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Perils Of The Sea

Englishmen and the Dutch have long challenged the sea, sometimes suffering grievous losses, but never before has the sea taken the offensive against their homes and lives in the way it did the last few days and threatens again when the spring tides come in about a week. The massive wall of water built up by the tide and by winds of hurricane force cost nearly a thousand lives in The Netherlands and more than half that number in Britain. The loss of property is almost incalculable, including more than one-sixth of the territory of the Netherlands and great areas of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex in England.

Until now the great national disasters of earthquake, flood, forest fire and hurricane seemed to have passed those lands by or touched them lightly. When disaster struck elsewhere the British and Dutch were early on the scene with assistance for stricken populations. Now, after passing through the strain and hardship of war and the grim years of hope deferred it seems that nature is to join the sport of trying those gallant souls on either side of the Channel.

Prime Minister St. Laurent speaks for all of us when he proposed immediate steps to direct relief efforts of this country. Prime Minister Churchill declared that the flood is a "national responsibility" and it may be presumed that in the end the victims, or at least the survivors, will be compensated. The long run is not now, however, and there is immediate need for emergency aid and supplies on a scale that no nation can supply. Canadians will be called upon to help fill that immediate need and will no doubt be ready and willing.

Children Are People

Various theories have been proposed and acted upon in the bringing up of children from the proverbial injunction against sparing the rod, to the extreme encouragement of self-expression. Somehow, however, gifted teachers in every age find ways of developing all that is best in their young charges. They are beloved as well as obeyed and their pupils are fired with a desire to acquire skill or knowledge.

Not everyone is a born teacher and most parents would disclaim special aptitude, but we know a great deal about what makes for good teaching and the Federal Health Department has issued a pamphlet which should be useful in maintaining family discipline, an essential part of education.

Four guideposts are given: love; guidance; firmness with kindness; and the parents' own good example. It is to be noted that beating "usually worsens the behavior for which the child was punished" and threats of "you do this or else" bring the opposite reaction to that intended. The good disciplinarian, of course, expects to be obeyed, makes a firm reasonable demand that holds the child's respect.

It is not to be expected that publication of a pamphlet will solve the problem of bringing up children but such advice, based on wide experience and intelligent tackling of problems, should be of great assistance to parents at least in avoiding the worst errors. Perhaps the most difficult to avoid is the contrast between example and precept.

Income Tax Anomalies

Sound accounting principles should, of course, be followed in computing income for tax purposes. It is the contention of a joint committee of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Canadian Bar Association that this is not the case at Ottawa. In a brief presented to the Ministers of Finance and Revenue, the committee points out how distributors of dairy products, for example, have been hard hit by the present tax policy. Many of them are being forced to pay on receipts from milk tickets sold at the year's end without any deduction being allowed for the cost of milk to be supplied in the following year. As a result, many companies find it necessary to change policies which are perfectly sound from a business point of view so as not to pay tax on unearned profits. One large dairy company, it is stated, had gone so far as to stop selling milk tickets during the last week of 1952, to the annoyance of many of its customers and also its drivers

who did not sympathize with the new policy.

Companies in other lines of business also have given up the practice of charging deposits on containers and are prepared to take the resulting loss rather than pay tax on deposits which are refundable. This procedure of taxing businesses on their receipts rather than on their profits affects businesses of almost every kind. The committee cited other examples of fire and casualty insurance companies, railway, airline and bus companies and merchandising firms.

The committee has also repeated its request of last year to remove discriminatory tax treatment of married persons. They point out that a wife who is employed by her husband or carries on a business with him may be heavily penalized under the present law. Relief for contributors to retirement pensions is also being sought.

The brief points out that many persons are ignorant of their right to appeal income tax assessments, and advocates that notices of assessment furnish the necessary information. Furthermore, a taxpayer who objects to an assessment should not be compelled to pay the tax in dispute before he has filed his objection and, if the dispute is decided in his favour, the Government should pay interest on any tax overpaid.

One of the most important recommendations arose from a recent change in the Tax Department's policy. Until recently the purchaser of a bond was only taxed on the interest which accrued after the date of purchase. A short while ago the Department began taxing purchasers of bonds on the full amount of the interest coupon. It is urged that the tax be apportioned between sellers and purchasers of the bond, as formerly. Numerous other amendments are suggested, which will doubtless be given due consideration in preparing the next budget. Certainly such organizations as the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Canadian Bar Association represent informed public opinion and perform a valuable service in thus bringing their views before the Government.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Circumstances may well make an "election budget" an impossibility, but as it is to be brought down early, voting taxpayers will have two additional months to forget its sting.

The tourist trade follows the spud. At any rate a surprisingly large number of tourist enquiries have been received from Spain whose principal connection with this Province has been buying Island potatoes on occasion.

American troops under General MacArthur recaptured Manila this date 1945. It had been occupied by the Japanese since Jan. 2, 1942. MacArthur had always remained in touch with the resistance movement within the Philippine capital and communication was maintained by numerous radio stations about the islands and by submarine.

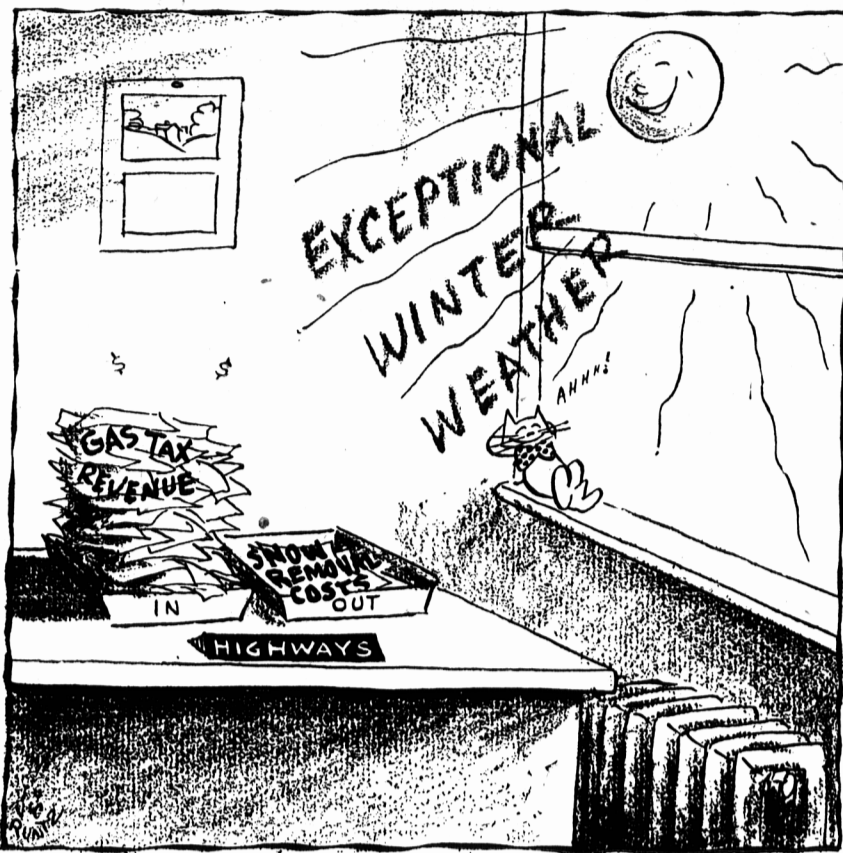
Summerside is to be congratulated on organizing a Community Concert Association. Very few Canadian cities are large enough to attract top flight musical artists with any regularity on a purely speculative basis. By organizing, however, and prepaying expenses a small community can put itself on a par with the larger cities.

Fish landings and prices in the Atlantic Provinces were generally satisfactory compared with previous years. Lobsters, however, although they brought in more revenue, were down in quantity landed. Strict obedience to conservation measures is essential if the industry is to continue prosperous.

The resolution that Canada send material aid to Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium moved by Prime Minister St. Laurent had the support of all parties and will certainly be backed by the Canadian people. It is noteworthy, by the way, that Britain with all her own problems of storm and flood, yet managed to send four helicopters to aid rescue work in Holland.

Canada is becoming a creditor nation. For the seventh consecutive month, Canada in November had a purchase balance in international trading in securities, the bureau of statistics reports. In the seven-month period from May through November, transactions in outstanding securities produced a net overflow of capital amounting to more than \$100,000,000. Largest monthly purchase balance during this period occurred in October with a total of \$32,300,000. Net purchases of all types of securities for the first 11 months of 1952 was \$91,400,000, compared with a sales balance of \$5,500,000 in the corresponding period of 1951.

The Sun Shines Bright



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

WEATHER RECORDINGS

"Mr. Justice Fitzgerald has handed us for publication and general information his thermometer readings for the past twenty years. These are taken from a self-regulating standard thermometer, the same as that used at the Meteorological Office, and therefore fairly accurate. They show the number of days in each month and year where it registered zero and below, and the lowest readings in each year.

"The lowest readings for the year 1892 were: Jan. 25th, 2 below; Feb. 28th, 3 below. In this year the "Erema", one of the Peake Bros. sailing ships, came in the harbour on the 23rd of January, and the Hillsborough ferry boat was running up to the 4th of February. For subsequent years the readings show the two coldest days as follows: 1893, Jan. 23rd and Feb. 3rd, 12 below; 1894, Jan. 10th 9 below, Feb. 25th 13 below; 1895, Jan. 6th 8 below, Feb. 24th 15 below; 1896, Jan. 29th 12 below, Feb. 28th 10 below; 1897, Jan. 19th 10 below, March 2nd 11 below; 1898, Jan. 31st 18 below, Jan. 29th and 30th, 9 below; 1899, Jan. 10th 8 below, Jan. 11th 9 below; 1900, Feb. 27th 5 below, Feb. 28th 6 below; 1901, Jan. 19th 7 below, Jan. 20th, 16 below; 1902, Jan. 29th and 30th, zero; Dec. 9th 6 below; 1903, Jan. 19th 10 below, Jan. 20th 8 below; 1904, Jan. 4th, 14 below, Feb. 6th, 15 below; 1905, Jan. 6th 30 below, Jan. 25, 12 below, Feb. 16th, 15 below; 1906, Feb. 17th 3 below, Dec. 10th 4 below; 1907, Jan. 17th 11 below, Jan. 25th, 10 below; 1908, Feb. 1st, 10 below, Feb. 4th, 9 below; 1909, Jan. 17th, 11 below, Feb. 4th, 12 below; 1910, Feb. 25th 5 below, Feb. 28th 6 below; 1911, Jan. 17th, 13 below, Jan. 18th 15 below.

"In 1900 the Hillsborough ferry was running up to the 18th of January, and it registered 54 degrees at midday of Jan. 28th, and the same on Feb. 12th. In 1902 the ferry boat ran up to the 20th of January, and the Stanley came into the harbour on Feb. 21st through ice about nine inches thick. In 1906 wagons were in use up to the 4th of February and again on Feb. 15th, with southeast snow storm on the 20th blocking roads. In 1908 up to Feb. 25th the daily mean temperature was 19.6, rainfall 1.32 in. and snowfall 1.70 in.; Rocky Point boat running until the 14th of January, with streets bare of snow on Jan. 28th. In 1910 the "Earl Grey" came in the harbour, on Jan. 24th, running regularly until the 14th of February with the river and harbour open until Feb. 25th with but little snow. In 1912 there were twelve days below zero in January and up to the 12th day of February three days below, the Judge's lowest recording being 18 degrees below.

"The readings show that during these twenty years, this year so far has been our coldest with the exception of the years 1904, when in January and up to the 11th day of February there were 19 days registering zero and below (15 degrees below being the lowest) and in 1905 when in January and up to the 12th February there were 16 days showing zero and below, (15 degrees being the lowest.)" -The Prince Edward Islander, Feb. 16, 1912.

The Age-Old Story

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Notes By The Way

A man in London, England, says he saves thirty pounds every year by running instead of taking trains, buses and taxis. One would think he would lose that much too. -Fort William Times-Journal.

Woman can sit through a service bundled up in fur coats, apparently quite comfortable, while men leave their heavy coats in the lobby and sit through the same service, apparently quite comfortable also. -Dauphin (Manitoba) Herald.

Will education prevent crime or decrease it? The cure has never been tried. In the United States, according to J. Edgar Hoover, the yearly expenditure on crime prevention is four and two-thirds as much as on all forms of education, public and private. -Vancouver Province.

After being shown houses where Queen Elizabeth slept or Abe Lincoln lit the fire we reach the ultimate with the glad news from Hartford that the city council saved from destruction a barn where George Washington's horse slept one night in 1781. -Ottawa Journal.

We are glad to note that the courts have upheld the right of a Beverly Hills woman to hang bed sheets out of the window of the fashionable hotel where she lives. Next thing you know, they'll be trying to stop women hanging up their nylons in the bathroom. -Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Incomparably the most important men in the Western World today are Mr. Churchill, General

Eisenhower and Dr. Adenauer. It is said that France can produce no one to put in the same category, or anywhere near it, but France has chosen so to conduct her affairs that no single man can remain in office long enough to achieve real greatness. The nearest to that in recent years has been M. Robert Schuman. -London Spectator.

There's a new wrinkle in bed-covers - the electric sheet. This cousin of the electric blanket was designed for use at times when the blanket might seem too warm. The sheet is made, like most of its non-electric kin, of cotton broadcloth. Waterproof-coated wiring is woven into it. It has six heat-regulating units, against nine in a blanket. A double-bed sheet retails for \$38.98. The sheet is more easily washed than the blanket and, being lighter in weight, is more easily portable. -Wall Street Journal.

What's in a name? One answer comes from the Municipal League of Seattle. It quizzed election officials throughout the United States and found an emphatic opinion that candidates at the top of a long alphabetical ballot have an edge over their opponents. The survey supports the rotation system already in effect in such states as Washington and Oregon. This system provides that each candidate shall head a certain number of ballots. After that the number has been changed to give priority to the candidate whose name is next in alphabetical order. And so on until the roster has been completed. -Vancouver Sun.

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From "The High Tide On The Coast Of Lincolnshire"

The following excerpts from a once famous poem by Jean Ingelow are recalled by a subscriber, as being of timely interest in connection with the disastrous floods which have ravaged the coasts of England, the Netherlands and Belgium during the past few days. The Lincolnshire flood occurred in 1871:

The old mayor climbed the belfry tower, The ringers ran by two, by three; "Pull, if ye never pulled before; Good ringers, pull your best," quoth he. "Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells! Play all your changes, all your swells, Play uppe 'The Brides of Enderby.'"

I sat and spun within the doore, My thread brake off, I raised myne eyes; The level sun, like ruddy ore, Lay sinking in the barren skies; And dark against day's golden death She moved where Lindis wandereth, My sonne's faire wife, Elizabeth.

"Cusha! Cusha! Cusha!" calling, Ere the early dews were falling, Farre away I heard her song, "Cusha! Cusha!" all along; Where the reedy Lindis floweth, Floweth, floweth, From the meads where melick groweth Fairly came her milking song. . .

Alle fresh the level pasture lay, And not a shadowe mote be seene, Save where full five good milcs away The steeple towered from out the greene; And lo! the great bell farre and wide Was heard in all the country side That Saturday at eventide.

The swanherds where their sedges are Moved on in sunset's golden breath, The shepherde lads I heard afarre, And my sonne's wife, Elizabeth, Till floating o'er the grassy sea Came downe that kyndly message free, They ring the bells of Enderby! . . .

Then some looked uppe into the sky, And all along where Lindis flows To where the goodly vessels lie, And where the lordly steeple shows, They sayde, "And why should this thing be? What danger lowers by land or sea? They ring the bells of Enderby!" . . .

I looked without, and lo! my sonne Came riding downe with might and main; He raised a shout as he drew on, Till all the welkin rang again, "Elizabeth! Elizabeth!" (A sweeter woman ne'er drew breath Than my sonne's wife Elizabeth.)

"The olde sea wall (he cried) is downe, The rising tide comes on apace, And boats adrift in yonder towne Go sailing uppe the market-place." He shook as one that looks on death; "God save us, mother!" straight he saith; "Where is my wife, Elizabeth?"

"Good sonne, where Lindis winds her way, With her two balns I marked her long; And ere yond bells beganne to play Afar I heard her milking song." He looked across the grassy lea, To right, to left, "Ho, Enderby!" They rang, "The Brides of Enderby!"

With that he cried and beat his breast; For lo! along the river's bed A mighty eygre reared his crest, And uppe the Lindis raging sped. It swept with thunderous noises loud; Shaped like a curling snow-white cloud, Or like a demon in a shroud.

And rearing Lindis backward pressed Shook all her trembling banks amaine; Then madly at the eygre's breast Flung uppe her weltering walls again. Then banks came down with rain and rout- Then beaten foam flew round about- Then all the mighty floods were out.

So farre, so fast the eygre drave, The heart had hardly time to beat Before a shallow seething wave Sobbed in the grasses at our feet: The feet had hardly time to flee Before it brake against the knee, And all the world was in the sea.

Upon the roofs we sate that night, The noise of bells went sweeping by; I marked the lofty beacon light Stream from the church tower, red and high- A lurid mark and dread to see; And awesome bells they were to mee, That in the dark rang "Enderby."

They rang the sailor lads to guide From roffe to roffe who fearless rowed; And I-my sonne was at my side, And yet the ruddy beacon glowed; And yet he moaned beneath his breath, "O come in life, or come in death! O lost! my love, Elizabeth."

And didst thou visit him no more? Thou didst, thou didst, my daughter deare; The waters laid thee at his doore, Ere yet the early dawn was clear. Thy pretty balns in fass embrace, The lifted sun shone on thy face, Downe drifted to thy dwelling-place.

That flow strewed wrecks about the grass, That ebbe swept out the flocks to sea; A fatal ebbe and flow, alas! To manye more than myne and mee; But each will mourn his own (she saith); And sweeter woman ne'er drew breath Than my sonne's wife, Elizabeth.

I shall never hear her more By the reedy Lindis shore "Cusha! Cusha! Cusha!" calling, Ere the early dews be falling; I shall never hear her song, "Cusha! Cusha!" all along; Where the sunny Lindis floweth, Goeth, floweth; From the meads where melick groweth, When the water winding down, Onward floweth to the town.

(Eygre: An archaic word meaning a sudden and formidable influx and surging of the tide in a big wave or waves, up a river or estuary; a bore.)

Five minutes before the 1.20 coat over the swan he grabbed it, a m. train from Holburn to Orpington was due in at Blackfriars station on Monday a swan was seen standing on a platform. The swan was on the platform when the train arrived. A few minutes before the train started the station staff could take action. Mr. John Pugh, a journalist, stepped on to the track, taking off his raincoat as he did so. Flinging his