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

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Causeway Proposal

A project of tremendous possibilities in Maritime development, which would quite definitely place Prince Edward Island "on the map" and solve all the problems due to our insular position, has been put forward in the House of Commons by our Queen's County Liberal representative, Mr. Neil A. Matheson.

This idea had been suggested before, as an alternative to the tunnel scheme which was mooted many years ago. But the difficulties were considered to be insurmountable and no serious consideration was given to it.

As a supporter of the party in power, Mr. Matheson may be presumed to have weighed the implications of his statement very carefully, and to have gone into the matter with expert advice.

The project, of course, would necessarily be a long-term one and we must not forget, in any event, our immediate transportation requirements. The new ferry for the Wood Islands-Caribou route will provide some relief at those terminals, but we need more facilities at Borden during the summer months.

In the meantime, Mr. Matheson will doubtless have full support for his causeway proposal from his colleagues in the House, as well as from our Provincial Government, Boards of Trade, Agriculture Federation and other organizations.

Disturbing Report

Everybody knows that one of the first steps taken by any totalitarian regime, whether of the Right or Left, is enslavement of the press. It happened in Nazi Germany and in Fascist Italy; and it is one of the settled policies of Soviet Russia, Communist China, and other totalitarian states.

International Press Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, the situation is far from satisfactory. In fact, only four out of 40 governments in the free world, do not restrict freedom of the press in one way or another.

Press freedom, the report says, has been on the decline since the end of World War Two. The cold war, with its necessary emphasis on national security, is mainly responsible. "In a number of countries," it is noted, "laws relating to national security in fact represent the most present danger."

The report, the result of a five year survey, does not mention the names of the four enlightened governments which have not tried in any way to limit the freedom of the press; so there is no way of telling whether the Canadian Government is included in the list.

Burns Anniversary

A well known Canadian critic has suggested that the true stature of Robert Burns is obscured by the nature of the praise which many of his admirers lavish upon him. They forget in their enthusiasm for his conviviality and his spontaneity, that the man they are praising was not just one of the boys, but a great artist, a man of piercing insight and bewildering variety of moods and ideas.

This criticism is all very well; but there is a trace of snobbery in the suggestion that the "common touch" which we associate peculiarly with Burns was not of supreme importance. The common people are the best judges of what appeals to the heart, and it was from the heart that Burns wrote.

This, of course, explains the perennial freshness of his poetry, why it was treasured by our pioneer settlers from Scotland and why it is a living part of our heritage today. The anniversary of his birth has always been a noteworthy occasion in this Province, as in many other parts of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is something new in the world after all. A Pennsylvania man who was left \$100,000 by his sister has announced that he will not accept the bequest. Why? For the simple reason that he has enough money already. "I'm 80 years old," he told reporters, "so what do I want a lot of money for?"

Despite all efforts to turn China into a one-party totalitarian state, it seems that some considerable non-conformity is abroad. A recent report by the Ministry of Justice revealed that during last year 31.2 million cases against "counter revolutionaries and saboteurs" were tried in the so-called "People's Courts."

The State of Maine has a "Milk Committee" whose job it is to keep reminding the public of the importance of milk for all citizens, young and old. A recent advertisement which appeared in all newspapers in the state ran as follows: Milk is your cheapest and healthiest way to sleep better at night, Wake up feeling bright, Be you infant or youth or quite gray. The poetry may not be of the highest quality; but there's no denying the validity of the argument.



ONE FULL-BLOWN; ANOTHER HATCHING

National Health Expenditures

Canada today spends \$756,000,000 a year to cure its medical ailments. The bills range from \$205,000,000 for hospital services, to \$25,000,000 for such personal health treatments as massage and steam baths. Other items are \$242,000,000 in payments to doctors and dentists; \$132,000,000 for drugs; \$15,000,000 for miscellaneous health services; \$10,000,000 for private duty nursing.

Not long ago it was our rare privilege to see and hear a man whom we I know and loved for a long time through his written work. Robert Frost, America's Poet Laureate, treated his audience to another of those delightful evenings in which he reads his poems and indulges in his humorous yet penetrating comment on life in general.

Lloyd's Of London

Trick question - What do you know about Lloyd's of London? The answer is you don't know anything, because strictly speaking there is no such organization. It's Lloyd's - just that and nothing more.

In this lofty, mysterious "room," the underwriters sit placidly amid pandemonium in dark wooden boxes resembling the pens of a church. In the centre is the "caller's rostrum," occupied by a red-robed "waiter" who drones out names of people wanted on the telephone or in the lobby.

Medically Speaking

IT'S BEST TO KEEP STILL IF YOU HAVE LARYNGITIS. With laryngitis, the best thing to do is to shut up - after you call your doctor. Acute catarrhal laryngitis can be caused by any of a number of things. It is a fairly common symptom in influenza and measles and sometimes occurs in persons with pulmonary tuberculosis.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

N. N.: Is there any product on the market that will permanently destroy superfluous hair? Answer: We know of no preparation that will permanently destroy superfluous hair. The only known method of removing hair permanently is by electrolysis.

OUR YESTERDAYS

The Prince Edward Island Fur Pool Ltd., received advice from their European agents that there is an increasing demand for full silver, three quarter silver and black silver fox pelts. An encouraging fact observing that during the past year, pelts in these color classes have been neglected to some extent.

TEN YEARS AGO

Canada's first aircraft carrier, the 18,000 ton H.M.C.S. Warrior will be commissioned tomorrow at the naval shipyards at Belfast, Northern Ireland. The ship which will be permanently based in Halifax, will be the biggest unit of the Royal Canadian Navy, and will be manned by a Canadian crew.

New Facts About Hitler's Private Life

Was the Fuehrer insane? Did he really marry his mistress, Eva Braun, the night before they were planned to kill themselves? Was his body burned or is it secretly buried? In February Reader's Digest, Heinz Linge, Hitler's personal valet for 20 years, now reveals intimate facts about the dictator's private life - answers many puzzling questions. Get your February Reader's Digest today: 38 articles of lasting interest including the best from current books, leading magazines, condensed to save you time.

The Age Old Story

Great men are not always wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.

Notes By The Way

New Brunswick are should be smelted in New Brunswick. This is a subject which must not be let drop. Gaps in our industrial development must be filled up. The power shortage, which is the basic reason why the smelter has yet been built, must continue to have the constant attention of everyone concerned.

Some of Russia's big agricultural plans are being unexpectedly threatened by a persistent drop in the level of the Caspian Sea, the world's largest lake. The water level has dropped almost a foot a year for the past fifteen years. As a result, European weather experts are predicting a series of growing droughts.

During a Shriners' convention in Los Angeles, one of the downtown boulevards was roped off for a parade. Only official cars with large signs such as 'Potentate' and 'Past Potentate' were allowed there; all other traffic was halted or rerouted. But one ingenious Californian got by the police blockade and drove nonchalantly down the street. His placard read: 'Past Participle' - Lamar. Mo. Democrat.

If you have a friend who insists upon going to the beach in the coldest day in winter, you may be able to demonstrate to your own satisfaction a discovery made by the U. S. Navy. The naval experts on polar clothing have come up with a new fabric that keeps a person's hands and feet cold faster when his head is not sufficiently covered - even when no discomfort is felt above the neck. So there you are - just shake hands with your hatless friend some cold day to discover if his hands are colder than yours.

Recent accomplishments of French enterprise: the longest dock in the world on a single alignment (Le Havre); the largest hangar in the world (Paris-Orly airport); the longest pipeline Europe (Le Havre-Paris); the highest cable-car in the world, the widest spans without intermediary support (Aiguille du Midi); the largest main sewer in Europe (Sèvres-Achers); the highest dam on the African continent (Bin el Ouidiane); world railway speed records (French National Railways); the longest welded steel road bridge in Europe (Pont-de-l'Arche) and the highest arch in Europe (Ches dam).

So far as Canada is concerned, peat for fuel is an unrealized asset. We have 23,680 acres covered with this substance. Russia has much more, 140,000 acres, and Finland a little more than Canada. But coal and oil are better fuels where they are readily available. Our peat bogs may be used some day, but at present they are mainly a source of packing material, and sometimes as bedding for cattle and horses.

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CHARLOTTETOWN DALE CARNEGIE CLASS NO. 3 Opens January 31, 1956. Dale Carnegie - Founder of Carnegie Course. Dr. Everett Lord, founder of the Dale Carnegie College of Business Administration, Boston University, said: "It is positive that, if you could persuade one thousand men to keep track of the hours they spend in any definite effort of self-improvement, those hours would show a cash value of \$10.00 an hour."

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