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Commission Appointed

It is to be hoped, now that the Royal Commission on transportation and freight rates has been appointed, that there will be no undue delay in getting the investigation started.

It is hoped, too, that the new Commission will make more specific recommendations with regard to equalization of freight rates than the Turgeon Commission did.

Hospital Insurance

A free bonus period under the hospital insurance plan is something our people had not expected, and no doubt the offer, as announced in the press yesterday by Premier Matheson, is intended to aid in popularizing the plan and obtaining more subscribers.

As we understand it, the proposal is that all persons who register before August 31, 1959, and who pay at least a three-month premium before the end of the year, will be insured under the plan from October 1, 1959, to June 30, 1960.

Now that the Hospital Commission has been appointed, it will be their responsibility to finance the scheme in a manner which will not involve big deficits from year to year.

Some Seaway Problems

Evidently it will be some time before the Western Provinces can hope to benefit fully from the newly opened St. Lawrence Seaway. It was hoped that, when the Seaway was in operation, large ocean vessels would be able to come to the Head of the Lakes, discharge their cargo and load with grain, which they could carry directly to overseas destinations without transshipments.

The first ship into Port Arthur was a 16,000-ton freighter capable of carrying more than 15,000 tons of grain. But because she draws 31 feet of water when fully loaded, and there is only 20 feet of water at the elevator where she loaded, she was limited to 8,500 tons.

Nor was she able to load immediately. She is a big ship, riding much higher in the water than the "lakers." As a result, the grain spouts of the elevator were too low to pour the grain into her holds.

These are problems of loading. There will also be difficulties for deep-sea ships coming to the Lakehead with cargoes of inbound freight. Facilities at the Lakehead harbor are not constructed to handle cargoes of this kind from ocean-going ships.

Until the Lakehead facilities are such that both inbound and outbound cargoes can be handled speedily and efficiently, Port Arthur and Fort William are going to lag behind other Great Lakes ports in getting their share of Seaway traffic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A noted American scientist has spent ten years counting the birds in Panama. An interesting occupation, no doubt; but it must be a bit tedious at times.

Defence Minister Peakes is quoted as saying that "the West could knock the stuffing out of the Russians if they started a war now."

David J. McDonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America, recently gave reporters a rather curious lesson in semantics.

John Dos Passos, novelist, essayist, and poet, is not only a creative artist. He is also something of an inventor. Recently, in co-operation with a Kansas City manufacturer, Alexander G. Jianas, he invented a new type of pistol for blowing soap bubbles.

For three successive years, Bill Christie, Alberta, has won the Provincial trophy for the herd with the highest average milk production. How does he do it? Certainly not by feeding his cattle highly priced feeds.

Science Service reports increased production of grain but a decrease in per capita supply of food. Production has been overtaken by the growth of population. This keeps per capita supplies about where they were before World War One.

One thing that is unusual about the current meeting of Foreign Ministers at Geneva is the presence of religious "observers". Representing the World Council of Churches is Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.



HARD CLIMBS AHEAD

Is He Flexible, Too?

The meeting of foreign ministers at Geneva has begun amidst Khrushchevian blasts about his power to wipe out the West with his hydrogen bombs. It might not seem a very cordial or promising beginning.

But Khrushchev's attitude on the Berlin question seems inflexible, only if his statements are taken each by itself. When they are placed together, in a row, they will be found to have considerable variation.

Alaska, New Style

Alaska-bound fifty-miners are heading toward an entirely new kind of frontier. The 49th State greets newcomers with expected scenes of raw wilderness and fast-growing settlements.

Why Does A Baseball Curve?

No sports fan doubts that a golf ball or a tennis ball can curve laterally in flight. Some, however, question whether the same is true of a thrown baseball, or at least whether a thrown baseball curves as much as baseball players and sports writers commonly claim.

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Start Spring Cleaning Here

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. It's time for spring house cleaning. So let's start with an easy job, the medicine cabinet.

Recently, a surgical dressing manufacturing firm distributed safety leaflets to many of the nation's drug stores, giving some suggestions on how to treat a medicine cabinet.

Old medicine bottles seem to be sort of sacred. You don't touch them; you just let them pile up. SWEET OUT CABINET So, right now, while you are in a cleaning mood, let's sweep out that medicine cabinet.

Every year thousands of persons are poisoned because they take accidental overdoses of drugs. Take the wrong drugs or mistakenly drink cosmetics.

First, always turn on the light before you even reach for a bottle of medicine at night. Second, if you are the least bit drowsy, wash your face in cold water before opening the medicine cabinet.

Could such a condition be caused by tension, as nothing was wrong on examination? Answer: Retention of fluid which may cause swelling of the face, hands and ankles is not usually due to tension.

He then turned to a wind tunnel. When he dropped a ball spinning at known speed into a horizontal stream of air moving at known speed, he was able to determine how much the ball was deflected at right angles to its axis of spin.

Briggs' experiments left unanswered one question that troubles the devotee of baseball physics. Can a baseball be made to "break" that is to curve more sharply at the end of its trajectory than at the beginning?

Thus the air pressure on the left side is lowered, and the pressure on the second side is increased. This differential in pressure makes the ball curve in the direction of spin.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Field Marshal Montgomery is proving again the fallacy of the time-honored quip. Old soldiers just don't fade away.—Ottawa Citizen

When these Ontarians sell us peaches, their reputation is on top of the basket and their character near the bottom.—Brandon Sun

With so much spare time on their hands the working class will become the new leisure class. Scientists see a great opportunity for a cultural renaissance, with more time for reading, sculpturing, painting, composing discussion and adult education.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1934) A serious problem facing the P.E.I. Potato Growers Association in the matter of financing its fertilizer requirements this season has been solved by the Provincial Government coming to the Association's aid and guaranteeing payment to the fertilizer company of the amount involved, which is about \$100,000.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 15, 1949) The choir of Montague United Church held a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Samson on Wednesday night in the church classroom, prior to their departure for Portage La Prairie where Mr. Samson has been transferred as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE was held at the home of Mrs. T.B. Rogers on Thursday evening. The president, Mrs. Scantlebury, presided. Mr. Gordon MacDonald, reporting for the Public Safety Committee, said that the City Council had agreed to make a survey of all public meeting places to examine existing exits.

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BROWN LEAVES IN SPRING Leaves should be brown in spring this year at least. Oh, how my heart has longed for rusty leaves. When nature spreads her finery and weaves These patterns of eternal green, amassed Each on each until the world is vast With life: to know that death at last retrieves His own, to see the end upon these leaves. Before the first bright flush of spring is past. And why rejoice? Could I then stand apart And watch with absent eye such sad decay? Is not the foliage once within my heart Become a withered mess, that death may say: 'Behold, now then, the fullness of my art— A winter's night within a summer's day?' —Robert Fitch —In The N.Y. Herald Tribune.

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