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Distinguished Islanders Honored

It is a matter of pride and satisfaction to all our citizens that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada should this year select for worthy commemoration the names of three Prince Edward Islanders who have made, each in his own way, a noteworthy contribution to this Dominion.

Sir Louis Davies was born in Charlottetown in 1845 and took high rank as a student at Prince of Wales College. He studied law with Messrs. Palmer and MacLeod and subsequently at the Inner Temple, London, becoming a member of the British Bar in 1866.

Entering the House of Commons in 1882 as a Liberal member for Queen's, his ability was speedily recognized. At several succeeding elections he was returned and in 1896, when the Tupper Administration was defeated, Mr. Davies became Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

At the first opportunity he was selected by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to be the recipient of Knighthood in the order of St. Michael and St. George. In 1901 he was promoted to the bench of the Supreme Court of Canada, and in 1918 became Chief Justice. For several years he was Deputy Governor General of Canada, and he continued to hold the highest offices in the gift of the Crown until his death in 1924.

Sir Joseph Pope was the eldest son of Hon. William H. Pope, one of the Fathers of Confederation, his mother being a granddaughter of the Rev. Theophilus DesBrisay, who came to Prince Edward Island in the year 1775. He was born in Charlottetown Aug. 16, 1854, and after graduating from the Central Academy entered the Bank of Montreal. It was while living in Montreal that he attracted the attention of Sir John A. Macdonald by whom he was induced to enter the Civil Service.

He became Sir John's private secretary in 1882, assistant Clerk of the Privy Council in 1889, and Under Secretary of State and Deputy Registrar General in 1896. He filled many other important positions in the public service with ability and distinction. It is as an historian, however, that his fame chiefly rests. He collated and edited the Memoirs of Sir John Macdonald, and subsequently, in 1895, published the "Confederation Documents" in which are set forth the various movements which had their consummation in the Union of the British Colonies of North America. He was created a K.C.M.G. in 1912, after having previously received the titles of C.M.G., I.S.O. and C.V.O. Sir Joseph has a distinguished son in the person of Lieut. General Maurice Pope, who since the late war has headed Canada's military mission to Berlin.

Robert Harris, though not a native Islander, came here with his parents at an early age and his first portraits were painted in Charlottetown. After studying at the Slade School in London he returned here, and subsequently painted portraits of the Speakers of the Legislative Assembly as well as of Hon. George Coles, Hon. Edward Whelan, Hon. William Garvie, Hon. Joseph Howe, Sir William Young and other prominent public men of the Maritimes. After a period of study in Paris he took up his residence in Montreal, where he became one of the early presidents of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art. His most famous work was the large picture of the Fathers of Confederation, which was painted by request of the Government of Canada and hung in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons. This historic picture was burned in the fire by which the Parliament Building was destroyed, and only the smaller lithographed copies of it are now extant. Several portraits painted by him hang in the art galleries of Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. The portraits of the Mayors of Charlottetown and the first Recorder of the City, hung on the walls of the City Council Chamber, are examples of his earlier work. Not the least admired of his paintings are the mural and altar decoration of the Hodgson Memorial Chapel, in connection with St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown.

Politics, literature and art are thus well represented in the achievements of these distinguished Prince Edward Islanders, in whose honour tomorrow's ceremony is being held

Fuel Shortage Possible

Possibility of a fuel shortage next winter is intimated by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, who has issued a warning to every household to make a strong effort to fill his coal bin during the next few months.

Mr. Howe points out that at this time of the year, dealers are able to make immediate deliveries, assuring customers of an adequate winter's supply of the class and kind of fuel they require; also that while last winter was relatively mild, affording householders little difficulty in obtaining their fuel requirements, there is no assurance that the same mild weather will prevail in the coming winter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Bartholomew.

Huguenot Massacre, 1572.

The C. W. League Convention.

The unveiling of memorial plaques to former distinguished Islanders, Sir Joseph Pope, Sir Louis Davies and Robert Harris, will be the next public event in the City.

Lord Shaughnessy will have no easy task as publicity man for Finance Minister Douglas Abbott. Even the best public relations man would hesitate to popularize taxes.

The danger of hugging the white centre line on the highway has been amply demonstrated this summer. A driver who must "pull over" when meeting another car is habitually taking too much of the road.

It is startling to read of the pasturing of cattle described as "robbing the soil of its essential health-giving qualities." Ontario Agriculture Minister Kennedy's remarks call for further explanation.

American haters have been working hard at their project of putting a hat back on the male head. Their latest claim, however, seems to verge on the mad. It is that men wear hats to keep their feet warm.

The sincere sympathy of their many friends throughout the Province will be extended to Major J. A. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald of Cardigan, who lost their infant son in yesterday's drowning accident.

Frederick James Marquis, 1st. Baron Woolton, P.C., C.H., D.L.M.A., B.Sc., L.L.D., J.P., born this date 1883. Chairman of the British Conservative Party, Lord President of the Council in the Coalition Government 1945; previously Food Controller and Minister of Supply.

A Federal Order-in-Council has been issued launching a \$2,900,000 expenditure on Sydney docks to facilitate trade between Newfoundland and the mainland. Here we had to float a Crown Company to buy a boat for the same purpose.

According to Mr. A. N. Duckman, British Agricultural advisor to the High Commissioner, if we neglect our pasture, our potato and other crops will disappear. It is live stock provides the fertilizer necessary for vegetation of all kinds. A word to the wise farmer.

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin once observed that he wanted a world in which anyone could go to Waterloo Station and buy a ticket to anywhere in the world. Anyone with all that common sense is no Socialist in reality. The question is now, does he favour free trade in goods as well as in travel?

Now that the Federal Government has an overall majority in the House, we may hear little more of the proposal to introduce a Government medical service as was planned. Had the Government been dependent on the C.C.F. as they virtually were in last Parliament, a beginning would have been made with the project. Now that is off for the present Parliament at least.

British peanut experiment in East Africa continues to be a running sore in the British economy; has cost \$100 million to date; costs \$4 million per month, all for ridiculously small returns. Actually, there has been poured into this one unfortunate experiment more money than all assistance yet given to all the colonies under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts passed in 1940.

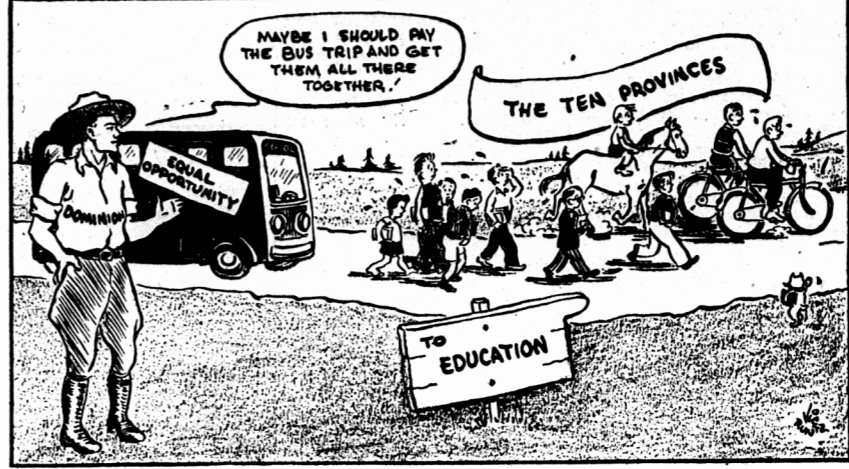
Attempts to evaluate the atomic bomb have been and will continue to be legion. In many respects it resembles the introduction of gunpowder into England. The fortifications and troops of local barons became useless against the forces of the king backed by cannon and the practically independent duchies and baronies became subject to the king resulting in centralized government. Today atomic weapons seem to similarly make useless the armies and navies of sovereign states and should presumably lead to a centralized world government by agreement or by conquest.

Egg prices on August 18 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal, Vancouver 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:

Table with 3 columns: Location, 1949, 1948, 1947. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown.

Hotel amalgamations and combinations go on apace. The Sheraton Corporation of America, a Boston organization, announces that it has acquired the Ford Hotels Company, Inc., owners of three large Canadian hotels, thus becoming the largest hotel owning company in the world in point of total assets. Principal hotels acquired in the transaction are The Laurentien in Montreal, the new 1000 room hotel opened in March, 1948; the Ford Hotel in Toronto; and the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa. In addition, Sheraton acquired extensive real estate in Buffalo, New York. This gives Sheraton Corporation a total of 28 hotels in 25 American and Canadian cities. The company also owns the Sheraton Whitehall Building in New York City and two large office buildings in Boston.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SEIZURE OF THE "ATLANTA"

Text of a report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council Oct. 14, 1858, from William McKay, light duty collector at Malpeque: "Sir,—In your despatch of the 8th inst. you wished to be acquainted with the particulars about the seizure of the American Schooner 'Atlanta', of Freemont. There being about 100 sail of Schooners in the Harbour, I hired four men in the boat, and as soon as they were coming the boats left this vessel, and all the reply that I got was, the Captain was not on board, so I sent I might as well leave the vessel, and I rowed down to the eastern end of the Harbour, near the entrance, and boarded the said Schooner 'Atlanta', and inquired of the Captain.

"There was a man walking the deck, and he told me that he was the Captain. I asked him if he had paid the Light and Anchorage duty in any Port on the Island. He told me they were in no Port. I told him I was the Collector, and he would have to pay it. He told me then that the Captain was ashore, sick down at the East Point, and he began to give me abusive language.

"I asked him who brought the vessel here. He said it was him. He stated that it was no law, I demanded his papers as he would not tell me his name; but he said that his vessel was liable for seizure, when he gave nothing but threatening language. So I told him if he had charge of the vessel, he must be the master, even if the Captain was ashore. He said he brought her up here. I told him that he had plenty of time to get the papers, and if he would not show me his papers or pay his duty, I would make a seizure of his vessel. He stated that I could not do that, and he would not show me his papers or pay his duty, but a boat came up between Indian Island and the Town, and came on board the 'Atlanta'.

"So I had to get her under way and take her round to Princeton, on the 24th day of July, the forenoon. So the Captain was hauling all the rest of the crew, and he jumped into his boat, leaving some hands on board. I got round safe to the Town, intending to put some men on board the 'Atlanta' to get the papers, for they have to quit the vessel as quick as possible. They got her under way and went down again, and I never saw anything of them since; and it is in utter impossibility to collect from them without there is some other mode adopted, for they will not pay it, and I was amongst 100 sail of them one day, and all I collected was 15s. They tell you the Captain is not on board which night or even on the Sabbath day, as they carry about guns, firing them often."

The Age-Old Story

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying: This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right and when ye turn to the left.

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Communism Versus Catholicism

(By W.N. Ewer)

The Communist Governments of Poland and Czechoslovakia are threatening severe punishment to any Catholic priest who refuses the Sacraments to a member of the Communist party. It is one of the strangest and most significant things that have happened in the strange development of Communism. These Communist Governments are demanding for Communists the right to be "practising Catholics," to have full membership of the Catholic Church. By all the canons of "Marxism" and "Leninism" that is simply not sense. Both Marx and Lenin would have poured angry scorn on the suggestion that one could be at one and the same time Marxist and Christian.

The two creeds are — both from the Christian point of view — incompatible and irreconcilable. If you believe in the Christian Revelation, then dialectic materialism is blasphemy. If you believe in dialectic materialism the Christian Revelation is childish nonsense. Marx, Lenin and their followers were sincere and consistent in their beliefs. To them the conception of a personal god was gross superstition. Religion was an instrument of the ruling class to keep the workers in passive subjection. For them a Communist must by definition be an atheist. He could not be a Christian or a Moslem or a theist of any kind. That was — and indeed it must be to any convinced Marxist — axiomatic. And the idea that a member of the Communist party should be, or wish to be, Christian — should want to partake of the Christian Sacraments — would be unthinkable. Such a desire would not be mere "deviation". It would imply denial of the essential basis of the Communist Creed. It would have involved "excommunication" — expulsion from the party — without doubt or hesitation. The communist regime might tolerate Christianity among its subjects, might respect "freedom of conscience". The Soviet Government has indeed done so. It has done so without certain limits: that is true, though the limits may vary, of all Governments. But that is entirely a different matter from tolerating Christianity among members of a Communist party. That has not been allowed, and rightly so since it is absurd: as absurd as for a vegetarian society to allow its members to eat meat.

But now the whole attitude has changed. The Communist parties are not merely allowing their members to be Catholics. They are insisting preemptorily on their right to be Catholics and to receive the Christian Sacraments. It is as though the Church had demanded for the early Christians the right to sacrifice to pagan idols and to statues of the Emperor. It is as though Calvin had demanded for the citizens of Geneva the right to attend Mass. The thesis of the Catholic premises is rational and logical. You cannot be both a Christian and a Marxist. You may choose between the Church and the party, and resign (or accept expulsion) from one or the other. But you cannot simultaneously accept two incompatible creeds, two incompatible disciplines, two incompatible royalties.

The new Communist thesis, given Marxist premises, is irrational and illogical. It does not make sense. What, then, is the explanation? It is surely clear. The premises have changed. The Communist parties

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Notes By The Way

In Canada today there is a struggle against a centralization of government which could bring great evils with it. But every group which stands to gain by centralization seems ready to face those evils with a smile. We are surprised that teachers, who are better able to understand and weigh those evils than many other citizens, should so eagerly support the relinquishing of an important provincial prerogative. — Peterborough Examiner.

Peering from shore out into placid panorama of Northumberland Strait, Antigonish bathers saw a slight threat chill up their respective spines. Half a mile out, as plain as day, a strange creature was swimming through the waves. Obviously it was a monster, which was considerably

of Eastern Europe are no longer Marxist in any sense of the word that either Marx or Lenin would have recognized. They have thrown over their own fundamental beliefs and their old ideals. This neo-Communist-Stalinism — is neither Marxist nor Socialist. Nor is it Leninist. Lenin's conception of the character of the society he was seeking to build but little or nothing in common with that of the society which Stalin and his accomplices are building.

The Stalinist parties to-day are simply strictly disciplined political machines whose purpose is the maintenance of the power and authority of privileged oligarchies: a hierarchy of oligarchs topped by the autocracy of Stalin himself. A Stalinist need have no Marxist principles. It is better than he should have no principles at all. But he can have any he pleases, or any which Stalin at any given moment chooses to permit, provided he will give unquestioning obedience and unquestioning support to his self-appointed "leaders" and unbounded reverence to the august and remote imperial figure of Josef Stalin.

That is the deeper significance of these decrees, which on the surface are mere tactical moves in the battle with the Catholic episcopates of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

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