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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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An Important Convention

The 40th National Safety Congress and Exposition opened in Chicago on Oct. 20, with 12,000 delegates scheduled to be in attendance.

When the first National Safety Congress met forty years ago, transportation sessions were devoted solely to railroad safety.

A national movement of this kind is badly needed in this Dominion. We do not need to go farther than Prince Edward Island to note the alarming increase in highway fatalities in recent years.

Pension Repercussions

In the Manitoba constituency of Springfield the other day the sitting Federal member, Mr. John S. Sinnott, again came before the Liberal Party convention for re-nomination.

"What transpired at this Manitoba Liberal Party nominating convention," says the Moncton Times, "reveals a feeling not alone common to the one area but which is existent in many other parts of Canada as well—that the lawmakers at Ottawa are prone to be much too prodigal with the taxpayers' money."

An Irreplaceable Guide

The New York Times recalls that just seventy years ago, in an article discussing literature and science, Matthew Arnold predicted that humane letters were in little danger of being "thrust out from their leading place in education."

"The twentieth century concept of education," says the Times, "lays greatest stress on utilitarianism. One does not enter a university to obtain a broad background in matters cultural and scientific, but rather one enters to learn a trade."

decide the next if he wishes to take pre-law, pre-medicine or pre-engineering. No matter which he chooses, it is certain that his only traffic with belles-lettres will come in a general literature course designed to familiarize him with the great names in letters from the time of Homer to the present.

"What, then, is the future and function of the humanities in this era of technological specialization? It seems clear that there will always be men, no matter how small their number, who will be interested in the best that has been thought and said in recorded history.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ex-president Herbert Hoover has come out in favour of Eisenhower as President. Truman came out for Stevenson.

Governor General Vincent Massey told recently what he considered the aspects which are characteristic of the Canadian outlook. His Excellency listed them as: a deep-rooted individualism; the complete but rather quiet and unemotional acceptance of the fact of our national existence; and that every Canadian, because he is a Canadian, is also an internationalist.

The admonition to build a better mouse trap certainly has its points. The remarkably high quality of Island Yorkshire hogs has caused interest amongst breeders all over the continent.

Trafalgar Day. This date 1805 Cape Trafalgar, on the south coast of Spain, was the scene of the great naval victory of the English fleet under Lord Nelson over the combined fleets of France and Spain under Villeneuve.

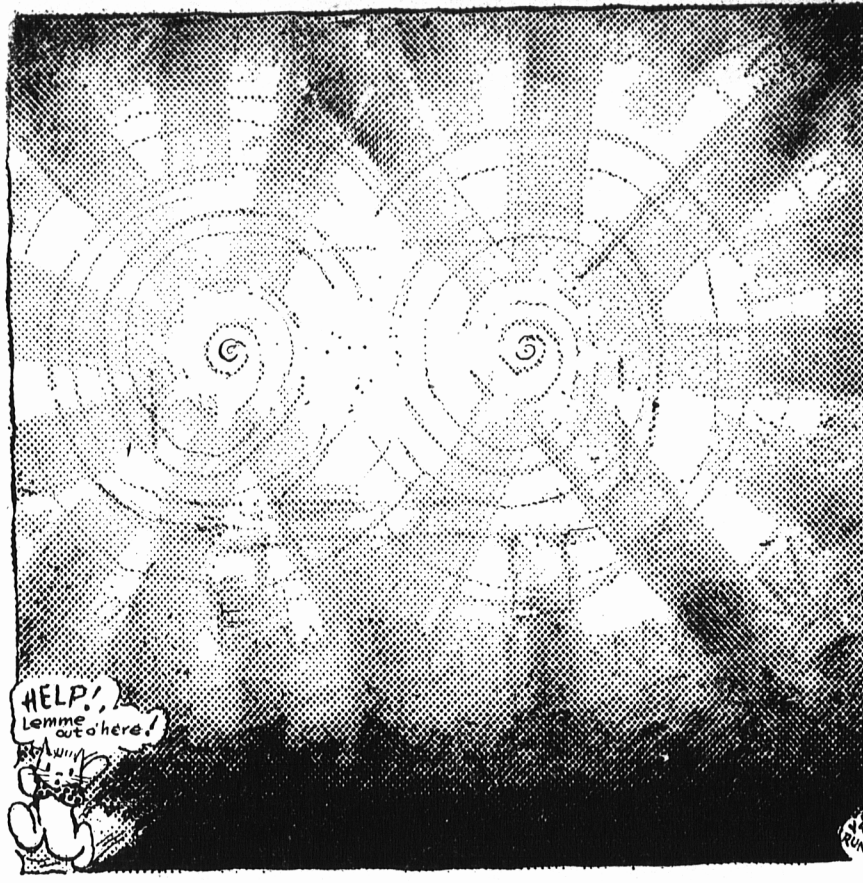
Maritime patrons of department stores led all Canada in boosting the increase in such sales registered during the month of September. The estimated Dominion-wide rise was 17.1 per cent, but regionally the Maritimes showed a jump of 42.1 per cent over the figures for the corresponding month of last year.

Aircraft have taken over much high grade traffic because of their speed. From time to time other modes of transportation attempt to meet or better air service and various types of mono-rail trains seem to offer the greatest possibilities.

Leaders in education in this Province, striving toward improvement in our institutions of learning, are handicapped in that funds are not made available to them for the carrying out of their recommendations.

Next summer will be an important one for descendants of Scottish pioneers. The largest group of Highland immigrants, the Selkirk settlers landed from the "Polly", "Dykes" and "Oughten" 150 years ago, August 7, 9 and 27, 1803.

All The Other Fellow Can See-- If You Fail To Dim



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

LEGISLATIVE REFORM

House of Assembly, March 7, 1881: Hon. Mr. Sullivan moved the House into committee of the whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of a bill to abolish the House of Assembly and Legislative Council of the Province, and to provide for the constitution of a body to be designated "the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island."

He recalled that on the first session of the present Legislature a bill was submitted by the Government, having for its object the abolition of the Legislative Council. "That bill was passed in this House," he said, "but I need not tell you how it was received and treated in the other Branch. It was met in the Legislative Council by another bill which set forth that each branch of the Legislature as at present constituted, should be reduced by one-half so that the total number of members to be established would be twenty-two; that fifteen of these members should be elected on the same qualification and by the same franchise as the hon. members of this House are now elected; that the remaining seven should be elected on the same qualification and by the same franchise as Legislative Councillors are now elected, and that each of these should be supposed to represent on the floor of the Legislature, the particular interest of the Province which was elected. This House did not think it advisable to accept the proposal of the Legislature Council, and the matter there rested.

"Last session the Government again introduced the bill they previously submitted. It was supported by them that some of the hon. members of the Legislative Council, having in the meantime consulted their constituents, would be prepared to support the measure which they had before opposed. But unfortunately, though there was a strong expression of opinion favorable to the Government measure, hon. members of the Upper House did not apparently feel justified in giving it their support. The bill was again thrown out, and we are now in practically the same position as we were at the outset."

Mr. Sullivan said it was now proposed to abolish both branches, so that both could be placed on terms of equality, and that the Legislature to be constituted in their place be composed of twenty-two members, fifteen to be elected in the several districts now returning members to the House of Assembly, and seven members for the respective districts now represented in the Legislative Council. The qualifications of all the members would be equalized on the basis now existing for members of the Lower House. All the electors would also be required to have the same qualification, namely, that which entitled them to vote for members in this House. It was further proposed to reduce the number of members of the Executive Council from nine to five.

By these means, Mr. Sullivan believed, it would be possible to reduce the legislative and executive machinery by about one-half, and save about \$10,000 a year.

(A bill was duly adopted along the proposed lines, but it was blocked, like its predecessor, by the Upper House, as were later ones framed along the same lines. It was not until 1892 that a compromise between the two chambers was reached, and a bill was passed by both Houses providing for their abolition and for the creation of a new Legislative Assembly. Even then it was held up for a year by Governor Carvell, who was not sure of its constitutionality, and it did not receive royal assent until 1893. The new Act created the General Assembly, which we have today, with fifteen electoral districts, each electing one member on the old Legislative Council franchise, and another member

Notes By The Ways

The first substantiated case of "bacteriological" warfare has come to light in Germany, where a hotel proprietor was convicted of employing his nephew to register at rival hotels and turn loose hordes of bedbugs in them. —Sault Daily Star.

At the Communist party congress in Moscow, leaders were extremely critical of corrupt practices, infiltrations of undesirables and circles in Russia's ruling class. It almost sounded like the Republicans lambasting the Democrats. Maybe there's hope for a two-party system in Russia after all. —Ottawa Citizen.

It isn't unusual for a TV addict to be bombarded with five commercials within a period of about two minutes, as programs change. He's sure to get a commercial the last thing on the program going off the air. Likely there will be a 20-second film ad before the station announcement, which may give the time on a specific make of watch. Then another 20-second

and blurb may follow extolling a fourth product before the new program comes on—a quick plug for still another sponsor. —Wall Street Journal.

A great percentage of the newspapers in the United States are supporting Eisenhower for president. The men who write for the newspapers think differently than their bosses. Only seven out of 37 writers traveling with the Republican candidate in his meandering circles about the United States are supporting him for president. The rest are for Stevenson. Of the reporters traveling with the Democratic candidate, about the same proportion exists. A very small minority admit support for Eisenhower. Is this standing of the reporters significant? There are a lot of people who would say that the ordinary reporter is often times a better judge of public opinion than the man higher up on the newspaper. —Lethbridge Herald.

The Poet's Corner

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

The first week is the hardest; you can't see it.

The summer still upon them like a hand.

They bend above their desks, but one can tell

How they still move across the flowering land

To mountains, rivers, seashore, sunny skies,

And hours spent beside some second stream.

Summer is still the shadow in their eyes;

They have not yet relinquished its last dream.

Now day by day the look will disappear.

The glow of summer fades, the dream recedes

As time moves on with the relentless stream.

But oh the first week, when the singing need

Is still upon them, in their every look;

And summer spreads before them like a book.

—Mae Winkler Goodman in the New York Herald Tribune.

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.

MORE INFORMATION WANTED

Sir—It appears to me that after twenty days' time, Mr. Charles Yeo, President Federation of Agriculture, cannot answer my letter why he and his delegation voted against the farmers when a group tried to better our trade conditions to Newfoundland.

Perhaps Mr. Roland MacDonald, Southport, could give his reasons for this refusal of support, as he attended this meeting as a director of the Federation. Many farmers wish to know why the Federation worked against the starting of a public killing plant for Prince Edward Island. I am led to believe Mr. MacDonald is intending to enter politics, and if so perhaps he would like the opportunity to answer.

I am, Sir, etc., WOODROW WHEATLEY, East Royalty.

The Age-Old Story

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness

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The Passing Scene

By Observer A WALK IN THE WOODS

Yesterday afternoon I went for a walk in the woods. I took my gun along as a sort of formal acknowledgment of the open season on upland game. As usual it served no practical purpose although I did get into a little altercation with a partridge. How it ended I don't feel like telling and it isn't likely the partridge will say anything about it. He was probably so delighted with the way things went that by now he has forgotten all about the incident. A partridge's life is so full of exciting diversions that a little impetuosity on the part of a hunter must appear trivial and of no real consequence.

The afternoon was not by any means wasted, however. Indeed, I feel very strongly that everyone who can possibly afford the time should journey forth into the thick woods at least once a week. It is good for one's physical well-being and, more important still, it is of incalculable benefit to one's philosophical vision.

Yesterday's stroll was in a locality where I had walked many times in the past. I sat on the same fallen tree on which I had rested just a year ago. Perhaps one well trained in forestry could tell how old it was, what direct cause had brought about its downfall, and approximately how much longer it would be able to ward off final and absolute decomposition. Being unskilled in such matters, the only thing I could do was to ponder on the unseen natural forces that carry on their functions unhindered and, indeed, unimpeded, by the hand or mind of man.

Compared with the inevitable, "senseless" movements of the woods, and forest man's pre-occupation with mechanical things is not so wonderful after all. Human ingenuity can carve a thing of beauty from a piece of wood, but the fundamental force that sets a tiny rootlet on its destined way to become a giant tree is something about which even the wisest among us can only guess. And when a tree falls it hides within itself the answers to all the perplexing questions of the why and how which men have been asking since the dawn of reason.

Standing nearby was a little flower in full yellow bloom. Whether a late comer or a summer resident reluctant to say farewell I had no way of knowing but, in any case, it seemed to be there in the calm of the woods man sees himself more clearly than it is possible in the hurry and rush of his day by day activities. He is somehow made to feel that many of the things he is apt to regard as essential are actually cumbersome and unnecessary and, in some cases, construct impediments in the way of good living.

He who enters nature's "palace of serenity" in a state of humility will find much about his relationship with both spirit and matter that science is unable to reveal. He will see something of himself in the elusive colour of the leaves and in the contours of hill and valley. The quiet rustling of the trees will find some echo in his restless, moving spirit.

Wrote George Herbert, the distinguished hymn writer of the 17th century— "For us the winds do blow, The earth doth rest, heaven move, and fountain flow; Nothing we see but means our good, As our delight or as our treasure; The whole is either our cupboard of food Or cabinet of pleasure."

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