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

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The Railway Situation

The settlement of the threatened railway strike on the basis of a 17-cents-an-hour increase has averted a major crisis in our transportation system, and perhaps in our whole industrial economy.

No doubt when the Premiers of the seven dissenting Provinces appear again before the Dominion Cabinet on July 20 in connection with the freight rates increase, they will be met with the argument that the railway strike settlement has made the rates boost imperative.

The discrimination so far as Prince Edward Island is concerned is strikingly obvious. Our farm and fishery products, except for a small percentage moved to the mainland by water, must go by rail and as a result pay full freight charges.

This means that the mainland farmer—particularly the Central Canadian farmer—enjoys a special rate to move his produce by rail, because a truck can do the work at less cost, while Prince Edward Island produce, by reason of the lack of truck competition, must pay the full rate every time.

Hence the increase in railway wages is beside the point so far as our objection to the so-called "horizontal" freight rates increase is concerned. Pending an adjustment of the rates situation through a Royal Commission inquiry, any proven financial need of the railways should be met by interim subsidy from the Federal treasury.

An Island Champion

The late Hon. R. B. Hanson, former leader of the Progressive Conservative party in the House of Commons, was not only a distinguished parliamentarian but one to whom Prince Edward Island owed a very special debt.

A former Mayor of Fredericton, N.B., Mr. Hanson entered Parliament in 1921 and under the Bennett Government held the portfolio of Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Business Not To Blame

Of the report of the prices committee of the House of Commons, Mr. Max Freedman, Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, writes: "Attempt is being made to lay the blame for increased prices on Canadian business."

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Swithin.
Governor-General in residence.
Scouters' Gilwell Training Course at Camp Borden.

There was heavy emigration of commercial travellers and others yesterday in anticipation of the railway strike.

Sir Charles Dalton would have been delighted to honour the International Fur Breeders' Conference had he been spared to be here; as it is he was present in spirit.

The jokes about the plumber and his tools are legion but a news story from Toronto tops them all. This particular plumber borrowed a car to go back for his tools and was away for two months.

It seems a pity that strikes and threats of strikes always seem to be in fields that harm the public even more than the parties concerned.

An exchange reports that after playing for eight hours a large console type radio melted filling the house with smoke but doing no other damage.

A major cause of fires both indoors and out is the cigarette carelessly dropped in inflammable material. The ready-made cigarette is treated to continue burning so that it provides a highly effective igniter.

The Democratic convention at Philadelphia does not appear to be so noisily exuberant as its predecessor there of the Republican brand.

Due to political pressure, it is alleged, the Pownal St. site for the proposed new public building is to be abandoned, and an endeavour made to secure the block of property at the corner of Prince and Grafton, running back to Hensley St.

An agricultural authority advises that the Swiss fighting cows, known as Val Dherens, are not to be confused with the animals used in the bull ring.

The fact that Australian rabbits climb trees is now officially confirmed by Sir George Jenkins, South Australia's Minister for Agriculture.

Quite a long time ago (says The Printed Word) the kindly people of the western world decided that no person would starve.

Hegira. History of Islamic legal system is divisible into four periods: (1) Legislative commencing with Hegira, or the Prophets Flight to Medina this date (A.D. 632); laws divinely revealed and promulgated in the Koran, and in Hudud or Traditions, inspired precepts of Mohammed.

Notes By The Way

It's more pleasant when the low-down on people is high praise. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Those of us who have trouble cleaning our glasses will sympathize with whoever has to keep that 200-inch telescope lens in California clean. — Edmonton Journal.

Eighty Barred Rock roosters, two months old, are advertised for sale. If you have neighbors you don't like and who love the early morning quiet, buy 'em and put 'em in your back yard. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

It is surely a sign of the modern spirit when the Church of England decides it needs and must possess in its service a "publicity agent."

A new scientific discovery which guarantees permanent moth-proof woollen cloths has been announced in London by the International Wool Secretariat.

John Gould, in "The House That Jacob Built" (Morrow), tells of a brace of M.I.T. professors who spent a winter night in a Maine cabin.

Tow Dewey has learned a lot in four years. He has learned, mainly, about his own strength. He is sure of himself now, and he wasn't four years ago.

Although there has been a great increase in hunting in North America since the end of the war, the suggestion made in Parliament that Canada and the United States should declare a closed season for duck may not be practicable.

Countless admirers of the lovely and historic St. John River, who lament the passing of the picturesque passenger steamers from the scene, can find some consolation at least in one traditional and unchanging feature of travel on the big stream: this Summer, as for more than half a century of Summers past, intrepid Dr. William MacIntosh is personally guiding a flotilla of canoes on an expedition that combines vacation pleasure and the thrill of scientific discovery.

Notes From Another Island

LONDON, England — The Royal Borough of Kensington, that part of London to the west of the extensive West End, has a large population of people who are often called the "arty-crafty" types.

There's nothing wrong with them, of course—they are mostly very nice people—but not generally the kind I mean when I speak about "ordinary folk," the solid, down-to-earth chaps who prefer a pint of beer to a Rembrandt portrait, or a game of football to an exhibition of modern sculpture.

They gather for a reunion each year to sing their favorite songs together, hear a concert by some of the performers who entertained them in the jungles, and to hear speeches by their old commanding general and their old Supreme Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of King George VI.

The Royal Albert Hall has seen a good many of the most distinguished personages of the world in its history, but surely never a gathering so steeped in bashful glory as on Burma Reunion night.

A remarkable old man came to visit us last week—an old friend of my wife's family. He has been most things in his lifetime, from London taxi-driver to deep-sea fisherman, but one thing he has never been is miserable, despite more than a fair share of misfortune.

And I do mean it gets him around. He lives up in the North country now, but the 200-mile journey to visit his relatives in London is nothing to him in what he calls "his Rolls-Royce."

Next year he will qualify for an old age pension. "Which," he says, "is ridiculous. I can't imagine myself drawing an old age pension — I don't feel old enough yet!"

The Poet's Corner

PASTORAL
Summer is standing still along this road
Where wild blackberries hang from dusty vines,

Old Charlottetown

"In remarking how little has resulted from the present meeting of the General Assembly, I am bound to declare my sense of your patient attention to business, and of your perfect readiness to co-operate in every salutary measure."

PROLOGATION SPEECH

"But, as, under present circumstances, the detaining you longer together does not seem likely to lead to any beneficial end, it becomes expedient to release you from further attendance, and to terminate the session."

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