

Borden & The Causeway

Quite understandable is the concern expressed by a correspondent in today's issue with regard to the effect of the proposed Northumberland Strait causeway on the interests of Borden and those engaged in the operation of our car ferry service.

Nor does our correspondent win sympathy for his arguments by suggesting that those who are pressing for the causeway survey, particularly the Summerside Board of Trade, are motivated by selfish interests.

Our car ferries served us well during the period in which they were the best feasible service that could be provided. We should be ungrateful if we ever forget this fact.

School Unit Problem

It is regrettable that it has been found necessary to break up School Division No. 1 into its constituent parts. This division includes Spring Park, Parkdale, Central, East and West Royalty, Winsloe, South Milton, and Union Road.

be enjoying much greater income than the net profit from farm operations. At the same time, by area, the urban ratepayers appeared to be subsidizing the conduct of the rural schools."

A plebiscite held prior to the Commission report indicated strong opposition to continuing the unit as it stands. The attempts made to remedy the situation have proved fruitless.

St. Patrick's Day

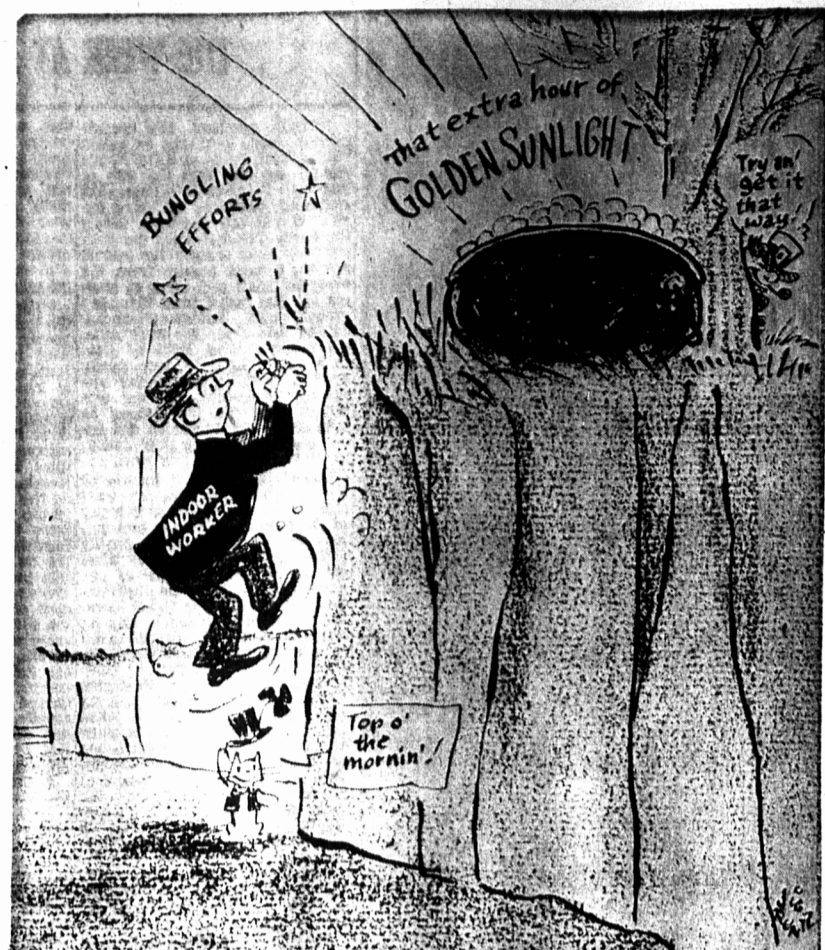
The age-old controversy over the birthplace of St. Patrick is of little concern to those who will be celebrating his anniversary today. It seems, at any rate, that he was born at the close of the Fourth Century and as a youth lived in bondage as a shepherd's life on the mountains of Antrim and Down.

Observance of St. Patrick's Day is a long-standing tradition in this Province among our citizens of Irish descent, and today will be no exception. The Benevolent Irish Society will attend the special service at St. Dunstan's Basilica and will parade through the city.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Causeway project has received support from both sides in the Legislature. Now let's press all together for the survey without further delay.

There is ironic justice in an incident connected with the present visit to England of former Soviet Premier Malenkov. The British Broadcasting Corporation thought it would be nice to broadcast his remarks back to Russia.



INFORMATION WANTED: HOW TO WOO A LEPRECHAUN

PUBLIC FORUM

CAR FERRY CREW

Sir,—We hear much of late with reference to ferry deficits and lack of Federal spending in this Province, both being used as arguments in favor of a causeway. Appeals have been made by Provincial Government officials and others, to the effect that the public should not speak out in criticism of the causeway project but as Senator Grant so rightly said, one of the bulwarks of a Democracy is the right and privilege of free speech.

There are, at the peak period, some 250 to 300 men employed on the boats, docks and in the railway yards, all of whom stand to suffer considerable economic loss if the causeway goes through.

Let us consider the matter point by point: (1) The main arguments of the causeway supporters are the ferry deficits and the feeling that the Federal Government are not allocating a fair proportion of Federal funds to this Province.

(2) Much has been said about the negligible effect of an increase in the number of days on which the ferries are inoperative, which can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

(3) Even as I write I can hear the cries of "Sour Grapes" which will be forthcoming from causeway supporters, but it is a poor man who will not try to protect his job. Property and family's welfare and many of those who will criticize this would, do the same, were they in the same position as we now are.

There has been altogether too much futile semantic hair-splitting over whether a hen sets or sits. When a hen develops Spring fever and her temperature holds steady at 103 a farmer concerned about the future of his broilers, roasters, fricassee and two fresh eggs for breakfast every day takes the feverish bird and carefully sets her on a clutch of material because the leaves crumble easily and the stems are waxy and woody.

There is an art to preparing a satisfactory environment for a setting hen. In a box of sufficient size one first molds a layer of fairly heavy garden soil, well banked around the sides, so the eggs will naturally stay close together. The hollow of the nest should have a half-inch covering of hay chaff to help maintain the heat and the nest should be made comfortable with soft pliable grass. Clover and alfalfa are not good material because the leaves crumble easily and the stems are waxy and woody.

GIRL UNDER STARS

Nothing was heard when her workman slipped. Touched the cool ground. She had gone out there to see the bright dipper. In a place of no sound—

Nothing, not even one small bird whirring. She lifted her face. To where the far, far lamps seemed to be stirring. In a limitless place.

Once she had gone where the way was hilly. With a telescope. She had looked at the universe: searched then still. Like all who hope.

Guessing a distance, to find rich treasures. Content, she turned. Knowing the small eye never measures. What has always burned.

Turned from the vastness, softly going. Up steps of night. Above her the soundless, sure lamps glowing. In an undimmed light.

—Joseph Joel Keith in the Christian Science Monitor

and year-round prosperity for employees and merchants, whereas a causeway will only benefit a few in the tourist season and the fact remains that this season is only short. Surely \$2 million (and this will increase) annually paid directly to the working men of this Province is infinitely preferable to one lump payment of \$40 million, most of which would go to mainland contractors.

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Both negroes and whites may be learning that the market-place is one spot where race doesn't count. One customer's dollar is as good as another's—and as necessary for the survival of business operation. The much-maligned profit motive may turn out to be a first-rank ally in the struggle for better and saner race relations in North America.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

STREP INFECTION OFTEN CAUSES RHEUMATIC FEVER

This, unfortunately, is the season for rheumatic fever. Primarily a disease of the temperate climates in the northern hemisphere it flourishes in the cold, wet seasons and reaches its peak in late winter and early spring.

As usual, New England and the Rocky Mountain states probably will be hardest hit. The South generally is relatively free of the disease.

Rural areas have fewer strep infections and rheumatic fever than the urban sections. Why the weather should have an effect on the disease we don't exactly know. Neither do we know whether the tendency for the disease to pick on members of the same family is due to natural inheritance or environment.

But we do know that all brothers and sisters of a rheumatic fever victim should be examined for the disease. It might be well for their parents to have a thorough checkup, too.

Proportionately few cases are found among well-to-do families, while many are discovered among the poor. Poor and crowded homes and bad working conditions help spread the strep infections which open the door to the disease.

Rheumatic fever seems to occur especially in homes made drafty and damp by broken windows, leaky roofs or poor cellars.

While rheumatic fever is not catching the triggering strep infection is.

Early symptoms of the disease may be slight and may take on many forms. Even though you shouldn't try to diagnose the disease yourself, you must learn to recognize the danger signals so that you can notify your doctor quickly.

Some symptoms which may occur singly or in combinations are: Fatigue, gain in weight, poor appetite, pallor, fatigue, frequent colds and sore throats, low persistent fever, repeated nosebleeds, unusual restlessness, irritability, pain in the arms, legs and joints, twitching or jerky motion (St. Vitus dance), or abnormality or personality and behavior changes.

The most characteristic feature about stricken joints is that the pain flits from one joint to another. Most often the knees, ankles and wrists are involved.

Another thing to watch for is a decrease in the child's ability in school.

L. F. T.: I have had a laboratory examination and have been informed that I have low blood sugar. Is this serious?

Answer: As a general rule, low blood sugar is not serious. It will depend upon how low the sugar is and the condition that is producing it.

The disorder may occur as a result of excessive secretion from the pancreas. You should have a careful study made by your family doctor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 17, 1931)

Mr. R. H. Pethick, a son of Dr. Pethick, Charlottetown, now heads the Board of Trade in Antigonish, where he is manager of that branch of the Royal Bank. He was elected president at the annual meeting held last week.

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Keep up the good work, Acorn and Douglas; and who knows we may yet cast our bread upon the waters and it may return to us with margarine. Butler would be too much to hope for!

I am, Sir, etc.

ALFRED MacKAY, Emerald R.R.

MEMBERS COMENDED Sir,—It is with much interest and satisfaction that I have read in your esteemed paper of the efforts of Messrs. Acorn and Douglas to procure unemployment insurance for farm help. If more of the members would get solidly behind them in their efforts, it would, I am sure, act as a deterrent to farm labour being almost as scarce as the proverbial hens' teeth.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

It has been suggested that jails be provided with television. Isn't that carrying the punishment a little too far?—Calgary Albertan.

German salesmen have succeeded in doing the next best thing to selling a refrigerator to an Eskimo: During this year's international fair at Frankfurt, they sold many thousands of dollars' worth of German made rugs to Persian exhibitors.—New York Times.

"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, safe return doubtful." That is the way the polar explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, advertised for men in 1900. And, with a little editing, it would still do to get recruits for a daily car pool from the suburbs.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Members of the Ontario legislature said to be agitating for higher pay. They receive now \$3,900 a year, of which \$1,300 is tax free, plus a mileage allowance for travel to Toronto, and as the session usually lasts only a month to six weeks their legislative duties interfere little with their ordinary occupation.—Ottawa Journal.

Robert M. Fowler, who heads the Royal Commission on Television and Radio, is reported to be quite in favor of a lot of controversy. Not calling with personalities or name-calling, but good rousing controversy that will get to the root of a problem. We're all in favor, and most likely when Mr. Fowler and his fellow commissioners begin their investigation at the end of next month, they will be up to their ears in controversy.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

England, says a dispatch from London, is being invaded by copypus. Just in case you don't know the copypus (as we didn't), the copypus is a South American rodent that looks like a beaver and weighs as much as 28 pounds. The much-too-naturalized British copypus are descended from animals imported to produce "nutria" fur for the trade. Now they are boisterously burrowing into banks and dams, flooding fields and avidly nibbling tops of sugar beets.—Christian Science Monitor.

Atlantic provinces premiers have every right to be disappointed in the result one-day federal-provincial conference in Ottawa Friday, and the people of this part of Canada, whom they represented should also be concerned. If Prime Minister St. Laurent and Finance Minister Harris had presented to the conclaves of provincial leaders from across Canada in Ottawa Friday, and this thing had been done, it didn't quite come up to expectations there would have been reason enough for them to be perturbed. But to call the busy premiers from their legislatures at this time, merely to tell them there would be no change in the rental formula was puzzling, to say the least.—Moncton Transcript.

Out in Alberta there used to be a political party that swept down to Parliament in 1922 and came to be called the "ginger group" because it was always stirring things up in that somewhat staid institution. The mayor of Ottawa, who is 60 today, might be termed a one-woman ginger group. The years have made no appreciable inroads, so far as his fellow citizens can discern, on that abundant, sturdy house of energy possessed by Miss Charlotte Whitton. She thrives on hard work and controversy. The more rousing the fight the better it seems to agree with her, and it is her more fragile male colleagues who feel the strain.—Ottawa Citizen.

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