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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Transport Board Hearings

At the hearings before the Board of Transport Commissioners last week the issue with regard to railway operation over the Hillsboro Bridge was very clearly joined. Counsel for the Railway maintained that continuation of the service was unwarranted economically.

The Provincial Government maintains, on the contrary, that "poor service breeds lack of use" and that the lack of revenue complained of by the Railway in connection with this service is due primarily to the poor facilities it has provided.

It would appear that the Railway authorities are using the Bridge issue as a means of forcing the Provincial Government's hands in the matter of their proposal for bus and truck licenses.

In the matter of the application for consolidation into one zone of the two now existing on the Island for railway freight purposes, there should not be much doubt as to the outcome.

M. P.'s Indemnities

M.P.'s who have been talking about higher pay for their parliamentary labors, are now assured a temporary increase for this year. That's one result (says The Gazette Ottawa correspondent) of the Government's decision to stage a full-dress fall session of Parliament beginning Oct. 1.

Reinstatement in Civil Employment

Parliament has before it a measure to give statutory form to many veterans' benefits now granted by Order-in-Council to those serving in Korea.

three years in the armed forces. The measure is a valuable one, as was found by veterans of the Second World War, more because of the ease of mind it gives to those on active service than for the actual placing of returned men when hostilities are over.

As is inevitable, there are possible hardships when the rule is strictly applied. An employer for instance may well find that a succession of holders of a particular job go into the services one after another.

Experience, however, shows that the theoretical difficulties seldom arise in practice in any so difficult a form. The serviceman knows that his old job is guaranteed but generally makes a point of finding something that is more to his liking.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Today the Board of Transport Commissioners commences hearings of the latest application for a freight-rate increase to yield about \$64,000,000 and consideration of Prince Edward Island's zones and bridge must wait.

Maritimers are not getting a fair share of defence contracts but much of the blame is their own. The initiative necessary to obtain the contracts is perhaps rightly weighed as an indication of probable initiative to be shown in filling them.

Two "musts" for artistically inclined visitors—(1) Walk under the arcade of trees in Prince Street between Fitzroy St. and the Y. M. C. A.; and (2) visit the magnificently designed and well kept Belfast Cemetery.

Modern jurymen are fortunate compared with their earlier counterparts. Until recent times there was no such thing as their being discharged without reaching a verdict and still earlier they were deprived of food, fire and light until their duties were carried out.

Many of our readers will be in wholehearted agreement with at least one comment in the report of the Royal Commission on Arts, recently tabled in Parliament.

Prospective home-builders face plenty of discouragement at this time. Interest rates are on the up-turn, the Federal Government has raised the percentage of down-payment required and Resources Minister Winters has joined others in warning that the pinch of shortages of material may be more generally felt before the end of the year.

What's in a name when it does not touch the pocket: Handing the Dean of Salisbury a cheque for £2,310 (\$6,930) for the cathedral spire repair fund, the Mayor of Salisbury, Mr. H. E. Randall, said that although all towns named Salisbury overseas had been asked to subscribe, not one had done so.

Arguments are being put forth, notably by the Winnipeg Tribune, that the proposed alternative vote in British Columbia would "do much to strengthen Parliament." From the experience of states which have used the system it would seem rather that it would do far more to strengthen the Opposition, or rather the assorted parties which would return minority groups to Parliament.

John Constable, English landscape painter, was born this date 1776. As a boy he had opportunities of watching the movement of clouds, changes of wind, and play of light on water and foliage, and he sketched them assiduously.

The Senate Finance Committee, which has been giving Government spending a good going-over, has unearthed the information that Canadian governments—Dominion, provincial and municipal—will likely spend \$5,000,000,000 this year.

Changing Seasons



The Poet's Corner

SUMMER NIGHTS

The moon came to the house through many windows. The stairs, the halls were dappled with its shade. As they led upward through the soft crescendos of light and dark the moving moonlight made.

O Summer nights, O Summer nights a-glimmer, You have no home, no resting place but there. Where Summer was the house, the house was Summer, And you are standing always on that stair.

Graduates Can't Spell

Canadian employers feel the country's university graduates fall far short of the mark in "general education," an employment specialist reports.

"They tell me the graduates they get are woefully weak in being able to express themselves. The students can't spell."

The conference adopted a resolution backing the recommendations of the Massey Commission on Arts, Letters and Sciences calling for Federal aid to universities and further assistance to deserving students.

In a discussion on university admissions, Mr. John E. Andorf, director of placement and guidance at Hamilton's McMaster University.

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Musical Festival Association will be held in the Banquet Room of the Y. M. C. A. at 8 P. M. on June 14th.

The Age-Old Story

And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and he tear-eth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 10 — (CP)—A sit-down strike slowed operations at the MacArthur Shingle Mill here Saturday.

They were allowed to name their settlement Little York, and I was delighted to observe the order in which they kept their agricultural implements, and the neatness and cleanliness of everything about them, which reminded me of England.

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Old Charlottetown

Little York Settlers. In 1818, several families from Yorkshire arrived in Prince Edward Island, where they did not, on leaving England, intend to remain; but being delighted with the appearance of the Colony, they applied to the agent of Sir James Montgomery to give them leases of one hundred acres to some, and of two hundred acres of woodland to others, fronting on the road leading from Charlottetown to Stanhope.

These people went to work with such a determination, and economized their time and means with such prudence, that, in 1826, when I had occasion to go among them, they had each from fifteen to twenty acres of land cleared and under excellent cultivation.

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From "Observations on Emigration in the American Colonies" by John Macgregor, London, 1829.

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Notes By The Way

A recent invention is a yo-yo with a light inside. This will reassure those who feared that science had reached its climax with the achievement of the helicopter beam.—Edmonton Journal.

Christianity is not a patent medicine, and those who try to "sell" it by the same means are on the wrong track. By all means let us have religious broadcasts. There are many that are inspiring. They are a comfort to the sick and bedridden. It is a pity that there are too many cases of blatant appeals to the lower instincts wrapped up in religious clothes; they tend to discredit religion as a whole in the minds of many.—Peterborough Examiner.

The conclusions which would be arrived at by the commission presided over by Mr. Vincent Massey were, in part, known in advance. Its hearings were given much publicity in the daily press and in the periodicals particularly interested in the problem. Canada is far from having accomplished in arts, sciences and letters, the progress that might have been anticipated from a nation whose potential of gifts and riches is to be envied. But gifts and riches are unequally distributed among a small population scattered over an immense territory. Furthermore, it is worth remembering that the country is richer than the nation is so far, and that the nation is heavily burdened with obligations, the cost of which increases from year to year.—L'Evenement-Journal, Quebec.

The modern parent and grandparent has to be a lot smarter than his counterpart of a few years back—that is, if he is not going to lose caste in the eyes of the sons and grandsons of the nation. For years, proud fathers and grandfathers have catered to their own boy-like ambitions with the like to their young offspring. That happy day, however, is fast disappearing and it's beginning to look as if Pa or Grandpa is going to have to parade at least a college degree when birthdays and Christmas mornings roll around.

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