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A Futile Application

Wouldn't it save a lot of time and expense if the railways decided to withdraw their application for a hearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners on May 19?

All normal freight rates went up 17 per cent last December, when the Commissioners authorized this increase to meet a railway strike threat.

The subsidy is to last for a 12-month period and will begin on a date to be set by the Transport Commission, through which it will be administered.

Although it will be applied to all normal rates in all regions of Canada, it will still give the greatest relief to shippers on long hauls East and West, and is to be welcomed for that reason.

The Advocate's Position

We welcome the contribution in today's Public Forum from Brigadier Wardell, editor and publisher of The Atlantic Advocate, clarifying his position on the Northumberland Strait causeway question.

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times as a whole. It must be the canal. For the Chignecto project can confer a great benefit over the whole area."

Obviously, if the schemes turned out to be "incompatible and in opposition," it would not be a case of merely giving priority to the canal with the causeway to follow (which strikes us as odd enough), but of the canal to the exclusion of the causeway.

"Several major projects, the Chignecto canal, the tidal power developments, the Prince Edward Island causeway and Newfoundland harbor schemes, have been mentioned from time to time. It is unreasonable to expect the Canadian economy to support at one time the huge capital expenditures involved in all these projects.

If that is not raising the cost issue as a reason for giving the canal scheme priority, we should like to know what it means. In any case, the whole argument is fallacious, for the canal would not, we maintain, be as advantageous to the Maritimes as the causeway project.

In raising this issue as a question of "first things first," at a time when the final report of the causeway survey is about to be tabled in Parliament, the Advocate has shown where its interests lie.

Chinese Communist officials have charged that the Indian town of Kampong on the Tibetan border is the "commanding centre" of the Tibetan rebellion. It seems likely that this will be an excuse for taking over the territory, an important trading centre, which the Chinese would like to have for their own use.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, head of Acadia University, has stated that he has no desire to become Minister for External Affairs. He did not say, however, that he would refuse the post if he were offered to him; so we don't really know what his attitude would be in that unlikely event.

Mr. Lester B. Pearson has found time to write another book on world affairs. It is called "Diplomacy in the Nuclear Age" and will be published some time this month by Harvard University Press.

If you are getting up in years but still want to remain active and feel only half your age, buy a farm and work it. That is the advice of Enos Slaughter, noted baseball player of the Yankees.

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THE RED INK SPOTS

The RCAF's 35 Years

Last week the Royal Canadian Air Force marked the end of its first 35 years of operation. It was on April 1, 1918, that the prefix "Royal" was added to the title of the Canadian Air Force and the nonpermanent, non-professional CAF became a permanent part of the defence establishment with an approved strength of 68 officers and 307 airmen.

Already this year, the Canadian Government has decided against further development and production of the Arrow interceptor, which had been destined for the RCAF's nine home defence squadrons and, perhaps,

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily echo the opinion of correspondents.

CAUSEWAY AND CANAL

Sir,—I have read your editorial "We Have Priority" in The Guardian of March 28. You quote The Atlantic Advocate in saying that the Northumberland Strait Causeway and the Chignecto Canal are incompatible and that it would be unreasonable to expect the Canadian economy to finance both.

As to the "Canada can't afford it" argument, we went on to refute it. The possibility of physical obstruction by the causeway to the ships using the canal is a very real danger in the opinion of competent engineers. Obviously, provision is being made for passage of ships through the causeway; but the design of the causeway at present contemplated may not take account of the greatly increased sea traffic resulting from the canal.

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Constipation & Its Causes

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. DON'T worry about occasional periods of constipation. Just about everybody has them. In the majority of instances, the seriousness of constipation is greatly exaggerated.

While a regular bowel movement is desirable, it does not necessarily have to occur every day. Many perfectly normal and healthy persons have a movement only every two or three days. And there have been instances of persons who have had only one every six days and yet remained in good health.

What can you do about constipation when bothered by it? Well, for one thing, don't take cathartics every time you fail to have a bowel function at what you consider the "normal" time of day. It's a bad habit!

SEE YOUR DOCTOR If your constipation persists or returns frequently, you should see your doctor. As you well know, constipation or the opposite condition, diarrhea, might sometimes be an indication of cancer.

Chances are your constipation can be relieved simply by changing your diet a bit. Fruits, vegetables, fats and coarse cereals probably will help since they stimulate bowel action. Exercise might have some value, but probably not as much as many persons believe.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. D.J.: What causes small lumps, some containing white substance, around the nipples of my breasts? Answer: These small white papules around the nipple are usually due to blockage of the small oil glands of the skin. They are similar to "white heads" and are of no special significance.

PEACETIME RECORD Most Canadians know the outstanding records established by Canadian military aviation in two world wars, but few realize vast amount of peacetime service the Force has contributed. The record includes all Canada's pioneer work in air mapping and air surveying, forest fire patrol, air mail delivery, winter flying, Arctic flying, search and rescue and air ambulance work.

The Poet's Corner

LATE WINTER, 1959 The modest snowdrop, whiting in the ice, Foretells the raucous dawning of the spring; And February thaws, within a trice, Start winter a conite a-yellowing.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 6, 1934) A most interesting ceremony took place in the Town Hall, Summerside, last night when Mr. James MacNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard MacNeill, Borden, was presented with a bronze medal for bravery from the Royal Canadian Humane Society for rescuing Florence MacInnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose MacInnis, Summerside, from drowning in the electric light pond on D.C. 29th, 1932.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Add this to your store of knowledge: A round peg in a square hole comes 7.08 percent nearer filling the opening than a square peg in a round hole.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Mr. Watson Sellars, auditor-general, is the federal sleuth who finds all sorts of strange things in government operations. He recalls that during World War II he discovered the Defence Department still had harness bought during the Boer War days at the turn of the century. He cited this as an example of what can happen.—Windsor Star

It if wasn't for the development of the milking machine, the state of Vermont would be a pretty busy place at milking time. For the state has more cows than people. But the balance is shifting. The number of cows dropped last year by 9,000 the fourth year in a row to show a decline in the bovine population. At that, Vermont still has 404,000 cows and 386,000 people. This is an excess of 18,000 cows.—Saint John Telegraph Journal

India's Stake In Tibet By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

In an unexpected way, the Tibetan revolt has put the spotlight on Prime Minister Nehru of India. Nehru for the first time has taken a blunt and uncompromising stand against the Chinese Communists, suggesting in the Indian Parliament that the Chinese ruthlessly booted aside their agreement with Tibet.

As the leader of the so-called "neutral" nations, Nehru has steered clear of attacks on either side in the East-West ideological struggle. Yet it is known that Nehru is as great a revolutionary — as "tough" in the popular expression — as anybody in Red China.

CHINA'S CHOICE Ekvall says the Chinese would commit themselves to large-scale military action in Tibet only with great reluctance because of its high altitude and the determined nature of the people, most of whom believe that the Dalai Lama is a god-king. "But it is certainly not impossible," he adds. "We know the Reds already have adapted even their heaviest trucks to these altitudes. They have put special carburetors and fans on truck engines and enabled the vehicles to cross passes as high as 16,000 feet."

Field Commissioner for Boy Scouts, was presented with Gilwell Beads by Mr. E.F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training, Ottawa, at the concluding session of a district preliminary training course for Scouters.

THE AGE OLD STORY Blesses are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

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Australia's "Golden West"

Out where the west really begins, a roundup is a "muster," a tenderfoot is a "new chum," and a mustang is a "brumby." Otherwise, life in Australia's Outback matches that of the American plains, mile for mile. The big difference is that wide open spaces in Australia tend to be a lot wider. Ranching families often live a hundred miles or so from the nearest neighbor. Children go to school by radio and correspondence course. The doctor comes by plane.

20,000 MEANS NAPKINS There were some exceptions, of course. In 1873 Trollope wrote of larger sheep stations in New South Wales: "The number of sheep at these stations will generally indicate with fair accuracy the mode of life at the head station; 100,000 sheep and upwards require a professional man cook and a butler to look after them; 40,000 sheep cannot be shown without a jockey; 20,000 is the lowest number that renders napkins at dinner imperative."

Now many stations earn up to a hundred thousand pounds a year. To the wilderness have come electrical plants, deep freezes, Hi-Fi, antique furniture, fine cars, and airplanes. The Outback remains lonely, but the Australian Flying Doctor Service has done much to give it a feeling of community. The service was organized by the Rev. Dr. John Flynn in 1928 when flying, and radio telephony were in infancy. Today doctors operate rugged ambulance planes from 12 bases, covering 250,000 miles a year. Minor illnesses are diagnosed by radio conversation with a physician; remote families have standard medicine chests in their homes with carefully numbered drugs and remedies.

Nonetheless—Australia's roots remain deep in the soil. It is a great primary producing country—wheat, and beef. Despite the meanness of much of its soil and pasture, it raises some of the best stock on earth.