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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink".

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Our Island Representation

Mr. J. Angus MacLean made a strong point in speaking in the House of Commons on parliamentary representation, when he urged that Prince Edward Island's original number of six members be restored. He cited Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement that rural areas are entitled to more representation at Ottawa on a population basis than large urban areas, and showed that in the United States the representation of the smaller States is carefully protected.

Representation by population has never proved a workable principle in Canada and there is no excuse for raising this point in dealing with the smaller Provinces. The constituencies for the first House of Commons varied in size from 5,000 to 45,000 citizens, and those of the present Commons vary from 10,000 to nearly 100,000. Of the 10 areas that have become Provinces, possibly as many as three obtained their initial representation in the Commons strictly on a population basis.

Prince Edward Island got one extra member when it entered Confederation with six; but Manitoba and British Columbia were given several times as many members as they were entitled to when they came in, and as Mr. MacLean noted in his speech, the territories which became Alberta and Saskatchewan were given four members instead of two when their turns came.

Gresham's Law

Early economic writers, including Copernicus, had explained the principle that "bad money drives out good" or that the worst form of currency will be most used in circulation and the more valuable tend to disappear. Sir Thomas Gresham, however, used the argument in convincing Queen Elizabeth I that she should call in the debased coinage and it is his name by which the law is generally known.

Today Canadians are experiencing a variant of Gresham's Law. American money which not long ago was at a premium and about as scarce as hen's teeth, now is at a discount in relation to the Canadian dollar and has suddenly become very plentiful indeed. What is happening, of course, is that instead of holders depositing American currency in the bank they try to avoid the loss in exchange by passing it on to someone else while depositing Canadian money. The result is that U. S. dollars are being used in far more transactions than their actual number here would seem to make possible.

Jericho In The News

Fresh excavations at Jericho by a British archaeologist, Miss Kathleen Mary Kenyon, now place the age of the ancient city at 7,000 years. Previous excavations, notes the Ottawa Citizen, had dated the community's origins to about 2000 B. C. If Miss Kenyon's calculations are correct, then surely Jericho must be the oldest continuing community in the world, though other cities, now long-since gone, may have possessed greater antiquity.

cho through the ages remained a live community. This, despite wars that for destructiveness are not surpassed even today. Between 2000 and 1600 B.C. Jericho was twice destroyed by invaders, its walls and houses burned to the ground. But the exceptionally fertile soil remained. To this day it produces food, and thus the environs of ancient Jericho remain settled.

"It might be thought that in 7,000 years men have not progressed very far," says the Citizen. "Wars are still fought, and cities still destroyed. But today there is a difference. At the time Jericho was razed, and during almost all the millennia since then, wars were accepted almost as a natural law. Until the 20th Century, they were too often glorified. Today, a profound change in man's thinking is evident. War there may be. But it is not accepted as unavoidable or glorious. It is generally abhorred. A gap between the deed and the thought still remains, but when this is closed, the world may have seen the last of its Jerichos."

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. George's Day.

Television may supplant radio, but nothing can supplant the printed newspaper.

The acting chief of air staff is anxious to increase the number of recruits for manning jet-fighters. Possibly a distinctive rank or uniform for those so engaged would help the situation.

Vast works have been undertaken in the mid-west to curb rampaging rivers. There is, however, some similarity between attempts to constrict the flow of flood waters and screwing down safety valves to prevent a boiler from blowing off steam.

Redistribution is an entirely Federal affair, and the Provincial Governments have no say in it. Hence Prime Minister St. Laurent rightly opposed a proposal that the Provincial Governments should be consulted.

British war correspondents are to be eligible for campaign medals and ribbons for Korea. From the point of view either of perils undergone or service rendered to their nation there can be little to argue against the proposal.

The United States Military Air Transport Service is turning out all its Boeing C-97 aircraft with seats facing to the rear in the interest of safety. Commercial airlines will probably adopt a similar arrangement, particularly as it also provides greater comfort and wider visibility.

"The Order of the Thistle", membership of which the Queen presented the Duke of Edinburgh on her birthday is the second highest royal order in the United Kingdom, the Order of the Garter being the first. It was founded in 1540 and is exclusive, being confined to 16 Scottish nobles, with the addition of royalty.

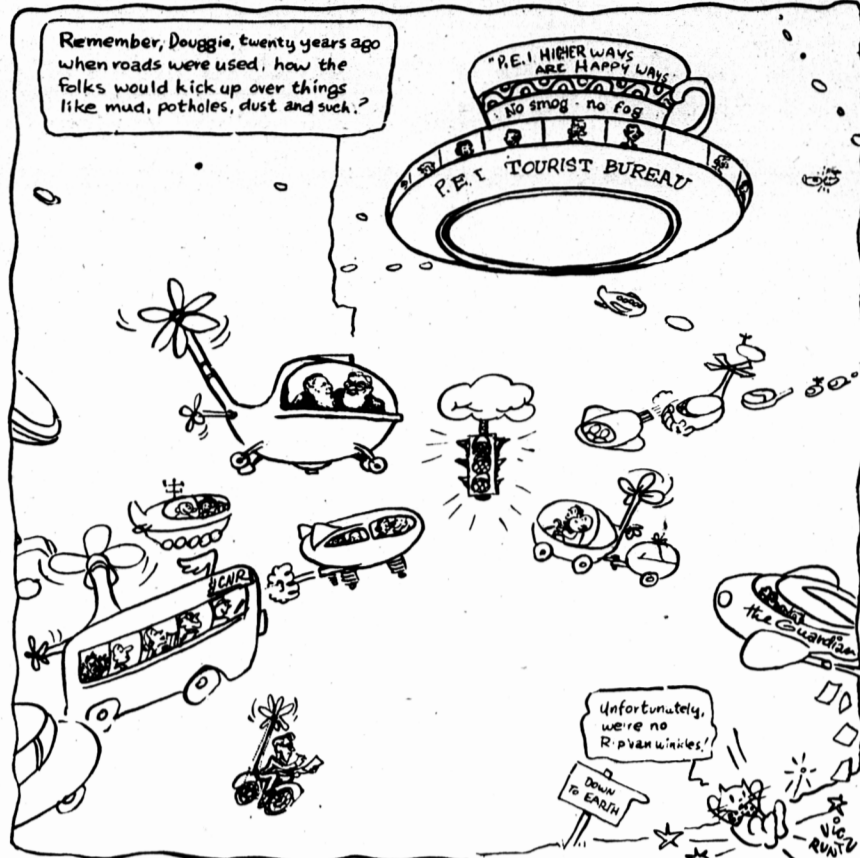
The action of the University of King's College in conferring upon Judge Palmer the honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law will be widely appreciated in this Province and throughout the Maritimes, where he is known not only in his judicial capacity and for his interest in the Drama Festival movement, but as one of the leading laymen of the Church of England.

"Getting away with it" has led to the huge million dollar theft of material at Petawawa Camp and elsewhere. The irregularity no doubt started with an official having his hand "greased" by tempters, and this led step by step till the thefts were brazenly flaunted before all who had eyes to see. It is so easy, it seems, "to make a little on the side" this way at the expense of the public and tax payers.

William Shakespeare, dramatist and poet, was born this date 1564 and died this date 1616. He became a member and shareholder of the lord chamberlain's company, afterwards known as the King's Company and wrote all his plays for it. His genius has had the peculiar result that numerous critics have regarded it as incredible that he should have been able to write as he did, and they have attributed his works to others to whom various aspects should have come more readily.

Sir Stafford Cripps by his austerity, personal and public, did more to keep Britain on its feet during the post-war crisis than anything else in the history of that critical period. He shouldered all the blame and responsibility for the Government policy to the extent that his own health suffered, and he had to seek medical relief in Switzerland. At the comparatively early age of sixty-two he has "given up the ghost", a martyr to self-imposed duty and policy.

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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.

NEGLECTED HIGHWAY

Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to give the general public a picture of the road situation north of Tignish. Along the main highway from Tignish to the North Cape are two lobster fishing establishments. The greatest number of the traps are built at the fishermen's homes and have to be hauled to the factory sites. About three and one half weeks ago everything was in readiness to begin this work of hauling; this was interrupted by the arrival of the Government snowplough which made a perfect job of removing the snow for a distance of three miles on the Sea Cow Pond Road.

The owners of the lobster factories and fishermen then prepared to do all trucking by wagon or light truck when the road was completed, and up until this evening, with only nine more working days left, we have had no sight of the plough and can get no satisfaction as to the reason why it did not return and open up the main highway from Tignish to the North Cape.

Now, it is the farmers who are taking the beating. The heavy loads must be hauled; no wagon can get through the snow banks and no money has been allowed for shovelling; so the farmers' meadows are being used by the public. It is a crime to see fertile meadowland being trampled by sheep and deep ruts cut by steel-tired farm wagons as heavy loads of both fishing gear and farm produce are being trucked to and fro.

All winter the farmers were unable to haul farm produce to market due to shortage of railway cars. Now cars are available, and the farmer is unable to get any produce over the roads. Prior to the last Provincial election our candidates rode along in their balloon-tired limousines, with pleasant smiles and hearty handshakes. On yes, they also passed out some heavy promises: "All roads will be kept cleared of snow during the winter season, if we are returned to power." We residents north of Tignish do not desire a car road all winter, but when it gets to this time of year and we see all other main roads, as well as all by-roads in other sections cleared of snow and fit for wagon and car traffic, we cannot understand why we receive such bad treatment. The smiling election candidates had better give us a little berth when election time rolls around.

Should our supervisor have the occasion to go before long over our highway, he will see what the people are up against.

I am Sir, etc., A TIGNISH TAXPAYER.

The Age-Old Story

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galleans, whose blood Plate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galleans were sinners above all the Galleans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

FIRST BRICKMAKERS

The ancient Babylonians are believed to have been the first people to manufacture bricks for building.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

EMIGRANTS TO NEW ZEALAND

During the Fall of 1858, advertisements were inserted in the local newspapers by Mr. Charles Bell, immigration agent for the Province of Auckland, New Zealand, and, applying for settlers from Prince Edward Island under the Auckland Waste Land Act, Land orders were issued, it was stated, to "all persons of good character and sober, steady habits, who will emigrate, at their own cost, from this Island to Auckland. . . . Every adult, of the age of 15 years and upwards, with on his arrival be entitled to select forty acres of Government land in any part of the Province set apart for special settlement, free of all cost except agent's fee (10s., sterling) to be paid on receipt of the order, and the expense of survey at the time of taking possession of the land."

The advertisement also stipulated that "for every child or servant, over five and under eighteen years of age, taken from this Island to Auckland aforesaid, an order for twenty acres of land will be issued to the parent, guardian or master at whose cost he or she may be taken—such orders to cost 5s., sterling each, to be paid here, and subject to the same regulations as those issued to adults."

It is not known how many availed themselves of this offer, but in its shipping news of Nov. 29, 1858, The Examiner notes that the Brig "Prince Edward", Capt. Newland, cleared the port of Charlottetown for Auckland, and on August 30 of the following year the following item appeared: "We are glad to learn that the most satisfactory accounts have been received from the passengers of the Brig 'Prince Edward', which left here for New Zealand in November last. She arrived at Auckland in perfect safety, all hands in excellent health, on the 13th of May last, after a passage of five and a half months from Charlottetown. Some of the passengers have written to their friends here in the most glowing terms respecting their new home."

One of the emigrants appears to have been Dr. A. H. Boswell, who went as medical officer. Another, John Walsh, was formerly foreman of The Examiner office. But the newspapers of the day, busily engaged in political controversy, paid but scant attention to this important migration.

COSTLY TEA PARTY

TIPPERARY, Ireland.—(CP)—A husband and wife on holiday here decided to have tea in their hotel bedroom. The tea-tray broke scalding the wife, and £70 damages were assessed against the hotel. Half the amount went to the husband because his holiday was spoiled.

The Poet's Corner

SANCTUARY SLEUTHS

"To-day a constable is standing by the North Door of Westminster Abbey. . . . It is believed that plain-clothes men and two Special Branch officers are also on duty guarding the Stone."—Manchester Guardian.

If you cross the Border the Abbey Tomb to view, You will find a shadow is stalking after you. Bowler-hatted bloodhounds keep unobtrusive guard, Westminster is crawling with the men of Scotland Yard.

Coppers in the Abbey Round King Edward's throne! Special squads are watching The Coronation Stone, In King Henry's chantry, bolted, locked and barred— If you come from Scotland, look out for Scotland Yard!

Plain-clothes "vergers" listen for Covenanters' plots. Lurking in the chapel of the Hammer of the Scots, "Sacristans" are peeping past heraldic coats of arms. Ornamental traceries hide burglar-alarms.

If you cross the Border to seize the Stone of Scone, You will find it picketed, morning, night and noon, Special Branch detectives keeping ward and watch, Guard the Stone of Destiny from Conventancing Scotch.

Monumental effigies are "flatlies" in disguise. Statesmen's statues follow you with watchful marble eyes. If in the North Transept you join the Abbey throng, Palmerston and Beaconsfield may mutter "Move along!"

"Abbey guides" are prowling (Watch for outside feet), Westminster is guarding The Coronation seat. In King Henry's chantry, bolted, chained and barred— So if you come from Scotland, look out for Scotland Yard!

—Sagittarius in The New Statesman.

CIVIC ULTIMATUM

LONDON.—(CP)—The Camberwell Council refused to help Lewisham Council pay costs of repairing a railway bridge leading to a popular shopping centre in Lewisham. The Lewisham Council says the bridge mainly serves shoppers from Camberwell and unless the decision is changed it will be torn down.

COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE W.K. Rogers Agencies Limited 181 QUEEN ST. AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

How many messes the early chemists must have dumped down the drain, not realizing they were wonder drugs!—Edmonton Journal.

It has been quite noteworthy in some Owen Sound neighborhoods that the usual Winter birds, the cardinals blue jays, etc., were considerably decreased this past year. In at least one district, a hillside area where bird life has always been found in abundance, the disappearance of the Winter birds is placed to the presence of boys with air rifles. While it is well to teach a youth the proper use of a gun, if he shows inclinations in that direction, it is much more important that he should be led into an appreciation of the things of Nature. Once acquainted with the interesting study of birdlife most boys will get much more enjoyment out of observing the habits of these creatures, and other children of Nature, than they do out of thoughtlessly slaughtering them.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

—It has been 5,000 years, or perhaps 6,000, since man domesticated an animal, but John T. Teal, of McGill University, wants to try it. He is an anthropologist and Arctic explorer, and plans to trap eight musk ox calves in the far north of Canada and bring them to his Vermont farm and try to make them feel at home. The musk ox properly called ovibos, is partly between a sheep and a cow. Teal says the meat is better than beef, the milk as good as cow's. He thinks the ovibos, if only it can be domesticated, would be the making of Vermont. You don't have to buy it anything to eat, or even give it good grazing land. Almost any wisp of grass or lick of lichen will keep the animal happy, says Teal, and it will even eat through snow.—New York Herald Tribune

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various practitioners including lawyers (A. Walther Gaudet, Chas. R. McQuaid, M. Alban Farmer, J. A. Carruthers), doctors (J. S. Taylor, Dr. W. R. Carson, Dr. John E. Starns), and accountants (H. R. Doane and Company, McDonald & Joyal).