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Laying The Corner Stone

We waited a long time for it. There were many delays and many discouragements before the work actually got under way.

Apart from the great advantage afforded by centralizing the Federal offices in one commodious building, the new edifice will be an outstanding adornment to the City.

The Federal Government is to be congratulated upon its activities in this connection, and the Provincial Government as well upon its efforts in pressing for the project.

Early Times Recalled

All interested in the early history of Prince Edward Island will find fascinating material in a book just issued by the MacMillan Company of Canada, Ltd., entitled "Journeys to the Island of St. John."

As Dr. Harvey relates in his introduction, New London was almost entirely dependent upon supplies from England and the wreck of the "Elizabeth" created something of a panic amongst the original settlers.

spent on the island was one of the darkest in its history.

The other narratives comprise "A Series of Letters Descriptive of Prince Edward Island," by Walter Johnstone, first published at Dumfries in 1822, and followed by "Travels in Prince Edward Island in the years 1820-21," a detailed account of his experiences with the various religious denominations on the Island; and finally, a pamphlet entitled "Emigration, Prince Edward Island," by J. L. Lewellin, which was published in Charlottetown in 1832.

Walter Johnstone was a shoemaker from Dumfriesshire, a shrewd, if dour, observer of manners and morals, who gives a very complete picture of life on the Island in his time.

Dr. Harvey, who is Public Archivist for Nova Scotia, chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and a former Prince Edward Islander, of course needs no introduction to students of Island history.

Friction At City Hall

Controversy over the purchase of a new pumper for the Fire Department has been frequent at City Council meetings of late, and has resulted in the resignation of Councillor George Rogers, chairman of the Fire Committee, in protest against what he regards as lack of support of the Department.

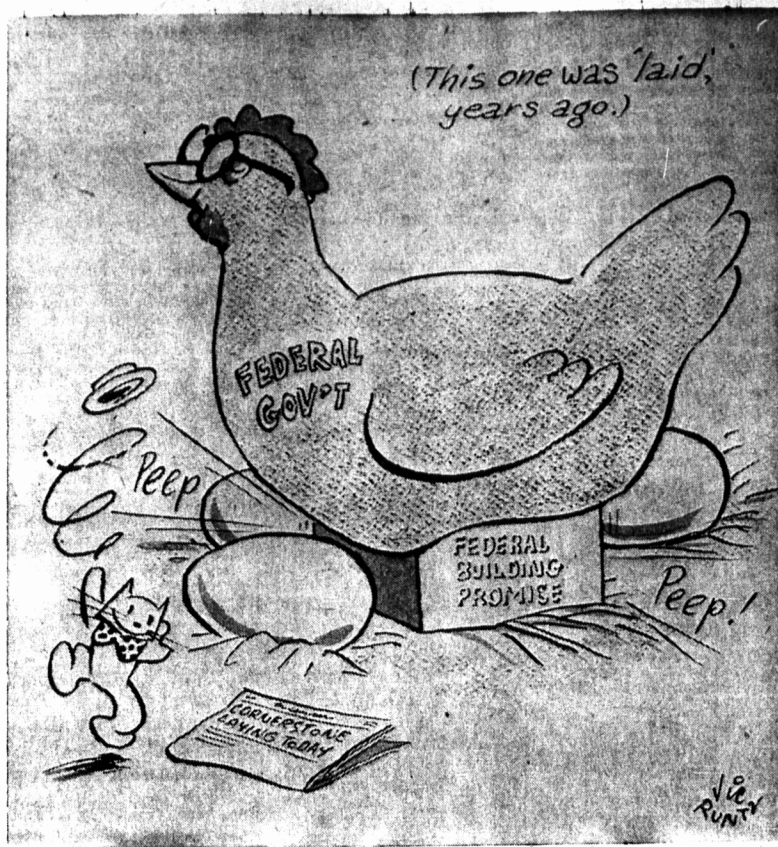
EDITORIAL NOTES

Reports say that young Irish men and women are leaving their homeland in increasing numbers. Many of them, apparently, are not going far.

The Catholic Social Welfare Bureau drive gets under way today. It should not be necessary to emphasize the value of the work which the Bureau performs, but it is worth noting that the past year has made exceptional demands upon its services.

The Guardian has learned that the Federal Minister of Public Works requested the honour of the presence of Mr. W. Chester S. McLure at the official ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the new Federal Building in Charlottetown today.

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And Now The Hatching!

Historical Note On Cornerstones

In connection with the laying of the Cornerstone of the Federal Building in Charlottetown. (Contributed)

The laying of a cornerstone, like the laying of hands in symbol of blessing, is a custom which has its roots in distant times. It is entirely fitting in 1955 that this Federal Building, which as a landmark will profoundly change the skyline of Charlottetown, should incorporate in its modern structure some tradition from the ancient past.

In earliest historic times natural landmarks were sometimes marked with special veneration as a memorial to an event. Posts or carved stakes were used where trees were plentiful; later piles of boulders, or one large significant stone, were utilized instead, since these were less subject to decay and less liable to be removed.

Western Jubilee Volumes

By Jim Peacock Canadian Press Staff Writer

When Alberta was born a cheering crowd "surged to its feet to shout and wave and shout again."

When Saskatchewan became a province the same year, its settlers were "so engrossed . . . in their all-absorbing task of establishing themselves" that few paid much attention to the political fact.

Alberta and Saskatchewan were created provinces Sept. 1, 1905, and two books have been published this year commemorating their golden jubilee.

"Alberta Golden Jubilee Anthology" edited by W. G. Hardy, and "Saskatchewan, The History of a Province" by Jim Wright, give different pictures of incorporation, as they do in portraying the early days of the West and in their histories of the first half-century of the two prairie provinces.

The Alberta anthology, a comprehensive 470-page record of the province's first 50 years, without resort to statistics, and the Saskatchewan work, an objective and factual 300-page history, were written to commemorate the 50th anniversaries of these two provinces. Both are published by McLellan and Stewart Ltd., Toronto.

Mr. Hardy, professor and head of the University of Alberta's classic department and past president of the Canadian Authors Association, as editor-in-chief of Alberta anthology has compiled the works of more than 100 Alberta authors into an easy-flowing, romantic record of Alberta's first half-century.

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The remaining divisions tell little of the romance of the settlers who made the province. For whatsoever things were

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The Poet's Corner

OLD PASTURES No more now does the night dew fall upon The drowsy flanks, the clover-fragrant breath, Of cattle moving slowly toward the brink

Of the windy pool and bending their heads to drink The drowned and shivering stars. The cool, deep notes In a walled room. Make sure there are no drafts

I think you'll find that a good hot drink will help, too. Then get into bed. If you want, you can use a heating pad or a hot water bottle for additional warmth.

QUESTION AND ANSWER L. E.: To satisfy a constant craving for sweets, I consume at least a pound of candy daily with no weight gain. Is this harmful?

Answer: It is harmful to consume the amount of sweets daily that you mention. This craving for sweets might be due to diabetes or to low blood sugar coming from some other cause.

Written aforesaid were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

They tell instead of political growth, of formation of the co-operative farmer organizations, a little of the province's men who fought in the world wars, and much of the prices of wheat, bushels per acre, and activities of governments.

Although statistical details is abundant, the book is spare in anecdote and characterizations of outstanding personalities.

In 1908 wages for stooking and binding were \$1.75 to \$2.25 a day, for threshing \$2 to \$2.25. There were 1,000 school districts in 1905, 5,000 in 1955. One page tells that the provincial government persuaded the children of 880 schools to kill half a million gophers on May 1, 1917. In the next paragraph it says the war demand had driven the price of wheat to \$2.72 a bushel.

Hardships endured by the individual, his way of living and earning a living, his cultural and educational development, the discoveries of oil and minerals now playing a big part in the province's economy — these things have been sparsely described, while the details of farm and labor organizations and of minor politicians have crowded out the romance of prairie building.

A feature of "Saskatchewan, The History of a Province" is Saskatchewan artist A. W. Devey's 83 drawings, maps and charts. These have the spirit of the open prairie, the prairie town, which the narrative lacks.

Formosa, 240 miles long and 85 miles wide, has a population of about 8,500,000.

STRIKE ENDS BRANTFORD CP five-day strike at the Canadian Westinghouse Co m p n y's plant ended Tuesday as 80 workers returned to their jobs. Members of Local 555, International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Monday night voted unanimously to ratify a settlement reached Sunday by company and union negotiators. The workers went on strike Thursday to enforce demands for increased wages.

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. NEPHRITIS MAY START WITH A MILD ATTACK

The first attack of nephritis may be so mild that you won't even notice it. The kidney damage might not be discovered until years later.

The beginning of acute nephritis may be sudden or insidious. The course may also be slow or fast. Usually, one of the first symptoms you will notice will be a puffiness of your eyelids upon arising in the morning.

Your urine might be bloody, or the color of wine or smoke. At the beginning, the volume of your urine will be greatly diminished. Perhaps it will amount to only a few ounces in a 24-hour period.

In children, the most common symptoms are vomiting, high temperatures, abdominal pains and occasionally headaches and convulsions.

Common sense might help you head off an attack of nephritis, if you have sore throat, painful neck glands, sinus infections or attacks of tonsillitis, have them treated by your physician immediately.

Be very careful while you are recovering from a cold, sore throat or other infection. Take especially good care of yourself for several weeks. Don't become overtired or chilled. And don't get wet feet. However, if you do become chilled, get into dry clothes at once and warm yourself in a well-ventilated room.

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History is repeating itself in the present campaign against fluoridation. Many a remember the frantic opposition against toxoid to control diphtheria. But toxoid has practically wiped out diphtheria and now no one would oppose it. Likewise with vaccination. There were anti-vaccination riots. But vaccination has conquered smallpox and no one going into a danger area would be without it.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The atomic bomb may abolish war, we're told. And if the hydrogen bomb is ever actually dropped, it also may end war by leaving nothing to fight over.

A transport carrying three new cars crashed into a tree near Millerton, damaging three of the four vehicles. The trucker brought the other down to the road and drove away. Always good idea to carry a spare.

Accidents are occurring all the time and often because of a weak rung in the ladder, junk on the stairs, a hole in the barn floor or a board lying there with a sharp, rusty nail sticking up. Yes, and the worn out trip-rope is still a serious hazard.

The United States Supreme Court is expected to give a clear and unequivocal decision soon on desegregation in U. S. schools. No more cloudy arguments will satisfy the Deep South. They want the statement, naturally enough, in black and white.

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