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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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Ferry Service Resolution

The Wood Islands ferry service resolution is still before the Legislature, and it is evident from the discussion that there is a wide difference of opinion as to its merits.

The present operators have on several occasions complained of their inability to provide needed improvements on the basis of their present subsidy.

The resolution, as worded, places the House on the horns of a dilemma, each one dangerous and objectionable.

Premier Matheson has suggested that no action be taken until the House can come to unanimous agreement.

The Chief Surprise

Results of a survey conducted over a two year period by a mutual automobile insurance company in Illinois reveal that farmers are the best drivers among all the bigger occupational groups.

The best drivers of all, as a group, are the heads of wholesale business houses, a much smaller group than farmers.

The chief surprise—from the male point of view, that is—is that housewives have earned a better than average mark, ranking 28th among all categories.

heavily than a great volume of hearsay. It is curious to look back on the introduction of Standard Time, that is Inter-colonial Standard Time.

Authority In Education

It is said that Caesar is not an authority over the grammarians and the tag contains a great deal of truth.

The teacher's position, however, is unlike that of a worker or soldier. The most junior teacher in the largest institution has the same responsibility to his or her charges as has the most senior.

The administration of schools by the state must also be governed by the paramount importance of the individual teacher. The really vital rôle of authority is in selecting the best teachers available.

A Wise Deblision

Charlottetown citizens can be thankful that the City Council by reversing itself has removed the necessity for accepting the resignation of Chief MacArthur.

The Police Committee showed a laudable inclination to help one who had served his country in the armed forces and who the Committee considered would be able to live down his mistakes.

No one, certainly would suggest that the Chief name his own force but on the other hand if he is to be held responsible for it he must not be required to accept anyone to whom he has objection.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 4th Sunday in Lent.

The amendment to the School Act providing that annual school meetings be held on the first Tuesday in June rather than on the third Tuesday means that this year the meetings will be held on June 1st.

The other day Premier Matheson complained in the Legislature that he found some obscurity in a Guardian editorial. This pained us, as we thought our comments were quite clear.

Britain declared war against Russia March 28, 1854. The Crimean War, as it is known, lasted until 1856 when it was terminated by the unsatisfactory peace of Paris.

Pleased Nonetheless



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.

WOOD ISLANDS SERVICE

Sir,—We are surprised at the tone of your editorial in Thursday morning's edition of your paper on the matter of the Wood Islands-Caribou service.

We may point out that freight moving by truck has been carried without charge since the service opened in 1941, and that the C.N.R. has been obliged to grant the same privilege at Borden as a result of the service provided by our company.

Here are some other important facts to be considered: Our repeated requests to be permitted to build a new boat were on every occasion refused.

Our requests to operate prior to May 1 and after November 30, on the existing route were refused.

Our requests to operate prior to May 1, and after November 30, using the ports of Picou and Georgetown, was refused with the rider "we were not to mention this again."

Such decisions on the part of the Government we submit points clearly to the fact that they do not intend to permit this service to develop to the point where it will become of such importance as to provide a year round service, and thus continue to move traffic to the disadvantage of the C.N.R.

Your own publication carried the news that the new boat being built for the C.N.R. to operate between North Sydney and Port aux Basques, Newfoundland, is to be constructed to carry three trucks. How many trailer type trucks do you expect the boat proposed to be built by the Government will carry between Wood Islands and Caribou?

We do not believe that you will argue that the C.N.R. is anxious to take over the Wood Islands-Caribou Service so that they may be enabled to move freight between the Provinces without charge at Wood Islands, and grant the same privilege at Borden.

We submit that there is not another case in Canada where the C.N.R. has reduced rates to one-tenth of the previous rates charged except for the movement of trucks at Borden, whereas by reason of the fact that they do not intend to permit this service to develop to the point where it will become of such importance as to provide a year round service, and thus continue to move traffic to the disadvantage of the C.N.R.



IN MARCH

The sun falls warm: the southern winds awake: The air seethes upwards with a steamy shiver: Each dip of the road is now a crystal lake. And every rut a little dancing river.

—Archibald Lampman.

The Age Old Story

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

son of the fact that the Wood Islands-Caribou rates were written into the contract, and could not be changed, except by the Government, the Borden rates for a 9-mile crossing were reduced to the identical rates charged at Wood Islands for a 14 1/2-mile crossing.

On the other hand what in your opinion is the reason for the move to place the service under the control of the C.N.R.?

The remarks of the Hon. Mr. Darby in the debate in the House on Wednesday, made it very clear that Prince Edward Island must look very carefully into the actions and motives of the C.N.R. when it comes to implementing the matter of transportation.

So long as the present contract with Northumberland Ferries is in effect, Prince Edward Island can be assured of existing rates, and all that is needed is permission for them to extend the service and to present every move on our part to do so has been successfully defeated.

I am, Sir, etc., R. E. MUTCH, President, Northumberland Ferries Limited

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sir,—I note with interest a letter in this column by Mr. Bruce Yeo regarding daylight-saving time. I feel that Mr. Yeo has not expressed the opinion of the working class, I, as well as many others, feel that an extra hour of daylight in the summer evenings could be most useful in pursuing one's outdoor hobby, whether it be fishing, boating, gardening, etc.

The only way that this extra hour can be made available is through daylight saving time. A recent canvass of the business people of the Town of Montague has shown that they are practically 100 per cent in favor of daylight-saving time. Does this not deserve some consideration?

With regard to the farmer, if he finds daylight-saving time inconvenient for his type of work, he may continue to work during the same hours that he usually does. The fact that a number on the clock has been changed will have no bearing upon the dew on the grass.

I am, Sir, etc., CALLOUSED HANDS, Montague.

HUMBLE ORIGIN

John Curtin, Australia's wartime prime minister who died in 1945, started his career as a printer's assistant.

Ambassadors Of Good Will

(Canadian Churchman)

We have been thrilled by the news of the experiences of our Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they visited various parts of the Commonwealth. The accounts of their travels broaden our ideas of the extent and varied conditions of the other parts of the world-wide family to which we as a nation belong.

Our appreciation of the queenly and gracious character of Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, has been enhanced by the reports of her serene and amiable attitude during this tour, but to those who have been in closer association with her there must have come a new and truer conception of Queenship and a new attachment and loyalty to our Queen as the representative of the Commonwealth and as an outstanding example of Christian womanhood.

Another ambassador of good will has been our Premier, Sir Louis St. Laurent, who has been in every place visited, he has created a friendly attitude toward Canada and also towards other western nations as well. Mr. St. Laurent always impresses the average person, no matter what his politics may be, as an honest, frank and sincere gentleman, and cannot be surpassed as a true representative of Canada.

In another State, not as economically sound as some others, an experiment was tried in giving prospective teachers five years of higher education over and above normal school requirements. The purpose of this trial was to inquire systematically into the popular view that the more academic training a student has the better teacher he will turn out to be.

Only a year ago \$5 million dollars were given to another subsidiary known as the "Fund for the Republic." This, while distinct from the Education Fund, is closely allied with it, its purpose being to study and oppose all restrictions on freedom of thought, speech, and inquiry." This certainly has been a most heartily welcome!

How thankful Canadians should be for these Ambassadors of Good Will!

The Passing Scene

By Observer

A 25 MILLION DOLLAR GIFT

We often hear of so-called "souless" corporations; the inference is that most large business and industrial concerns are interested only in piling up riches with no thought for the welfare of the public or of the many individuals who labor for them.

These men have come to realize that the strength and permanency of any particular industry in a democratic society before very long will depend on the part it plays in the economic and cultural well-being of the society as a whole.

I was led to these reflections by a news item conveying the information that the Ford Foundation has just awarded a grant of 25 million dollars to one of its subsidiaries, the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

During the years between then and now there is scarcely a segment of American society which has not profited one way or another by the funds at the Foundation's disposal.

These funds are not used for traditional purposes such as college endowments, building programs, and operating expenses. According to the present President of the Educational Fund, "its purpose has been to devote its attention to education problems on all levels and to authorize necessary studies concerning contemporary goals in educational procedures, and to encourage experimentation for which no machinery or funds are available at present."

Since the founder of the Foundation was an experimenter all his life, always going from one trial to another, from the good to the better and from the better to the best, he would be expected that the endowments he established for education should be used for the sort of research which calls for imagination and the speculative temper.

In New Mexico, for instance, scholarships were provided to find out whether or not young men and women from the lower income groups who do not ordinarily go to college after High School would take readily to academic careers if proper opportunity were provided for them.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS

"The large building on Queen Street, belonging to the estate of the late Owen Connolly, is being fitted up anew. There will be two large stores on the ground floor, and the second and third stories will be fitted up for offices, etc."

"The policy of making lasting improvements in our streets and sidewalks, rather than putting a little dirt here and a few planks there, ought of course to be generally approved. A street repaired as Queen Street has been, and sidewalks put down as these in front of the London House, the Cameron Block, the Brown Block, Norton & Fennell's store, and Dodd & Rogers building, will last for generations. In them is something to show for the money expended, and by judiciously adding to them every year, a considerable part of the town will soon be materially and permanently improved, and a considerable expenditure of money annually saved."

—The Examiner, Nov. 5, 1888.

OIL IN BRITAIN

NOTTINGHAM, England. (CP)—More than 200 oil wells now are being worked at Eakring in Nottinghamshire. Crude oil in commercial quantities is also being pumped from a new well at Plumgar, near here.

FEDERAL PAYROLL UP

OTTAWA. (CP)—The federal government paid out \$79,192,676 in wages and salaries in December. This was slightly higher than \$78,541,002 paid out the previous month and more than \$3,000,000 above the \$76,104,893 a year before, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

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