, opposite Halifax, and taking my seat, was soon speeding onwards in a clear frosty atmosphere. The horses became frisky, playfully throwing their heads in the air; the sleighbells chimed in pleasing, tinkling chorus. We passed along the great chain of lakes, stretching further than the eye could see along our left, now silent and frozen over with a dazzling mantle of snow.

"At Schultz's we made our first stage, having travelled eighteen miles in less than two hours; here we got an excellent breakfast, and bidding good-bye to an old lady, my only fellow-passenger, I resigned myself to the company of a by no means communicative Whip. Silently we glided over our smooth path, now passing some sledge laden with hay for the Halifax market, or the lighter curlicue of the Provincial, through dense pine-forests, not enlivened by the appearance of some new pine or haccatac clearing, there dark and burnt, with sapless branches, the mournful emblem of the too oft recurring conflagration. During the day I met numerous tracks of the moose-deer.

"At three we arrived at Truro, where the mails were transferred to another sleigh; and after partaking of a well-provided dinner at the table d'hôte of the hotel, we resumed our seat, and under the guidance of a natty, shrewd little fellow, a native of Scotland, we soon left the village far behind, and ere long commenced our ascent of the Cumberbund mountains.

"About ten at night we arrived at Sutherland's inn, where to my delight I found a most comfortable cottage, with a snug well-furnished room, in which a large wood fire merrily blazed on the hearth. The landlady, a young woman of very genteel exterior, soon attended to our wants, and before long a well-spread supper allayed the wolfishness of our appetites. We here met a couple of gentlemen on an electioneering tour in the mountain district, for the Conservative candidate for the House of Assembly.

The Nickel
(Winnipeg Free Press)

Research having unearthed the fact that 1951 marks the 200th anniversary of the discovery of nickel, a commemorative nickel is now being minted in Ottawa. By many persons this will certainly be attributed to a yearning for things past on the part of Canadian treasury officials. Time was when the nickel enjoyed not only considerable respect, by virtue of its regular attendance at church, but also of some prestige for the fact was that it would buy things, quite a variety of articles, as indicated by the spread across the nation of the five and ten-cent store.

It is quite possible however, that the decision to mint a commemorative nickel originates in a somewhat different calculation. No doubt many of these coins will be snapped up by the public as souvenirs. Thus the 1951 nickel, lying in the bottom of a Toby jug, will become like the stuffed whooping crane in the museum, an historical document of some importance.

The trouble with too many coins of haughty demeanor is that they become shop worn in their passage through commerce. Queen Victoria was no phantom yet one might think so from the appearance of some of the quarters which continue to circulate a half century after her death. From such a fate the unsullied commemorative nickels of 1951 should escape to tell the story of an age which still remained at least the five cent chocolate bar.

Along with the nickel the Treasury is doubling commemorating the gallant if somewhat scattered rear-guard actions which marked the great inflation. Even now it is still possible in isolated establishments to buy a five cent cup of coffee, and it was possible a few days ago, by grace of the Post Office, to mail five cent Christmas cards for a nickel. In the United States where more subtle notions of value persist, they continue in fact to retail stamps in half cent denominations.

There are of course still some who disbelieve in the possibility of perpetual inflation. Among these no doubt will be found the most calculating collectors, persons who gaze unflinchingly on a distant future when, riding a tide of deflation, the nickel returns to commerce.

They should ponder the fate of the goat.

found the postmaster up and alive, early as it was, to receive the mail-bags . . .

"On inquiring whether the mail from Prince Edward Island had arrived, I was answered in the negative; and though two days over-due, it had not made its appearance; from which it was justly argued that the ice-boat had not been able to cross the Straits. With a promise from the postmaster that he would send the letter carrier to me the moment the expected mail arrived, as I was waiting a conveyance in the mail sledge to Cape Tormentine, I left for a small hotel, the best the town offered, where, after considerable difficulty, I roused the natives from their slumbers; and getting a fire lit in my bedroom, with something warm within, I soon sought repose in a very comfortable bed, though weary and frozen out, after my trip of eighteen hours in an open sleigh."

The Poet's Corner

SONNET

You will remember me in days to come,
With love, or pride, or pity, or contempt.
So will my friends (not many
friends, but some),
When this my life will be a dream
out-dream't;
And one, remembering friendship
by the fire,
And one, remembering love time
in the dark,
And one, remembering unfulfilled
desire,
Will sigh, perhaps, yet be beside
the mark;
For this my body with its wandering
ghost
Is nothing solely but an empty
grange,
Dark in a night that owls inhabit
most,
Yet when the King rides by there
comes a change:
The windows gleam, the cresset's
flery hair
Blasts the blown branch and
beauty lodges there.

—John Masefield.

The Age-Old Story

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand. . . For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. . . Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Book Received

YOUR BIBLE AND YOU by Charles R. Erdman, D.D. (The John C. Winston Co. Ltd. 180 pp. \$3) is a volume of encouragement and practical help to those who would become daily readers of the Bible. Dr. Erdman presents a valuable aid towards a sincere evangelical interpretation of the King James Version, how its history, philosophy, love songs and prayers, biographies and oratories, laws and visions, missionary letters, dirges, and dramas help to

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Notes By The Way

A big mining venture in Norway has flopped. The search was for uranium. But all they hit was gold, so they gave up. — Ottawa Citizen.

The story of an Edmonton man, believed to be dead returning to life while being taken to the morgue has nothing on that of the Pembroke district bushworker who officially committed suicide three years ago and has at last proved that he is alive. — Pembroke Standard-Observer.

Walter Thomson, political leader, interviewed on his eating habits, reveals that for breakfast he sometimes eats a steak, while at lunch he is likely to have a piece of rare roast beef. The reporter presumably was asking, in Shakespeare terms, "Upon what meat doth this, our Caesar feed, that he is grown so great?" — Port Arthur News Chronicle.

A naturalists' expedition to the Cypress Hills is planned for next summer by university entomologists of the West to determine the extent of tropical insects and small animals available in this unique corner of Alberta. Prof. E. H. Strickland, head of the University of Alberta entomology department, spent some time in the Cypress Hills last year to locate this "mystery of nature" and he believes he has isolated the breeding area of such fauna as scorpions, solpugids, termites, several species of tropical wasps, horned loads and kangaroo rats. This is the farthest north that these species have ever been found — most of them never having been found north of California. — Medicine Hat News.

Man lives by his dreams. Things are always about to get better, but the facts never quite measure up to the forecasts. We dreamed of peace in 1945 because we had just won a victory; but after the parades were over peace seemed to have vanished around the next corner. We had some fears of a depression, too, and the depression

never happened. Instead, we had a boom, which in many ways was just as uncomfortable for some people as a depression, on account of the high cost of living. (Query: Has anybody, at any time, remarked upon the singularly low cost of living prevailing at that particular moment? Did we not grumble about the price of bacon when you could get a whole pound of bacon for 30 cents?) — Calgary Herald.

The modern motor car is a beautiful machine, it's sleek, it's fast and it's powerful, and comfortable to ride in. But frankly, it's not always all that it might be when the mercury dives to around 20 or 30 below zero. In view of the experience of a lot of local motorists in the past few days, we think there will be agreement on this score. Now you take old Dobbin, the horse, on the other hand. He was slow, admittedly, but Jack Frost didn't bother him. All he needed was another blanket thrown over his back and he was set to go. No low temperature bothered his battery or crankcase, he just blew a little more white steam from his nostrils when the temperature dropped. Old Dobbin is almost dead as a means of transportation. But we can't forget his reliability in winter. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

A new writer has appeared behind the Iron Curtain called Oldrich Adamec. In an article which has just reached me from the Prague paper, "Lidove Noviny", he avows his love of Nature and then asks why the contemplation of flowers, bees, and meadows makes man so happy. This question Adamec then answers, in part, as follows: "In the evening, when you listen to the night and look at the starry skies, it seems to you that Stalin's smiling eyes are looking at you full of love, goodness and justice. The whole sky is full of Stalin's eyes, his thoughts, his movements and his words. We love thee, oh thou sky of Stalin. How immeasurably we love thee. Thou ever shinest above our heads. We inhale thee, because we need thee to live, because thou art our sun, our warmth, our blood." This young man should go far.—London Observer.

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