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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Eisenhower Says Yes

It was surely the understatement of the year when President Eisenhower told the press conference at Washington yesterday that he "did not know for sure whether either the Republican Party or the people generally wanted him to serve another four years."

It was a serious decision for the President to make, notwithstanding the clean bill of health he has received from his doctors. No doubt every means will be taken of relieving him of some of his duties, but it is impossible to dissociate the office from the mountainous load of responsibility it carries.

What is the secret of the President's strength and popularity throughout the world? It lies not only in his military and political record. It is inherent in the man himself, as it was in Abraham Lincoln.

Those were among his first words as President. He had written the prayer just an hour or so before while waiting in his hotel between church services and the inauguration ceremony.

Beef Improvement Program

Maine is not one of the great beef raising areas of the United States. However, it is an area in which everything possible is done to make the maximum use of technical facilities, concentrated for the most part at the state university in Orono, for the improvement of such beef growing as exists, which is by no means insignificant in some sections of the state.

Organized at the request of breeders, the Maine Beef Cattle Improvement Program Committee will be made up of representatives of the breeders themselves, the Department of Agriculture, and Experimental Stations, and will be under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Deering, Dean of Agriculture at the university.

An Equine Visitor

Everyone has heard of the cat that went to London to see the Queen and, after arriving there, chased a little mouse under a chair.

This is what happened, according to a report from London. One night last week Her Majesty, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother Elizabeth, and the Princess Margaret went to the famed Garrick Theatre, a few blocks from Buckingham Palace, to see the French Revue "La Plume de Ma Tante".

Asked for an explanation of his horse's unusual behaviour, all the attendant could think of to say was: "I think maybe he liked appearing before the Queen so much he went to the palace to play an encore".

EDITORIAL NOTES

A social service committee reports that "sin is on the increase in Vancouver". The Vancouverites, however, should not be led to believe that this entitles them to any particular distinction.

Among the excellent maiden speeches in the Legislature this year, that of Dr. L. G. Dewar, Conservative member for Second Prince, was outstanding. He touched pertinently on many subjects, including, of course, public health in which he is professionally interested.

The main trouble is that the Commons does not let the Senate handle appropriate matters when there is time to do so. Some sensible re-scheduling of Parliamentary work would take pressure off the Commons and let the Senate make itself useful.



PUBLIC FORUM

CAUSEWAY AND ATOMIC POWER

Sir, - In a recent statement, Premier Matheson said that prior to the proposal of a causeway, Works Minister Winters intimated that he was open to suggestions from the Island Government for large labour-employing projects.

The benefits of a causeway to the Island are immeasurable, and in itself, just for the curiosity it will inspire, will attract additional tourist dollars, not to mention every emigrant Islander returning to see the miracle that has happened to his native Province.

For what the suggestion may be worth there is another project which could be tackled and again the benefits would be of incalculable good. Of Canada's ten Provinces, P. E. I. is the only one totally lacking in large scale hydro power.

The answer to abundant, cheap electrical power, once the initial cost is assumed, is the atomic power station. Two of the richest Provinces, Ontario and Alberta, have started work along this line.

In the case of Ontario this is being done by the Hydro Commission, with the obvious inference that atomically generated power will be cheaper than that derived from large dams, since Ontario still has vast hydro power undeveloped.

The planning and planning has already been done, two atomic power stations are, or are about to start, feeding power into the British grid system, with more to come, and it is assumed that the Canadian and American plants are past the blueprint stage.

The manpower required to build such a power station is considerable. In the case of the British installations, the labour force was recruited in another hard-up island, namely Ireland, and employed several thousand non- and semi-skilled men. Existing power producers on the Island would not be put out of business, it merely being the use of another type of fuel. The generating plant still has to be manned and the product distributed.

Where is the money to come

Not A Theatre

To his fellow Senators, last week Hon. James P. McIntyre outlined the important and in some respects vital role the Upper House should perform in Canada's Government.

"The Senate," said Mr. McIntyre, "should be a workshop and not a theatre." It should be a place where legislation gets a sober review from highly experienced leaders who are secure in their jobs and who do not have to worry about popular clamor, local prejudice or "future aspirations."

"The Senate," he said, "is a means of giving the people a chance to think twice, or rejecting "unsound and dangerous political doctrines" of preventing a radical and regional party from dominating the whole nation.

The general policy of appointments has been only a little to blame. In his last list of appointments, Mr. St. Laurent made several excellent appointments, both from within and without his own political party.

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from? Would the Federal Government be willing to underwrite it, and what is the justification? We are hearing more these days of the non-participation of the Maritimes in the development of the Northlands and profits therefrom.

Contributions from the Maritimes has helped to deepen the St. Lawrence, pay for the upkeep of Canal and open up the North West with no resultant commercial benefits to the Maritimes, and relative hindrance to the Maritime Ports.

We are now helping the huge project of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the pipe lines from the rich oilfields of Alberta. In comparison our causeway would only be a small fraction of these huge projects.

A tunnel has been suggested by our Federal Member from Kings. This is the appropriate way to deal with this very important question, as opposition is a sign of vigor. It exemplifies Democracy at its best.

Let us all together get behind this project and proclaim to Ottawa our just rights. When in 1873 a contract was made for Confederation with Canada it included a unique clause stating that "continuous and adequate communication with the mainland".

I am, Sir, etc. 'DREAMER' Charlottetown.

CAUSEWAY PROPOSAL

Sir, - A causeway linking Prince Edward Island with the Mainland would eventually be a boon to the farming, fishing, tourist, and other industries on Prince Edward Island.

Prince Edward Island is the only Maritime Province with a surplus of livestock, meats, dairy products, and also exports potatoes, turnips, frozen, canned and salt fish, fishmeal, corned beef and poultry, fresh and frozen lobsters, oysters, Irish moss, berries frozen and fresh, fruit, fresh vegetables, and lumber especially pulpwood.

A large portion of these products are perishable goods that cannot be delayed in transit. In the process of transporting perishable goods a few hours' delay at the pier or in crossing means the difference between a good product and a poor one.

In the Confederation Treaty on which the British North America Act is based, Clause 2 states: "The system of government best adapted under existing circumstances to protect the diversified interest of the several provinces and secure efficiency, harmony and permanency."

This was a plan outlined for a Federal Government. Also in Clause 2 is: "Provision for the admission into the Confederation on equitable terms of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, North West Territories, and British Columbia."

The inclusion of Prince Edward Island was made on permanently equitable terms. Clause 28 states specifically that ferries between Provinces is in charge of the general Parliament.

How has that agreement been carried out? We are paying too high for that nine mile crossing. Equitable treatment should carry our trucks and cars free of charge or almost so.

Ferries should be National Highway under the terms upon which we entered Confederation. The Maritimes contributed to Confederation in their shipping which was in 1873 one-seventh of the entire shipping tonnage of the United Kingdom.

A proper recognition of the value of shipping is the fact that in the years preceding Confederation from 1861 to 1870, no less than 914 ships were built in about sixty different yards in Prince Edward Island. One ship over 1000 tons, two over nine hundred tons, one and eight hundred tons, two between seven hundred and one and seven hundred tons, seven between five hundred and one and six hundred tons, twenty-two between four hundred and one and five hundred tons, fifty-two between three hundred and one and four hundred tons, two hundred and twenty four be-

tween two hundred and one and three hundred tons, three hundred and thirty-six between one hundred and one and two hundred tons, two hundred and fifty-seven under one hundred tons.

Confederation was partly responsible in abolishing our shipping. Policies were adopted which forced other ways of trading.

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I am, Sir, etc. PAUL GALLANT Souris.

SCHOOL UNIT NO. 1

Sir, I wish to reply to a letter that appeared in your paper Feb. 27th regarding the building of new schools. In the first part of his letter I agree with what the writer has said, but I cannot agree with him when he thinks the farmer's land should not be assessed for school purposes.

I am the holder of a house and lot which is assessed and if I had additional lots they would be taxable. The same should apply to the farmer. He claims, the land is his working place that is true. Those of us living in the unit and on the fringe of the city must pay shop rent plus business tax and twenty five dollars education tax, in all amount to several hundred dollars. I wonder how this compares with what the farmer pays in addition to this we have the village property tax plus another poll tax making a total of six taxes which I try to pay.

I am, Sir, etc. W. H. PHILLIPS Spring Park.

SNOW PLOW SERVICE

Sir, - Would you allow me some space in your paper to draw to the attention of the Government and other interested persons that this Island of ours is larger than some folks would have you think. We have a county by the name of Prince, and we also have secondary branches and byroads in the western part of Prince County.

According to the Road Report of yesterday, given by those who should know, all such forenamed roads on the Island are good for travelling. I am wondering if we are supposed to travel by car as in years gone by. Certainly no other means could be used on the section between the West Point Presbyterian Church and the Montgomery school and a mile stretch of road in the Green Hill district. Of course the report may be right, as you could scarcely call it a road, the most of it has been so overgrown with bushes. On some of the curves it is almost impossible to see a car coming. Our esteemed member, Mr. Forest Phillips, was full of promises last spring; this road was to be widened last summer but alas that was voting time.

Why does the plough come out a road with one house on it, and go off through Glenwood around by West Point to the Montgomery School, and leave families cut off from stores, church, doctor, and drug store, also mail for the most part? The last time the plough was through this section of the road was on February 2nd. We may soon have to ask to have food dropped from the air.

I am, Sir, etc. FORGOTTEN COMMUNITY O'Leary R.R. No. 2.

The Poet's Corner

NATURE As a fond mother, when the day is o'er, Leads by the hand her little child to bed. Half willing, half reluctant to be led, And leave his broken playthings on the floor, Still gazing at them through the open door. Nor wholly reassured and comforted By promises of others in their stead. Which, though more splendid, may not please him more: So Nature deals with us, and takes away Our playthings one by one, and by the hand Leads us to rest so gently, that we go Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay. Being too full of sleep to understand How far the unknown transcends the what we know. - H. W. Longfellow.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March, 1, 1931)

The Murray Harbour branch, the only section of the Island Division of the C.N.R. on which traffic is still tied up by snow, is open as far as Lake Verde. The line west was cleared to Tignish yesterday. Hundreds of men are employed clearing and widening out railway cuttings.

Mr. William Brennan, a native of Souris, P. E. I., has been selected as a member of the University of Saskatchewan debating team which will meet the team from the Pacific Coast University. The debate will take place on March 6, in the Convocation Hall at U. of S.

Heads of the reorganized Fire Department will be appointed at the next meeting of the City Council. The following members are mentioned as being slated for appointment under the new by-law: Fire Chief, Angus McEachern; Assistant Chief, Frank Hennessey; Captain of Hoce Company, Louis Stewart; Captain of Hook and Ladder Company, Herbert Jewell.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 1, 1946)

Speaking on the Draft Address in the Legislature yesterday, Premier Jones, in dealing with the progress in vocational school training said, "When we started the school the Dominion Government pressed us to put up a wooden building, offering \$15,000. Another offer was waited for, and it was agreed that if in ten years we would build a permanent vocational school they would contribute \$80,000."

Prince Edward Island fishermen caught 319,400 pounds of fish, valued at \$23,900 during the month of January, 1946, according to the report released by the Department of Fisheries today. This was a decrease of 34,200 pound and \$761 from the same period last year.

Mindful of the fact that 13 Ottawa civil servants have been locked up by the R.C.M.P. for talking too much, Government officials have reached a new peak of silence. This was evident to the Guardian's Ottawa correspondent when checking the report that the new car ferry was to be equipped with radar.

Notes By The Way

A father of a birde says all the expense was worth it, if only because it meant seeing his daughter in something besides blue jeans. - Winnipeg Tribune. A Russian can boast of being the first person to have his appendix removed near the North Pole, but that doesn't touch Admiral Peary's record. He was the first man to take his appendix there and back. - Windsor Star. Take it from one who lived 15 years of his life in Manitoba, the Winters in Cape Breton Island are easy to take. Fact is our Winters are astonishingly mild. The only difficulty not met with before to the same degree is the ice under foot. - Sydney Post-Record. A recent move by the state of New York legislature to designate the sugar maple as the state's official tree has, as could be expected, brought certain protests from Canadian sources. The New York move includes a drive to promote the production of maple syrup and sugar. They hope to overtake Vermont's enviable lead. - Owen Sound Sun-Times. The ability to speak is deeply bound up with the possession of something to say. A man who is moved by deep feeling will find words in which to express it, and he will find a way to make himself heard. Microphones and type written speeches are the crutches of parliamentarians who lack the primary skill of their trade. If Speaker Beaudoin can expose them, and make them mend their ways, he will have done much for parliamentary government in Canada. - Peterborough Examiner. The only conclusion that can be drawn from the highway accident figures, annual and otherwise, is that a great many drivers and cars are on the road that don't belong there. They are defective coast by coast or another. That he in one case or another. That he in the case, it is up to government on state and local level to get them off the road. The courts must do their part. The public has every right to be impatient with any official weakness or sloth in dealing with drivers and car owners who lack the conscience and consideration of others to belong on the highway. - New York Times. No one pushes a stranger aside at a doorway to gain entrance first. No one hogs the middle of the sidewalk. No one blares loudly in a callow pedestrian's ear. To force him to yield a right-of-way. These are the tricks of ill-mannered motorists, however. And their bad manners can easily end in death for someone. - Vancouver Sun. The dory fishery was a great school for fishermen but it has virtually ceased to exist. Young boys used to learn the fishing trade by shipping each Summer on the floaters that went to the Labrador coast but that or another. That he in the case, it is up to government on state and local level to get them off the road. The courts must do their part. The public has every right to be impatient with any official weakness or sloth in dealing with drivers and car owners who lack the conscience and consideration of others to belong on the highway. - New York Times.

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