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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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The Soviet Enigma

Marshal Stalin's death leaves the question of leadership in the Soviet Union an issue of tremendous importance to hundreds of millions of people.

As to the succession, the Star recalls that after Lenin's death in 1924 a triumvirate ruled Russia and controlled the Communist Party.

The only thing that suggests a repetition of this pattern is the existence near the top in the Kremlin of three men.

For the present there must rise in the breasts of enslaved peoples the hope that Stalin's death will create an opportunity for them to struggle toward freedom again.

Influenza Research

The Department of National Health and Welfare is working in close co-operation with the World Health Organization in the early recognition of clinical influenza and the detection of the particular strain of virus prevalent during an epidemic of this disease.

The advance notice of the presence of influenza in one or more countries is, of course, most important, as it is hoped that other countries will then have sufficient time to produce and administer vaccine.

Report On Education

When free education was established in this Province, a hundred years ago, there were three vacations during the year: one week in June, a week in October, and from December 24 to January 6.

The annual report of the Department of Education, tabled in the House, does not go into detail on the subjects covered

but makes it obvious that children today lead a very busy school life indeed. All of this imposes a heavy burden on the smaller schools whose teachers or teachers are unable to specialize.

While statistics of enrollment have remained practically stationary since 1897, the percentage of attendance has steadily improved and expenditure by the Government has multiplied more than ten-fold and by the Districts, more than 20-fold.

A total of 868 pupils wrote entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College last year. Of this number 529 or 61 per cent were successful.

Encouraging reports are included on the introduction of pre-Grade I classes at West Kent School, Charlottetown, and the R. C. A. F. Station School, Summerside; on the P. E. I. Libraries, adult education, film board, health, home economics and vocational training.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Australian sheep men are taking comfort from the fact that more moderate wool prices no longer stimulate the production of substitutes for wool.

John Philip Sousa, American conductor, author and composer, died this date 1932. His compositions include: "The Washington Post", "El Capitan", "Stars and Stripes", and waltzes, songs and symphonies.

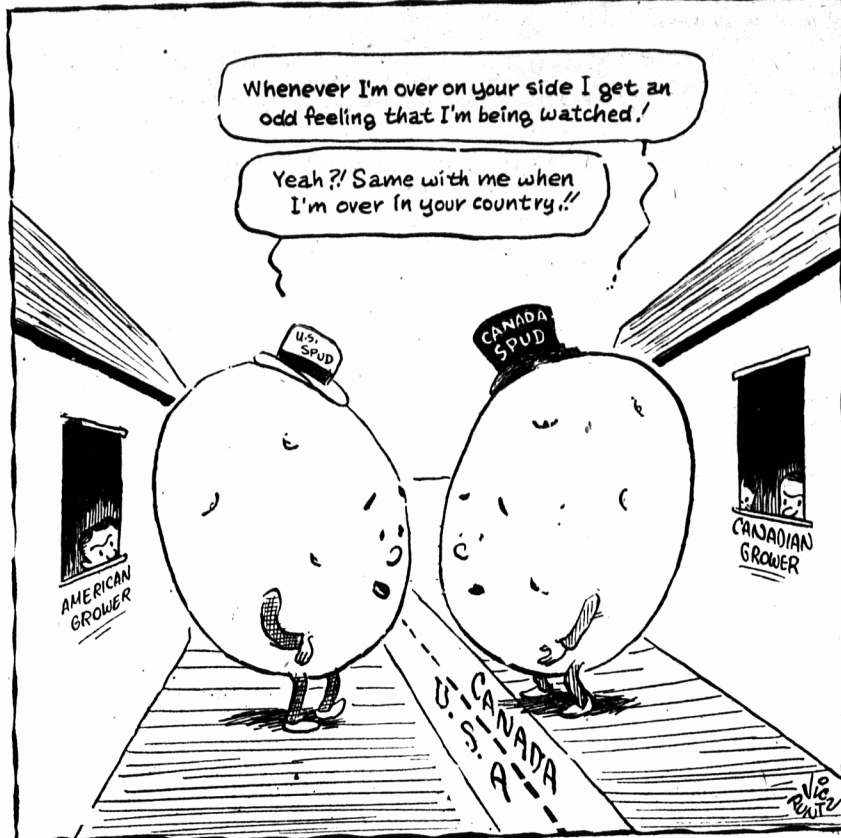
It is doubtful whether substituting two 48-hour passes for a third annual two-week leave will do much for Canadian army morale in Germany.

The leading part in a new ballet at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre is taken by the 23-year-old Scottish dancer, Kenneth Macmillan.

Exposure of Communist aims to sow the seeds of distrust and unrest, mostly through labor unions and political channels, is doing much to undermine the Communist movement in the United States and Canada.

A diabolical invention has been patented in the United States, in the form of an alarm clock that keeps an electric beam on the unfortunate sleeper and forces him to get out of bed and stay out.

The Feelings Are Mutual



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.

THE COMMUNIST MENACE

Sir,—I wonder how many in this country are astonished at the freedom given to those who profess the doctrine of Communism. They are at liberty to attack the basic principles of the democratic countries in which they live.

Every try to pass a truck on wet pavement? Generally you have to stay back for a long look ahead, then make a dash for it through the sheet of dirty spray, driving almost blind until you get along side and your wipers catch up with their work.

The virus of mis-spelling in public places seems to be spreading. Some time ago our teeth were set on edge by placards proclaiming a movie title as "Because Your Mine".

I am, Sir, etc., New Wiltshire

The Poet's Corner

INHERITANCE

As flow the rivers to the sea Down from rocky hill or plain. A thousand ages toiled for thee And gave thee harvest of their gain.

The shadowy toilers for thee fought In chaos of primeval day Blind battles with they knew not what; And each before he passed away Gave clear articulate cries of woe; Your pain is theirs of long ago.

And not alone unto your birth Their gift the weeping ages bore. The old descents of God on earth Have dowered thee with celestial lore; So, wise, and filled with sad and gay You pass unto the further day.

R. L'VENDEEN, England (CP) — The reward list at a police station in this Kent community included £2 for recovery of "two legs lost on a local highway". They were legs of a grand piano, lost from a truck

Notes By The Ways

In a contest in Virginia to determine which fire company had the best band, the award went to a company that didn't have a band.

A Montreal man brought into court for possession of smuggled American cigarettes was fined \$50, or \$1.25 each for the forty "smugs" he had. Perhaps it isn't so cheap to smoke smuggled cigarettes after all.

Traffic is a tough problem in nearly every country these days but few have been so bold as to remove all speed limits. In this country at least it would not be well to rely entirely on drivers' judgment. There are always some people at the wheel who don't use arbitrary, but it seems best to have a definite figure laid down.

The future of hockey rests in the hands of the players themselves, their coaches, hockey executives and the referees. Unless a concerted, sincere effort is made to have the game played cleanly, hockey can easily lose much of its popular appeal.

At the annual general meeting of the Princetown Agricultural Society, held at the house of Mr. George Bearis on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, a vote of thanks was tendered to James Yeo Esq., M. P. P., for his liberal offer to import from Great Britain the live stock ordered by the several Agricultural Societies in Prince County, free of freight.

The disappearance of the sales tax on newspaper, printing materials and books will not attract attention like the more sensational reductions on the income taxes of individuals and organizations. But the abolition of that 10 per cent tax is none the less of great importance for all Canadians.

How unfortunate it is that most youngsters cherish an ambition to become a star in a professional hockey league, such as the National Hockey League. What a shame that the example is one of hoodlumism — hardly the sort of ambition to which parents want their youngsters to aspire.

Hundreds of professional hockey fans have probably never seen a game in which speed, clever stick handling and combination passing plays emphasize the things that made hockey famous.

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Old Charlottetown

AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The following persons were appointed office bearers during the current year: President, Rev. John Kier; vice presidents, Hon. Peter S. MacNutt and Mr. George Bearis; secretary and treasurer, William Bearis; Committee Robert Hyndman, Esq., Messrs. John MacLeod (Cove), Dugald Ramsay, James Sinclair, Benjamin Bearis, Archibald McEllan, Alexander McKinnon, John Webster, James Bearis.

The 1952-53 world wheat crop was estimated at 7,235,000,000 bushels, 625,000,000 more than the peak of 1938-39.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

The people who are trying to get the phonetic-spelling bill through the British Parliament say they hope the experiment, if and when it becomes law, will have some beneficial effects on the reading habits of English youth.

I should say here that I do not happen to be one of the innumerable company who feel that our modern schools cannot be compared favourably with the schools of thirty or forty years ago, and that they are getting worse all the time.

I suggest that the fault, if fault there be, is due not so much to the alleged inefficiency of teachers as to the hurried and almost synthetic way of living which has fallen upon our times.

Then, too, there is not the compelling incentive for any kind of reading—good, bad or indifferent—that there used to be.

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The Age-Old Story

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Value of cheques cashed in Canadian bank clearing centres tripled between 1938 and 1952.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for Palmer & Haslam, A. Wathen Gaudet, M. Alban Farmer, J. S. Taylor, J. A. McGuigan, Chas. R. McQuaid, Dr. K. A. MacEachern, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac, Bell, Mathieson & Foster, Allison M. Gillis, Byron J. Grant, H. R. Doane & Company, and McDonald, Currie & Co.