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Hon. Mr. Claxton's Visit

Prince Edward Island welcomes a distinguished visitor today in the person of the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, who is scheduled to arrive at Summerside on Ottawa this morning and to address a luncheon meeting in the Prince County capital before proceeding to Charlottetown, where he will be guest speaker this evening at a dinner sponsored by the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

Apart from his high official position, Mr. Claxton will be warmly welcomed on his own account, as one of Canada's most brilliant parliamentarians and a possible successor to Prime Minister St. Laurent when he retires from office. A K.C. at the age of forty-one, the Defence Minister entered the House of Commons a year later and within three years was singled out by the late Mr. King as his parliamentary assistant as president of the Privy Council. A year later he became the first of the parliamentary assistants to attain Cabinet rank, going to the Health Department. It was as Health and Welfare Minister that he first visited Charlottetown in 1945 in connection with the introduction of family allowances, the scheme being put into effect here before becoming applicable to the rest of Canada.

Mr. Claxton took a prominent part in preparing a special study on the Canadian constitution for the Rowell-Sirois Commission and later served as one of the small inner circle which guided the Federal Government through the prolonged negotiations with the Provinces in search of a new basis for fiscal affairs. His military experience dates from the First World War, in which he served overseas as a sergeant-major with the 10th Siege Battery. His first job as Defense Minister, which he assumed in 1946, was to co-ordinate the three forces on a permanent basis of efficiency that could serve as the nucleus of wartime development at any time, and this continues to be his main task under the present greatly expanded defense programme.

Two projects of prime importance to our citizens and to our national defense scheme in general are the new Naval Barracks and new Armouries for Charlottetown. It is to be hoped Mr. Claxton will be able to give some definite assurance as to when this work will be undertaken. He will also doubtless be interested in the plans for expanding Charlottetown airport facilities, which are also of importance from a defense standpoint though nominally falling under the Department of Transport. The pressing need for airport expansion has been highlighted by the news in yesterday's Guardian, that the Maritime Central Airways may have to transfer a large part of its activities from Charlottetown to Moncton.

It is pleasing indeed to be able to welcome Mrs. Claxton along with the Minister on this occasion, although their stay will be regrettably brief. It is to be hoped that they will find the opportunity, later in the season, for a more extended visit of a holiday nature.

Support Avoids Scarcity

The support price for beef protects the farmer from crippling losses which could result from a serious break in the market. Even more important, the assurance of the support price helps to avert anything in the nature of panic marketing which would bring prices far below cost of production.

Although the immediate beneficiary is the farmer, in the long run it is the consumer who stands to gain by the steadiness of the market. A serious disturbance would bring temporary price reductions but the result would be reduced production. In the long run the consumer would have suffered because of reduced production and subsequent higher prices.

Surgery's Debt To Nursing

Professor Sir James Learmonth, the Edinburgh surgeon who operated on King George VI in 1949, referred to his "ever-increasing debt" to the nursing profession when he gave the Lister Oration at the Royal College of Surgeons in London.

"Nursing is at once an art and a science," said Sir James. "The existence of a highly trained and devoted body of women and men is inseparable from and indispensable to the practice of modern surgery."

"In both ward and operating theatre it is never easy to draw a dividing line be-

tween surgical care and nursing care, nor is it desirable to attempt to do so, for they are one.

"Moreover, a belief that I have now held for more than 30 years has a factual although perhaps not a strictly scientific basis: that when on occasions formal treatments and remedies fail, it is possible for a patient to be nursed back to life and health."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Mark. H. R. H. the Princess Royal born this date, 1897.

Tomorrow, Their Majesties Wedding Anniversary, 1923.

This is Anzac Day. This date 1915 the Anzacs effected a heroic landing under intense difficulties at Gaba Tepe (Anzac Cove) in the course of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign.

Charlottetown welcomes the Maritime Girl Guide Commissioners. Their three-day programme is full but it is to be hoped that they will be able to enjoy as well as profit by their visit.

Visiting Defence Minister Claxton is having the Island's proposals for defence placed before him. It is probably unnecessary to illustrate Island defence-mindedness by reference to enlistment figures.

"The Americans, so far as I know, are the only people who have ever taxed themselves for foreigners in peace-time," declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the U. K. Foreign Secretary, in a political broadcast.

A start will soon be made with street and road repairs, and by mid-summer good progress should be reported. It is now conceded by autoists that conditions are not really so bad as painted by some correspondents.

Hon. Brooke Claxton announces that Canada now has 49,200 soldiers; 32,600 airmen; and 13,500 sailors, making a total of 95,300 officers and men. Department of National Defence also has 40,000 civilian employees; or roughly one civilian for every two men in uniform.

It is just the other day that it was announced the Maritime Central Airways distributed here no less than \$50,000 a month employing approximately over 100 men. Now the sad news has to be recorded that this will be transferred from Charlottetown to Moncton, the air as well as the railway centre.

The first reindeer to roam the Scottish Highlands since the 11th century have arrived in Glasgow en route. The eight reindeer arrived aboard the Swedish freighter Sarek to be turned loose in experiments to determine whether they can acclimatize themselves to the Highlands where they have been extinct for almost 1,000 years.

An alternative to the fluoridation of water supplies for the sake of improved teeth is suggested by a Swedish physician in San Francisco. Dr. Gunnar Santesson suggests adding the fluorine to salt rather than water and so make it available to many who lack laid-on water.

With regard to the development and expansion of industries, Moncton and Charlottetown appear to be in the position outlined in Holy Writ: "For whosoever hath to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance; but whosoever hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." This is where importunity is allowed to play its part, insistence, aggressiveness—"I say unto you, though a neighbor will not rise and give him bread because he is a friend, but because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many loaves as he needeth." Verb. sap.

For the first time in 164 years, a single vote has decided the election of a Scottish Representative Peer. At the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Earl of Perth was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father. He received 20 votes, Lord Reay 19, and the Earl of Northesk 4. "The result was so close that the Lord Clerk-Register (Lord Elphinstone), who usually waives his right to vote, was obliged to exercise it on this occasion," commented Sir James Fergusson, Bt., Keeper of the Records of Scotland, after the by-election. The last occasion on which a Peer was elected by a single vote at a by-election was on January 10, 1788, when Lord Cathcart received 28 votes to the Earl of Dumfries' 27. The new Representative Peer, formerly Viscount Strathallan, was born on May 13, 1907, and was educated at Downside and Cambridge.

Guided Tour For An Early Visitor



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.

GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Sir—There is a certain class of people who will leap to the idea of getting something for nothing. They think it is a chance that should not be missed. They do not seem to know that this is robbery. They would resent being accused of thieving but it is that as much as shop-lifting. Thieving is getting something for nothing, except the risk of being found out. This is why it is such an objectionable practice, fit for jail. Here in Canada, gambling is a criminal offence; and just now a move is on to have the law changed to permit gambling. The Federal Government is to be asked to change the law so that the provinces can hold lotteries, i.e. to legalize the principle of getting something for nothing. Recently, in the U. S. the Kefauver Commission has uncovered a fearful moral mess, involving high officials who have been taking from the Government something for nothing, amounting to many millions, plainly a form of theft, for which the common thief is thrown into jail. In fact, a number of these officials have got themselves into jail, and this practice in the U. S. is found to be very widespread, due no doubt to the gambling craze that has, these last few years, possessed the American people. God forbid that we should point an accusing finger at the U. S. and forget our own sins! Here in P. E. Island a good deal of gambling goes on. All kinds of it seems to be carried on at our fall exhibition under the eyes of the police. Some effort has been made to put a stop to it but without much success. Cars have been raffled on our streets, and bingo is in full swing in many places. Oh I forgot, yes, it is for charitable and religious purposes. It makes a mockery of the law. Over in Britain, so great is the betting mania, that the Archbishop of Canterbury has advised the Government to legalize the practice and of course, make some revenue out of the billions spent in betting. It reminds one of the argument that because people will have a drink let them have it legally, and make some money out of this human weakness. It is to wonder that Britain, from all they spend in gambling and drink, are in a bad way financially. It is a well-known fact that the man who drinks and gambles is running sooner or later upon the rocks of bankruptcy and the same fate awaits the drinking, gambling nation.

I am, Sir, etc., W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

The Poet's Corner

YOUTH AND AGE

Verse, a breeze 'mid blossoms straying, Where Hope elung feeding, like a bee— Both were mine! Life went a-maying With Nature, Hope and Poesy, When I was young?— Ah, woeful When! Ah! for the change twist Now and Then! This breathing house not built with hands, This body that does me grievous wrong, O'er airy cliffs and glittering sands, How lightly then it flash'd along— Like those trim skills, unknown of yore, On winding lakes and rivers wide, That, ask no aid of sail or oar, That fear no spite of wind or tide!

—S. T. Coleridge.

Risk Pay In The Armed Forces

(Ottawa Citizen)

Risk pay for United States military airman has become an issue in the U. S. Congress. In Canada, those on continuous flying duty, such as air crew or paratroopers, also receive risk pay. But once the principles on which such money is paid are clearly understood, the only issue in this country ought to be the form in which risk pay is allotted in order that even the appearance of discrimination might be avoided. Canadians in the armed services on flying or submarine duty receive \$30 a month extra, regardless of rank, this is not primarily a reward for courage though it does go back to the days when flying or submarine duty was truly risky. But to a large degree, it helps the men to pay the extra premiums demanded by insurance companies when they are engaged in such duties. Without the extra pay, insured men taking flying or submarine risks would find themselves financially out of pocket. The system of paying for flying or submarine duty in peacetime would thus be fair enough, were it not that it excludes ground troops who are also taking special risks. The system does not encompass the peculiar circumstances arising out of the cold war. Infantry in Korea, for instance, do not receive similar compensation. Thus the problem for Canada seems to be one of extending the system during a period of peace when, in fact, some ground troops and naval forces are on active service. For if it seems unfair that air and submarine crews receive risk pay while soldiers in Korea do not, it would be even more unfair if risk pay were not paid at all, and airman had to meet extra insurance premiums out of their own pockets. Two wrongs do not make a right. One solution might be for the government to take out an insurance policy for each man on hazardous duty, and itself pay the premiums. This would give broad recognition to the principle that the public should meet financial obligations resulting from special dangers encountered in the public service. At the same time, it might go far to help remove any sense of discrimination as between services, or the feeling that a man should receive a cash reward for undertaking risky duties.

The Bench And Politics

(Saturday Night)

Political pressures over the years have resulted in judicial appointments continuing to be political appointments. Ministers of Justice have long been unhappy about a situation which effectively narrows the choice of new judges to members of the party in power. Occasionally someone with no party affiliations has been chosen but there is scarcely a case of a man who belonged to the opposition being elevated to the bench. This situation has so long been accepted that it is like a breath of clean, fresh air when, Mr. J. A. Clark, the President of the Canadian Bar Association, in the current issue of The Canadian Bar Review calls the attention of his membership to a situation "that is unworthy of us and our country."

Mr. Clark adds: "I am satisfied that no Prime Minister or Minister of Justice has ever looked with equanimity upon pressure from the political machine and upon public service as a proper justification for a person who is being entrusted with the power of life and death over the subject. I can conceive of nothing more subversive to the interests of the state than that pressure from those concerned with political expediency and partly loyalty should be the determining factor in appointments to the bench. I say with the deepest conviction that politicians would not dare to intervene in the way they do if the bar of Canada assumed the role of leader of public opinion in this regard, and I am convinced that the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, of whatever party may be in office, will readily subscribe to this principle if the bar acts with determination."

Mr. Clark has put the case in language everyone will understand. Party membership is not a factor in judicial appointments in Britain. It will cease to be here if the bar heeds the call of its president.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SMALLPOX ALARM

From the Prince Edward Island Register, July 15, 1825:

"Very alarming accounts have reached town of the Small Pox having made its appearance in several parts of the Island. Death has ensued in two cases, namely, of a child on the Elliot River, and a man at East Point. Unequivocal symptoms of the disease have appeared on the Hillsborough, and a son of Mr. Thos. Walsh, ferryman, York River, has been seized with the disorder. Later accounts state that the disease has also appeared at Cherry Valley, Orwell Bay, and some other places; with such rapidity has it spread, although brought to the Island little more than a fortnight ago by a vessel from Miramichi. Our readers will perceive by an advertisement in another column that there is a fresh supply of vaccine matter in town."

The advertisement referred to reads: "Dr Mackleson begs to inform his friends and the public, that he received a few days ago a supply of fresh Cow-Pock Matter direct from the Royal Jennerian Society, London. He will attend at his Lodgings from 9 to 12 forenoon, for the purpose of inoculating such as may apply."

On July 29 the Register noted with satisfaction that "no symptoms of this baneful malady have appeared in town, although report states the contagion to be spreading rapidly throughout the country."

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The Age-Old Story

And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

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Notes By The Way

Startling news! A new car design will bring back the spare wheel mounted on the back! Soon some brilliant designer will discover that a car doesn't really have to be shaped like a jelly bean, and we shall have cars again in which a man may sit without sucking his head down into his chest to avoid scraping the roof. — Peterborough Examiner.

Charlottetown Guardian figures it out that the reason for high food prices is that the farmer refuses to work a seven-day week—like he used to—and let city folks get away with only five days. If that's the answer, and it probably is, instead of bumming around for two days a week this summer, let's all drive out to Uxbridge over the weekends and give him a hand with the hoe! and the hay! — "T. D. F." in Ottawa Citizen.

A book has just been written extolling Tyrus Raymond Cobb as the greatest ball player of them all. This is the same Ty Cobb who has become a center of controversy for his attacks on the game as played since the advent of the "rabbit" ball and the booming bat. Sure! In it we think, for the ball is cunningly undermining the American way of life. The Georgia Peach, therefore, might be a fit subject for investigation by Senator McCarthy. — Ottawa Citizen.

We liked the story about the English hypnotist who had to pay damages totalling about \$3,000 because of his failure to bring a "subject" out of a trance into which he had put her. There is a child on the Elliot River, and a man at East Point. Unequivocal symptoms of the disease have appeared on the Hillsborough, and a son of Mr. Thos. Walsh, ferryman, York River, has been seized with the disorder. Later accounts state that the disease has also appeared at Cherry Valley, Orwell Bay, and some other places; with such rapidity has it spread, although brought to the Island little more than a fortnight ago by a vessel from Miramichi.

So it's Summer here in Montreal. This is the third day of the open season for trout and everyone seems to think that a guy like me should be planning some sort of a fishing trip for the week-end. I wish people wouldn't be like that, for it just adds to a man's misery in waiting. For fifty miles north of Montreal it isn't Summer. It is true the atmosphere has warmed up in the mountains during the past couple of days, but there is still a lot of snow and there remains 9 to 15 inches of blue ice on the lakes. The streams seem all to be open, but they are running high and many of them muddy. So trout fishermen may make what they can out of that. Me — I couldn't make much. — By Isaak Hunter in Montreal Gazette.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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