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

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Great Tourist Possibilities

It is indeed gratifying to note, on the authority of the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources, that visitors to our National Park this year show an increase of some 14,000 over last season.

In this connection it would be well to keep in view the forthcoming meeting of tourist officials at Ottawa to consider the prospects for next year. Prince Edward Island has done remarkably well during the current season, but we can do much better in the future if we look after the provision of the necessary means of attracting, not only transient visitors, but real holiday-makers desirous of residing in the best part of Canada for health and enjoyment.

We have in our National Park one of the greatest means of developing such an industry, inasmuch as we now have the Lucy Maud Montgomery memorial and all that means to those millions of people who have either read or heard of her publications. What we need more than anything else for the tourist trade is the provision of bungalows of a type that would be welcomed by visitors wishing to spend the whole summer season with us.

The other type to which we refer costs \$5,000 or \$6,000 to erect, but it would be money well invested by the Government. It could hardly be expected of private enterprise to take the initiative, as the season being comparatively short, there would not be sufficient revenue to make these bungalows a paying proposition except over a considerable number of years.

Take, for example, Cavendish. It would certainly be a paying investment in the long run for the Government to erect 100 or 150 bungalows of the Vice-Regal type, provide a common dining room at which first-class meals could be served, and suitable accommodation in every respect.

But there is more in it than this. The North Shore at the present time is largely the attraction, and people of robust health wish for no better place in which to locate. But there are stormy days in the summer, and the North Shore storm is something that is not altogether appreciated by visitors, who not infrequently have only a week or two in which to enjoy themselves.

As stated, it will take money to develop this project, and the Government is in a preferred position, with the National Park in its hands, to make a start. The cost of a hundred or more bungalows at \$5,000 or \$6,000 would be insignificant to the authorities at Ottawa, if it could be shown that the investment was a sound and profitable one.

Teacher Shortage Problem

As Dr. Lloyd Shaw has frequently pointed out, while salaries are important they are not a complete solution to our school teacher shortage problem; there are many other factors entering into the question. This is evident from the reports of educational departments in other Provinces, where salaries are considerably higher. In Manitoba, for example, the annual minimum salary for teachers with a Grade XI education and one year's normal training was raised this year from \$1,000 to \$1,200, university graduates with one year's professional training receiving an average starting wage of \$2,000.

While there has been a steady increase in enrollment at training centres, qualified teachers are still at a premium.

Like other professions which rely on a large number of young women, teaching is seriously affected by the marriage rate. The average career of a teacher (in Manitoba) is ten years. There is an estimated loss of 30 per cent in the first year. Within the first three years the loss climbs to 50 per cent. Similar losses experienced in every Province indicate that a Dominion-wide approach to the problem is long overdue.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Feast of St. Matthew.

Acting Prime Minister St. Laurent's call for a strengthening of our armed forces comes none too soon. Military men have repeatedly warned that we are far too weak in that respect.

The electronic tube does many things in this age but the recent detection of the polio virus by means of an electronic microscope will probably strike public imagination as being one of its greatest triumphs.

It is possible that the deplorable assassination of Count Bernadotte may produce one good result. It may well lead to the creation of a U. N. guard force which would be the nucleus of a real world police.

The Territorial Information Department of Chicago reports that industry is moving to the small towns. Of new plants going up 46 per cent were located in communities of fewer than 50,000. The reason seems to be not a matter of defence policy but cheaper costs.

Dr. W. E. Swales of Ontario's Agriculture Department states that world demand for fats, vegetables and dairy products will double in the next ten years. The farmer is going to have his work cut out to satisfy that kind of a market, and will want to know where he is going to get the necessary manual labour.

There is much to be said for the Maritime Board of Trade's refusal to ask for a floor price for potatoes on the grounds that all artificial controls are injurious. When government policy, however, is to restrict prices to what is "reasonable and just" there is an obligation to maintain them at a point which will assure a fair return.

Our tourist future is contained largely in the success of our National Park. Let the Federal authorities build there 100 or 150 \$6,000 bungalows a la the Governor-General's, and the success will be unbounded. Holiday-makers love a comfortable home away from home. Hope the Provincial Government takes this all-important matter up with Resources Minister MacKinnon and our Federal representatives.

It now seems clear that the fight for the Conservative Leadership lies between Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Drew. It is profoundly to be regretted that neither has been given the opportunity, or thought it worthwhile to make himself personally known to the electorate of this Province. This is bad stage management. Mr. Diefenbaker was as near us as Saint John, but failed to hop over and make himself acquainted with us and our problems.

Sir Walter Scott, Scottish novelist, poet and man of letters, died this date 1832. Was an indefatigable and extraordinarily rapid writer, with an inexhaustible gift for character-drawing and wonderful narrative powers; his style is easy and careless, his plots diffuse. His master-pen unified scenes outdoor and indoor, Highland and Lowland; characters heroic and lowly, humorous and pathetic; history and romance, the Middle Ages and modern times. He exalted and purified the novel, and made Scotland known throughout the world.

The ruling passion strong in death. Two or three times a week for nearly 70 years, Walter Stockings of Edinburgh, South Australia, played his only card game, crib. Over the years he must have played some 50,000 games of crib, but one hand always eluded him—the perfect hand dreamed of by crib players. He couldn't get three fives and a Jack in his hand and see a five of the same suit as the Jack turned up when the pack was cut. He wanted to score 29 in one hand. Recently he was dealt three fives and a Jack. This had happened to him several times before but the odds of the fourth five of the right suit being cut were always too great for him. Aged 82, and knowing that his cribbage days were drawing to a close, Walter Stockings said in a trembling voice: "Turn me up a five—please turn me up a five." The five turned up and within a few days of achieving his ideal, Walter Stockings died.

The Canadian Government, in its desperate efforts to adjust the adverse exchange situation with the United States, has many times urged that Britain step up its exports to this country, for the more Canada buys from Britain the less must be imported from the United States. It is this difficulty of Britain in increasing its exports to Canada that forms one of the central points to be discussed with Sir Stafford Cripps. Canada's fiscal ties with the United States will not be loosened, however, with the eventual ending of the dollar trouble for the economies are now even more closely linked than they were before the last war. Geography has decided this, as it also has decided this country's drive for expanded markets for exports throughout the world, which means that a general world drive to reduce tariffs and particularly through the Western Union is almost certain to be supported in this Dominion.



STATISTICS FOR LAST MONTH SHOW BIRTHS IN CHARLOTTETOWN OUTNUMBERED DEATHS 4 TO 1.

North African Colonies

(Ottawa Journal)

As was expected even by the optimistic, attempts at Paris by representatives of the Big Four Powers to reach a resolution on the question of Italy's African colonies in Africa ended in failure. The United States backed Britain to retain her present rule in Eritrea, and Russia and France favored the return of the African lands to Italian sovereignty. It seems likely that France with her great colonial empire in Africa would prefer to have a weak Italy as her neighbor on the fringes of the Sahara than a strong maritime power like Britain.

The present party is working deeper in the hills than others who have searched the area. And while they're on the look-out for bones belonging to extinct horses and other animals, it would be a great joy to them if they could find remnants of the Folsom man. This prehistoric resident is supposed to have lived in North America 20,000 years ago. Stone tools believed to belong to him have been found in various parts of southern Saskatchewan; and that's why archaeologists there may be a skeleton of this early settler.

Prairie Archaeology

(Canada's Weekly)

In the southwest corner of Saskatchewan, near the little town of Esmond, three archaeologists are searching for some animals lost for millions of years. From their camp along the Little Frenchman River, they're scouring the countryside daily, digging into the light clay soil. They're also hoping to discover remnants of the Folsom man, a mysterious prehistoric resident of North America whose bones are said to be hidden some place in Saskatchewan.

Already they've uncovered the skull and jawbone of a Titanotherium, more commonly known as an extinct animal related to the horse and rhinoceros. And they claim the deposits are nearly 40,000 years old! Similar bones have been found in the northern states, and in parts of western Europe.

The Age-Old Story

He fillet thee with the finest of the wheat. The righteous eateth to the satisfaction of his soul.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

In 1774, when Governor Patterson met his Legislature for the second time, the want of ferries appears to have been a considerable inconvenience, and the non-attendance of members was loudly complained of. Proceedings in the Supreme Court were better regulated; Quakers were granted privileges, and retailers of rum encouraged.

In 1776, the President and Commander-in-Chief Philip Calvert, determined that no officers should receive greater "fees" than allowed by law, but an examination of the list of correct fees gives an impression that there must have been a disproportion of greedy people among the inhabitants. To trespass on Crown lands at this time appears to have been a great sin, although some members of the present Government (1881) have bought similar lands for about an English half-crown an acre.

Governor Patterson, again at the helm (1780), is indignant at persons "forestalling the market"; makes justice of the peace regulate the price of provision and rates of entertainment; prevents improper horses running about, tries to keep hogs clear of Charlottetown, and is mercifully inclined towards partisans.

The year 1785 again finds the old law shop at work, and the gravestone of the carver touching up old chisellings; dipping their fingers in wine, rum and brandy; interfering with contracts for goods, admitting depositions from persons unable to travel, accommodating departing witnesses, and permitting Quakers not to swear. All these things happened and consumed doubtless a great deal of stationary, for we find His Majesty in Council frowning on the subject of another supply. This was hardly justice to the Legislature, which expended for the support of His Majesty's Government the munificent sum of £161 2s. lid.

From "The Progress and Prospects of Prince Edward Island, written during a leisure of a visit in 1891," by C. Birch Register.

The Poet's Corner

DROOL, BRITANNIA
O to be in England
Now that health is freed
Not a farthing needed
For an appendectomy;
Dentures for the aching
For husband's child or spouse;
O, to be in England
Now that health is "on the
House!"

Suffered once in silence?
All is different now!
Doctors come a-running!
Nurse to smooth the brow!
Never more to worry—
Let expenses mount!
Every little story!
Has his own account.
O, to be in England
Where pills are running free
Help yourself to wooden legs —
Never a penny fee.
This paternal caring
For the ailing and the sick —
Will it prove a cure-all
For the body polli?
—"Gershia" in "Onto Saturday
Night."

Notes By The Way

It is reported that Devil's Island, notorious French Guiana island prison, is passing into extinction. Now if we could persuade Russia to do the same with Siberia, also a notorious land of prisons, the world would be much better off. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Every police constable from the rawest recruit upward must be made to understand clearly that his job is to apprehend the law breaker only. It does not incur trial and punishment. That function is reserved or should be reserved exclusively for the courts. Firearms and excessive force should never be used by the police, not permitted, except in the last resort and only in the case of serious crime. —Toronto Financier Post.

Whenever astronomers have a huddle on the age of the universe it gets older. The last report to the American Astronomical Society places it at 3,600,000,000, quite an advance over the simple two billion we were getting accustomed to. Since this report is based on observations with the 100-inch telescope on Mt. Wilson, Cal., we may expect another advance when the new 200-inch reflector out there is put to work. —Chicago Daily News.

Spreading out the tourist season beyond its present rather limited confines would mean much to the industry and to the country. There are now plenty of tourists during the summer season and too few of them at other times of the year. Anything, therefore, that may be done to persuade our neighbors that June, September or October are just as good months for visits to Canada as July or August—in some respects even better months—will be of great benefit to this country which already profits so materially from this great influx of visitors and tourists. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

A prison without bars for star class women convicts, the first in Britain, is to be set up near Birmingham, according to The London Daily Mail. It will be the centre of new psychological experiments. The women will probably be given a chance of going out to domestic or factory work in the morning, on the promise of returning to the jail each evening. Single women may be allowed on certain conditions, to see their men friends. Arrangements will also be made, it is understood, for married women prisoners to meet their husbands outside the prison. George Haynes, chairman of the Prison Visiting Committee in the Birmingham area, said: "There will also be a similar jail on the outskirts of Birmingham for male convicts in the star class." —Stratford Beacon Herald.

Newfoundland is the oldest British colony discovered June 24, 1497, by John Cabot. It is 152,000 square miles in area, as compared with the 412,582 square miles comprising Ontario. Main industry is fishing in which about one-third of the population of 320,000 is engaged. The other two-thirds are more or less directly dependent upon the fishing industry. Agriculture is restricted both by the climate and a rough, hilly terrain. Because of this, only about 125,000 acres are under cultivation. There are vast forests, most of which are leased to two pulp and paper companies. Mining is the third largest industry, and offers the most scope for expansion, the iron ore deposits in Labrador being one of the industry's greatest assets. —Liberal News.

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