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Mr. Darby's Appointment

The appointment of the Hon. Walter E. Darby as Judge of the County Court of Prince County comes as no surprise, as he was generally regarded as the most likely successor to the late Judge Lewis if he chose to accept the position.

Mr. Darby served as Magistrate and Crown Prosecutor before taking office as Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer in 1949. One of the ablest debaters in the House, he was always fair and reasonable in his presentations, and courteous to opponents.

Abuse Draws Censure

It is highly appropriate that United States Senator Joseph McCarthy should be censured for "abusing" a Senate Committee and fellow Senators. The essence of McCarthyism is abuse.

It is necessary to go back to the French Revolution and the notorious Committee of Public Safety for a comparable although bloodier, situation. With the Republic in danger from within and without, the Committee instituted a hunt for "aristocrats" and discovered them in such numbers that the guillotine was kept busy.

Senator McCarthy's activities have not been bloody but the threat of public denunciation lay heavy on politicians, teachers, the clergy, writers, and actors. Even Canada's Minister of External Affairs did not escape the indiscriminate slurs.

Uncomfortable Tenure

Any Provincial Premier who feels at times that he has more than his share of the trials and tribulations of life might perhaps find some consolation in the knowledge that the Governor of an American State—an office roughly equivalent to a Provincial Premiership—often has it much worse.

Take, for example, the predicament of Governor-elect Harriman of the State of New York. When he assumes office next January he will find both Houses under Republican control. This will mean that, while he can send to the lawmakers all the legislative recommendations he thinks necessary, he cannot get any of them enacted into law without Republican approval.

If the New York situation follows precedent, which seems likely, the upshot will be mutual bargaining, often referred to in American political vernacular as "log-rolling."

In other words, and even less elegant ones, it will be a case of "claw me and I'll claw thee" or "scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." With some goodwill and a great deal of diplomacy on both sides, that might work.

Trouble In Tokyo

The recent world tour of Japan's Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, while it may have enhanced his country's prestige abroad, appears unlikely to be regarded as sufficiently fruitful on the domestic front to ward off the political storm that is brewing in Tokyo.

Most serious aspect of developments in Japan, from the standpoint of the Western Powers, is the split in the ranks of the Liberal party which has ruled the country since the end of the occupation. No longer is it possible to regard the Japanese Liberals as the solid bulwark against blandishments from the Sino-Soviet Axis that they have been up to now.

The new political situation rapidly developing in Tokyo is likely to lend impetus to the neutralist movement more than to any increase in outward cordiality towards Red China and the Soviet Union. Neutralism, moreover, is likely to be accentuated by Japan's deepening economic crisis which, in turn, could lead to closer trade relations with Peking—an objective for which the Chinese rulers are ardently striving.

The Chinese Reds have not been slow to seize upon Japan's present political troubles as an opportunity for intensifying their propaganda drive. Invitations to visit Peking, presumably at Chinese expense, have been extended to influential Japanese women's groups. No effort has been spared to impress the visiting Nipponese ladies with the improved social status of Chinese women under Communism.

Japan is by far the most important industrial power in Asia and one of the most important industrial nations in the world. Under such circumstances, it would be folly to underestimate the dangers inherent in the efforts being made by Peking to exploit the Yoshida Government's political and economic difficulties.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Children coasting, children playing hockey, children hanging on to cars, all on busy streets play havoc with the nerves of car drivers and may result in an untimely end for some of them.

The appointment of the Hon. Walter E. Darby to the bench of the County Court for Prince County leaves the Legislature with only Premier A. W. Matheson and the newly elected J. A. Gallant as potential successors to the post of Attorney General.

Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson, Scottish writer, died this date, 1894. He did not legally possess a birthday because that he conveyed in due form to a little girl who had been born on Christmas day.

The pact between the United States and Nationalist China does not provide for automatic American aid in the event of hostilities. It does, however, pledge the Nationalist forces not to provoke aggression and contains an American promise to react in accordance with constitutional processes.

A race of fatherless turkeys is on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's horizon. Department scientists have established to their own complete satisfaction that embryo birds can develop up to a certain point in unfertilized turkey eggs. But more significant, the researchers have concluded that this is an inherent capacity which makes great progress in selected turkey families.



Saying It With Flowers

Sir Philip Sidney

George Fradier in Unesco Features

On November 30, 1554, a son was born to an English nobleman and received the name of his grandfather, King Philip II of Spain. The anniversary of this event will certainly not be the occasion for any great celebrations.

A great crowd, which followed his magnificent funeral procession, recalled in particular the circumstances of his passing. During a morning attack against the Spaniards, the Netherlands, Sir Philip encountered a friend carelessly equipped, lacking armour to protect his legs.

His wound became infected. For twenty-six days he suffered, but always smiling — at his wife, who came across the Channel to be near him, at his young brother, at his friends.

Without doubt, he would have become a great statesman and probably a great writer, but his contemporaries did not mourn him for what he might have been. His renown was due rather to the promise of his youth, interrupted by untimely death; to the almost unreal presence, in an age of elegance and honour, of a Prince Charming, loyal and pure, serious and passionate, learned and brave, a poet and brilliant horseman.

Standing guard night and day to protect us against the outside world is our skin. It resists heat and cold alike, so that the body can maintain a constant, even temperature. As long as it remains intact, dangerous germs can enter the body only with great difficulty.

Exposed to constant attack, the skin is subject to damage and illnesses of many kinds. First, any injury from an outside source — from blows, wounds, chemicals, extremes of temperature, or invading germs. Second, disorders which stem from inside the body, including emotional disturbances, internal infections, or faulty nutrition.

The ordinary wound is important mainly as a gateway for disease germs. The only important bacteria that can penetrate the unbroken skin are the staphylococci which

By sheets sent unto her as fast as they were done. In verse and highly ornamented prose, he told the tale of two Grecian princes who braved the worst perils to win the love of two princesses, daughters of the King of Arcadia and his libertine wife.

With still greater care, Shakespeare studied the more important work of Sidney, his sonnets, "Astrophel and Stella," which have defied time and live on as true poetry, inspired by a true love. Sir Philip had his Dulcinea, whom he loved for many years, until the day when she unexpectedly married someone else.

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The Poet's Corner

WINTER PLOWS

Though these are plows and plow prepare the sowing, These harvest wonder in a frozen spray.

Where through the sweeping drift, alert and knowing, They open highways outward into day.

More like the reapers out of autumn's season With hungry maws extended for the feast They hurl the frosty grain to new horizon

And blow and chortle like a romping beast. The giant weather asks a giant drover:

These are the steel behemoths of the road Lifting vast seas of snow-dust up and over

That boys of seven, prisoned while it snowed, May change small dogs to huskies and grown proud

Mush down the furrowed trails they dream they plowed. —Charles Malam, in the Christian Science Monitor.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A Salt Lake City man trained his watchdog never to allow strangers near the house. But one evening when his owner was away the dog kept cops and firemen at bay while the house burned down.

A girl should not only be asked if she can cook, but also if she can wash and wipe dishes. Many a husband has suffered by not asking those questions in advance of the ceremony.

They learn fast at a university. One day the President of the University of Toronto gave the boys a lecture on manners and the next day they went on a rampage, destroyed property and bashed a professor on the head.

Through the ages the fertility of our soil has been built up by nature by returning leaves and other plant material to the soil. This process must be continued if fertility is to be maintained.

When you pick up your gun or your fishing rod and you head for the wide open spaces, do you remember that there are other folks in the area who own property? Do you try and honour their boundaries, respect their fences and shut their gates?

What a great blessing to society it would be if someone would publish a dictionary in which the words were spelled as they are sounded. Then, of course, the correct spelling would be given. What hours of valuable time it would save!

There may be times when it is important for a wife to get into touch with her husband during the day. It will, therefore, be agreed between them that she will give him a telephone call under the circumstances.

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He will hold himself together with a sandwich in his desk. He will forego the temptation to step into the office of a colleague next door to comment on something he has just read in the newspaper or to pass on a good story.

Irrespective of the question whether or not Toronto police officers man-handled a brawler arrested as a result of a disturbance at a hockey game, there have been some rather startling disclosures in connection with the episode.

Soap and water, generally detested by the younger fry who exhibit a great fascination for such things as space ships and inter-planetary travel, has a chance of becoming an important part of their play routine. This is if parents manage to introduce the subject properly and at the right time.

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Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. SLEIGHING CLUB DRIVE "The Charlottetown Sleighing Club had its second drive last Thursday, that being its regular day. The Club met on the Queen's Square, about two o'clock, and consisted of some dozen sleighs, all handsomely furred and painted.

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