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

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Not Sub Judice

Now that the Transport Commission is about to begin regional hearings in the freight rates case, more is likely to be heard about the propriety of public discussion while it is under the board's advisement.

The point, says the Winnipeg Free Press, turns on the question as to whether the Transport Commission is a court in the proper sense of the term.

But even if it were otherwise, it would be clear from the nature of freight rates that the Transport Board is not a court.

Our Birch Trees Threatened

During the past 10 years, the dying of birch trees in Eastern Canada has been under close observation by the Forest Insects Investigations section, Division of Entomology, Dominion Department of Agriculture and several reports have been issued from time to time, with special reference to the role of the bronze birch borer.

It is important, states the Bi-monthly Progress Report, that the "dieback" of birch be followed even more closely in the coming years.

Review Of U. K. Bacon Market

The United Kingdom has resumed the publication of "Accounts Relating to Trade and Navigation," which was discontinued during the war.

In 1938 slightly over 27 per cent of the bacon and hams imported into the United Kingdom was supplied by Empire countries.

Compared to the pre-war, Canada's share of the total import in 1915 and 1946 was considerably greater.

Of the total bacon and ham supply in the five pre-war years, 28.2 per cent was produced from hogs slaughtered in the U. K. or Northern Ireland or processed from frozen imported pork.

Imported hams and bacon provided 71.8 per cent of the total supply. Foreign countries shipped 54.5 per cent. Denmark, the larg-

est, supplied 34.3 per cent of all bacon and hams consumed in the U. K. for the five-year pre-war average, with the following additional: Netherlands 4.9 per cent, Sweden 2.4 per cent and Lithuania 1.9 per cent.

To what extent many of these countries will resume shipment is difficult to estimate. During the five-year period 1934-38 Canada supplied 12.7 per cent of the total U. K. consumption, or approximately 152 million pounds yearly.

During the five years 1942-46, the average yearly export from Canada was slightly over 505 million pounds. On the basis of pre-war U. K. consumption, this quantity would have provided approximately 42 per cent of the total.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Councillor J. Gordon Macdonald was in the lime-light Monday presiding at the afternoon session of Maritime Retailers Federation at Halifax.

Everyone actively interested in the proposed composite High School scheme, and every parent, as well as all right thinking citizens must, should make their presence felt at the meeting to be held on the subject tomorrow evening in the Legion Hall.

The Province is getting deserved praise and popularity for its enterprise in inaugurating a Diesel Engine service on our railway system.

Are we alive to our opportunities? Australian oysters may be sold all over the world if a new refrigeration technique proves successful.

The training of the eye, mind and hand, the development of originality, are all combined in the exhibition of children's pictures at the Harris Art Gallery.

We do not realize the hardships people in the Old Country are undergoing. The islanders of Grimsey, between North Uist and Benbulbin, had to send an S.O.S. to the county food office at Inverness, asking for flour and bread.

There is a movement on foot, sponsored by both Charlottetown and Summerside interests, to line up, incorporated towns and villages in favor of Daylight Saving.

With pussy willows popping, it is almost time for that table delicacy, the dandelion green. Or don't people eat dandelion green any more?

Sir Thomas Henry Hall Caine, English novelist and dramatist, born this date 1853; he commenced his professional career as an architect, drifted into journalism and then turned to novel writing.

Victoria, sometimes erroneously called Empire Day will be celebrated here on Monday, though Queen Victoria, whom it commemorates, was born on May 24.

Notes By the Way

George W. Healy, Jr., executive vice-president of The New Orleans Times-Picayune, reports, according to Editor and Publisher, that he asked the opinion of one of his staff men on the newscast: "It looks to me like Stalin objects our waving a lot of bull in front of a red flag."

Among the unsung heroes and heroines must be those young couples who decide to become married in these days of a housing shortage and mounting prices for so many things that houses usually contain.

There are many people who believe that present speedometers (on motor cars) should be abolished. In their place should be installed a device which will tell the motorist at a glance just how far he will have to travel before he can possibly stop his car.

The experience with price controls, we suggest, is not unlike the experience with prohibition. When public support is lacking such measures are of little avail.

Dances which start at 8 p. m. would be good for everyone in the community, says Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Ontario Minister of Health.

The tendency of the place emphasis on the dollar sign—even in public pronouncements on "amateur" hockey policy—will certainly do the game no good.

Inventors are made, not born, according to Dr. Charles F. Kettering, who told the Thomas A. Edison Foundation the other day: "Psychologists and Psychiatrists to the contrary, I believe you can train young fellows to be inventors."

The danger of "wheel drowsiness" is something that should be kept in mind by all motorists now that the season of long drives—especially long night drives—is rolling around again.

In days gone by, parents had a remedy for children who showed a lack of respect for their elders. The youngsters were up-ended and spanked. Nowadays, that cure is frowned upon by an ever-growing group of modern parents who have soaked up the contention of some child psychologists that there are other and better ways of training the young.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

RUBBISH ON THE WAYSIDE

Sir, I wish to endorse what your correspondent "Citizen" wrote in your Wednesday's issue about dumping rubbish on the roadsides.

MRS. CHARLES ROBERTSON

"FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAKE" Sir, I read with interest the letter written by "A Veteran's Wife." Indeed, we do need a children's rest or recreation room; being a mother I have often wished for such a place to leave my children, but even greater than the needs of my self and other mothers like me do we need a "place" to take our less fortunate children off the streets, and teach them good clean games so they won't be running around getting into trouble? This place should be free.

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Know Your United Nations

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The Security Council gets advice and assistance on armed forces from the Military Staff Committee, which is made up of the Chiefs of Staff, or their representatives, of the five Permanent Members of the Security Council—China, France, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom and the United States.

FOR COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Sir, This letter is written because we feel that you are interested in the welfare of the Community, and the children who will be its future citizens.

HAD MONKEYS, TOO?

The hardy-gurdy was invented in France in the 13th century. immediate situation the time has now come when something further must be considered.

We believe that if our present educational problems were fully understood by the majority of our citizens they would not tolerate further expensive and unsatisfactory arrangements, but would wish to build something of a permanent nature of which they and future citizens could be proud.

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Competition In Church Going

(Ottawa Journal) A Winnipeg clergyman claims for his city that a larger percentage of its people go to church than in any other city of Canada.

It is a form of competition much to be commended, and the rewards go to the participants. Periodically we are told that the Church (as an institution and with a capital C) is "dying" has no appeal to young people any more, has outlived its usefulness, but nothing happens except that the Church lives on, goes its majestic way.

It is true that too many people do not go to church; it is true also that nobody escapes its influence because ours is basically a Christian civilization and the aura of the Church surrounds all of us in all our actions.

Many factors in our modern way of life tend to develop indifference to church-going, but we think even those whose consciences set them stay away with the smallest of excuses like to feel that the Church is there, a stalwart and indestructible rock in a confused and troubled world.

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

FIRST CONFEDERATION THRONE SPEECH

"It affords me much satisfaction to meet you in General Assembly for the first time since this Island became a Province of the Dominion of Canada. In accordance with the terms of the Address to the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, transmitted to the Queen when the Legislature was last in session Her Most Gracious Majesty was pleased to issue an order in Council, declaring that from and after the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, this Island should become part of the Dominion of Canada. I earnestly hope that the social, material and political interests of the Province will be advanced by the union. My constitutional advisers have been anxious that the tenets of the remaining Proprietary Township should have an early opportunity of becoming Freeholders, and have, therefore, entered into communication with the proprietors, in order, if possible to effect a speedy purchase upon just and equitable means. The Tenants Compensation Act, 1872 and the Act in amendment thereof of last session, are still under the consideration of the Imperial Government. A bill transferring the jurisdiction of controverted elections from the Legislature to the Judges of the Supreme Court, and providing more effectually for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections will be submitted for your approval as well as a Bill for further securing the independence of the General Assembly. I have given directions that the Public Accounts for the past year shall be laid before you without delay. The large sums paid as compensation for damages to real estate, under the provisions of the Railway Act, have exceeded all reasonable anticipations. The present revenue under Confederation, judiciously expended, will in all probability, be sufficient for many years to come, to meet the charges upon it without resorting to any additional local taxation."—Speech from the Throne at opening of second session of 26th General Assembly, March 5, 1874.



PRELUDE TO SLEEP

Between clean sheets that smell of wind and sun, As new-mown grass, I lay me down to rest. And cowl my head the while I stretch to rest. Their coldness on my feet when day is done. The climb was long and steep; yet it was fun. Endeavoring to scale my Everest, That bared through rolling clouds his sun-white crest. While Babbitts tapped their heads "Another one."

What matters if I never make the goal? Or hear hands clap? The mountain will be there. To dare me cross crevasse and glassy knoll. So when the skies tomorrow's trumpets blare. Undaunted, I shall grasp my ax and pole; But now to dream—upon my lips a prayer. —Mark S. Reardon — (From The Singing Quill.)

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