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Selling Out The Maritimes

There are sixty thousand words in the Gordon Commission report. Perhaps they contain a few admirable suggestions; but so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned it is doubtful if they are worth the paper they are printed on.

Our decline in population, brought about by Confederation and only slowly being offset in recent years, should go on at an accelerated pace in the Commission's judgment!

Federal responsibility for the present condition of these Provinces is ignored altogether, though it was freely conceded in the Sirois Commission report of 1940.

The Gordon Commission has ignored the whole point of our Maritime grievances, namely, that our difficulties have been arbitrarily foisted upon us by the Confederation setup.

report and salvage the few suggestions that are worth while.

The rest of it, so far as it concerns the Maritimes, should be disposed of in the manner in which our Legislature, many years ago, disposed of an obnoxious petition.

Railway Strike Ended

A settlement of the railway strike has been announced, and the news will be received with qualified approval of the Government's activities as mediator.

Therein lies the rub. Already a conciliation board, headed by a judge, with representatives of management and labour, has examined the issue.

Sooner or later there will have to be general recognition of the fact that a nation-wide strike, whether against a railway, a public utility or what-not, affects the whole national economy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Alaska must be an appealing place. It is said that the majority of people who go there on temporary missions end up making it their permanent residence.

Many readers were puzzled at the symbol in the lower right hand corner of our editorial cartoon yesterday.

In a brief presented to the Executive Council, members of the International Railway Brotherhoods have offered some valuable suggestions with regard to highway traffic improvement, public health, education and other matters.



SOMETHING TO BE SAID

OTTAWA REPORT

That \$400,000,000 Surplus

OTTAWA When Walter Harris took over the portfolio of Minister of Finance, the omens pointed to a less prosperous time ahead for Canada.

But already today, so sharply has the picture changed that it is a reasonable estimate that Mr. Harris will report to Parliament a surplus of about \$400,000,000 in the government accounts for the current year.

It is generally agreed that Mr. Harris must select one of these three courses: 1. He could apply this surplus to paying off a part of the national debt, and maintain taxes for next year at the same level.

Sky-Borne Archaeologists

WASHINGTON Archaeology, a science founded on excavation, has taken to the sky. In fact, the airplane has become as important as the pick and shovel in uncovering relics of ancient cultures.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPRECIATION

Sir.—It is with regret the good citizens of this Province will learn that Mr. Spurgeon Jenkins, Game Protective Officer has been retired.

CANADA STILL BRITISH

Sir.—I felt I must write to compliment Mr. MacKenzie on his wonderful letter; I must disagree entirely with Edmund Rice.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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VIENNA (CP)—Four tons of baby clothes, diapers and blankets donated by Canadian alms stations in Europe were turned over to the International Red Cross Friday for distribution to Hungarian refugees.

NARROWED TO 43

NEW YORK (AP)—The hunt for the "mad bomber" who has planted 32 home-made bombs in the city in 16 years appeared Friday to have narrowed to 42 suspects. All are men, residing in suburban Westchester County, from which a number of the bomber's warnings and threat notes have been mailed.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D. GROWING SPURTS OFTEN BRING EMOTIONAL UPSETS The ages between five and nine are the highest years of life. Fewer Americans die during this period than at any other time.

NO SMOOTH SAILING This doesn't mean that these years will be smooth sailing for your youngsters. Far from it. It's during this time that most children encounter real emotional problems, even though you are apt to take them lightly.

One of their chief concerns will be their growth. And you've got to understand how they feel in order to help them. Youngsters begin their adolescent spurts at various ages. Girls generally begin this quick growing period earlier than boys.

Being a "shorty" on the other hand, might be just as great a problem, especially when other youngsters in the neighborhood have already begun their growing spurt. Boys, particularly, are bothered by a late growing period.

PRESENTS PROBLEMS And don't think that an early spurt doesn't present problems for a boy, too. His voice will break just at the wrong times and he'll seem to be all legs and arms.

QUESTION AND ANSWER A.T.: Are fibroid tumors usually a sign of cancer? Answer: In nearly all cases, fibroid tumors of the womb turn out to be non-cancerous.

The Poet's Corner

JAUNTY SPARROW When snow flies, the creatures go to sheltered places each may know. But not the jaunty sparrow; No, He stays in his own ways, Defying snow.

He fluffs his feathers, meekly brown, And his black eye looks up and down. And stanchly he surveys the town As if to say, "I like the way Earth wears this gown!"

—Solveig Paulson Russell In the Christian Science Monitor

The Age Old Story

God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

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"It is possible that out of this great disaster may come recompense which will offset this loss if on the ruins there arises an institution in which all that science has learned in the treatment of the mentally afflicted may be applied under conditions where the most beneficial results are worked out," stated Chief Justice Matheson in referring to the Falgoutwood fire in his address to the Grand Jury yesterday.

TEN YEARS AGO

January 12, 1947 Fire, which was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning, destroyed the large dwelling house of Mr. Roy Tanton, St. Eleanor, together with a large quantity of potatoes stored in the cellar. The fire is believed to have started from an overheated pipe and was discovered when the electric power failed.

The practicability of increasing the natural supply of clams in P. E. I. is being considered by local officials of the Dominion Department of Fisheries. Officials have learned by tests that the ploughing of shores where clams were once plentiful, results in much greater quantities developing.

MAXIMS

In helping those worse off than ourselves, we find that we are better off than we thought.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Russian weather broadcast: Tomorrow will be sunny. And that's an order!—Guelph Mercury.

Why worry about how old you are? If you have any luck at all you're not nearly so old now as you are going to be after a while.—Peterborough Examiner.

A new twist to an old story was given to a judge in the States the other day. Usually a person arrested for driving after drinking has a weak memory when it comes to how many drinks (if any) he had before driving.

An English clergyman proposes a "Grumbling Day" upon which everybody would blow off steam and get over their peevishness. The Chinese have a good idea about this. Many communities have special platforms at street corners where any man or woman can mount and publicly scold aloud to their heart's content.

A ship bearing a name to remind us of our own Nova Scotia obligation is the motor vessel "Christmas Seal," that docked in St. John's Sunday. She brought to St. John's a cargo of X-ray pictures of the respiratory systems of thousands of Newfoundlanders. The motor vessel "Christmas Seal" is the floating X-ray clinic of the Newfoundland Tuberculosis Association. The vessel spent the ice-free portion of the year working along the Newfoundland coast and the coast of Labrador. Whole populations of villages flocked aboard for X-rays—Cape Breton Post.

A new aspect of life is revealed by the discovery of a mysterious trade in dried wool lice, flown in prodigious quantities from London to Teheran. The minimum weight of these consignments is about half a ton; and the imagination boggles at the number of wool lice that go to a ton—especially when dried. What can the Persians possibly do with all these dried wool lice? Are they used as fertilizer for some exotic eastern crop? Or are they fed to Nisean horses, dromedaries or fat-tailed sheep? They may be the essential ingredient of some traditional Persian dish—which has been so popular there that the native house population falls far behind demand. It would be interesting to know the recipe.—Manchester Guardian.

In spite of serious doubts inspired by the so-called Summer of 1956, weather experts are apparently swinging back to the view that the earth is becoming warmer. According to authentic figures, in the last 75 years the world's annual average temperature has risen one degree, with further figures showing that most of the states have Summers one degree warmer and Winters from two to four degrees warmer.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

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