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The Transportation Hearings

Prince Edward Island extends a cordial welcome to the distinguished members of the Royal Commission on Transportation, which opens its hearings in Charlottetown this morning.

No better commentary on the Commission hearings can be offered than the introductory statement in the brief filed by our Provincial Government, which takes the stand, politely but firmly, that this investigation "does not relieve the Canadian Government of its direct duty to take such immediate measures as may be necessary to ascertain the true economic position of Prince Edward Island in relation to transportation and to supply adequate remedial measures.

Churchill in his Saturday speech on the British Conservative Party's policy combined the realism which recognizes that the amulet of nationalization cannot be unscrambled, with a call for united action by Commonwealth countries which will evoke response in all parties.

A New British University

Until a few days ago there were only eleven universities in England, four in Scotland and one in Wales. The new one is the University of Nottingham. The original of this university was Nottingham College, which was greatly helped by the late Sir Jesse Boot, head of a chain of drug stores, who made a gift of \$4,000,000 for extensions.

Social Security Schemes

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The Age-Old Story

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

popular "poll tax." Also, it is argued that a contributory system tends to clash and overlap with the extensive individual pension arrangements in Canadian industry and business.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Feast of St. James.

The Royal Commission on Transportation in action.

We are advised there has been an increase of 10 per cent in the Maritime tourist traffic in June compared with last year.

While the Federal Liberal party has selected a French Canadian, Hon. Mr. St. Laurent as leader, the Quebec Liberals have returned the compliment by selecting an English Canadian, Mr. Marler as provincial leader.

This is midwinter down south, and twelve inches of snow, the heaviest fall for 20 years, covered Canberra, Australia's capital on 19th inst.

Production in United Kingdom industry and agriculture is now 25 per cent above the prewar level according to official figures recently.

A museum collection that is very much out of ordinary is being assembled in London at the Imperial War Museum.

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Assuming that all ten Provinces give consent to a constitutional amendment on social security, the next big question to arise will be: What kind of old age plan? On this point, says the Post correspondent, there is far from unanimous agreement among the Government and its advisers.

It is recalled that in the ill-fated proposals submitted by Ottawa at the 1945 Dominion-Provincial conference, the Government at that time suggested an all-out non-contributory scheme payable as a matter of right to all Canadians aged 70. In addition, there were to be non-contributory pensions subject to means test for those between 65 and 70.

These would be similar in type to the present joint Federal-Provincial program which is supported 75 per cent by Federal funds on a minimum \$30-a-month basis. The present estimated cost of implementing these proposals would be \$200 to \$225 million for the national scheme, plus \$25 million as the Federal Government's share of joint program.

It is said that there are great difficulties in establishing a universal "contributory" scheme unless there is to be recourse to the highly un-

The Poet's Corner

FROM "FRAGMENTS"

In some green island of the sea, Where now the shadowy coral grows, In pride and pomp and empery The courts of old Atlantis rose.

In many a glittering house of glass The Atlanteans wandered there: The palaces of their fancy was Like ivory, so pale they were.

And hushed they were, no noise of words In those bright cities ever rang: Only their thoughts, like golden birds About their chambers thrilled and sang.

They knew all wisdom, for they knew The souls of those Egyptian kings Who learned, in ancient Babylou, The beauty of immortal things.

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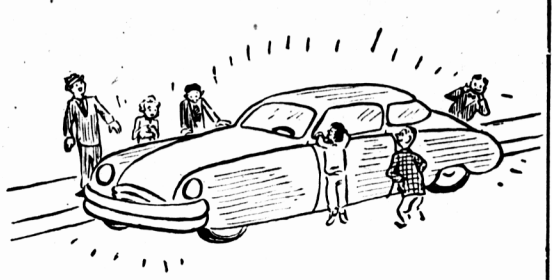
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Today: The Horseless Carriage And Dobbin

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Soldiers Needed

(St. Catharines Standard) If recent British Army demonstrations are an indication, the infantry still reigns as "queen of the battlefield."

Britain's better military brains—the atomic bomb notwithstanding—are working hard at devising better means of supporting the foot-soldier.

They have perfected ways of throwing long-range bomber aircraft into close support of the infantryman, have reached almost pinpoint control in radar-guided high-level bombing, and have introduced new uses for the car in the battlefield.

The rockets easily disposed of recently-fortified positions obstructing the infantryman's progress and the aircraft then returned to base.

Another force of bombers, flying above clouds at 14,000 feet, dropped bombs on targets the crew couldn't see and obtained hits within 100 yards of the pinpoint.

They were given courses and bombing instructions by control officers watching a radar screen 25 miles from the operation.

Radar, also has been developed to observe the fall of our own artillery fire, as well as ranging, to detect enemy mortar bombs in flight and locate them, and not only to detect enemy movements in darkness or fog but to observe fire upon it.

Although anti-aircraft radar sets were introduced in late 1944 to counter deadly German mortar bursts, Britain has so perfected this weapon that it can detect a 25-pound shell burst, or a truck in motion at 30,000 yards.

A Canadian wartime development—the 30 barrel-type rocket projector—has been experimented with and undergone some modification.

The Royal Artillery now uses a 16-barrel version which "ripples fire" 30 25-pound bombs in four seconds, with devastating effect.

But with all the improvements in military machines it is still the infantry who will win a war.

BODY OF BABY FOUND

PLASTER ROCK, N.B., July 24 (CP)—The body of two-year-old Billy Johnston, who was drowned in Fisson Brook Easter Sunday, was found floating today in the Tobique River, into which the brook flows. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Johnston.

SUSSEX, N.B., July 24 (CP)—A. S. Donald, 64, Fredericton, provincial highway engineer, suffered serious multiple injuries last night when his car plunged from a bridge three miles from Cole's Island. His condition in hospital here tonight was reported fair.

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Notes By The Way

The route of a 450-mile pipeline that will carry oil from Alberta's rich Leduc field to Regina has been announced by Imperial Oil Limited.

The multi-million-dollar pipeline will start at Edmonton, follow a southeasterly course through Provoost on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to Kerrobert, Sask., where a second pumping station will be located.

The line continues south of Outlook, on the South Saskatchewan River, and turns directly east into Regina, north of Moose Jaw. Imperial Oil officials said the line, which will carry 60,000 barrels of oil daily, was expected to be completed by the end of this year.

A proposal to extend the line to the Great Lakes was being studied, the officials noted. In this connection it is to be noted that the company has not said definitely that the Great Lakes will be reached in Canada. In addition to the Lakehead cities of Port Arthur-Fort William, Duluth and Chicago have been mentioned. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

There are unpleasant signs of a growing tendency to discriminate against Negroes in Canada. Appearing as a member of a delegation before Ontario's Premier Frost recently, Dr. W. C. Perry, himself a Negro, told how he was refused service in a Chatham, Ont., restaurant, because the waitress was not allowed to serve Negroes.

There have been other and more objectionable examples from Ontario during the past few months. All this requires an effort on the part of individuals and this is where this falls down. To tolerate racial discrimination is every bit as bad as to participate in it.

For neither group is there any excuse. They are both guilty of practices which have no basis in common sense or human decency. They are both guilty of a particularly obnoxious form of stupidity. — Winnipeg Free Press.

A pedestrian walking north on Yonge Street in Toronto saw a southbound street car come to an

unlooked-for stop. The motorist got out, crawled half under the front of his car and then in a moment or two backed out with his hand cupped together. Proceeding to the west sidewalk of the street, the motorist climbed a grassy bank and went half way across a lawn to a clump of shrubs where he gently deposited his precious freight. The object of the motorist's solicitude was a fledgling robin still in the awkward stage and none too certain of itself on timid wings or toothpick legs.

That's all there was to it. Just a fleeting curbside episode in a city's pulsing life. Yet it sort of gives one a lift of the heart. For simple nobility is a rare ingredient in this frantic world. He's a good one, this motorist, and no mistake about that. Be sure of it, his shining deed of his will stand to his credit on the long scroll that tabs us all. — Hamilton Spectator.

The machine does most of our hard work today, and a growing desire of young men and women to operate the machine is discernible. Thank goodness, many, perhaps even a majority, of the young people now coming out of high schools and universities are ready, yes, even eager, to forget the white shirt and tie and to put on a blue shirt and overalls. They are not ashamed of grease on hands or grime on face. They, we think, will be the backbone of the nation's labor force of the future. And in their hands, the nation will not be too badly off. They will wear stained blue shirts in working hours, but in their leisure hours we shall see them in white collars—and they, and their children, will be all the better citizens for a greater range of interests and activities than their fathers and mothers, or their grandfathers and grandmothers, were ever able to enjoy. They will be honest laborers, store to hard and honest labor, and their dignity. They will be "better off" than their parents because they have developed wider horizons, have acquired more knowledge, and know how to apply it. — Edmonton Journal.

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