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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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Tragedy At Summerside

Korea is a long way off and the impression made at home by the death of brave men is blunted by distance and the coldly impersonal list of casualties.

To the Minister of National Defence also, who was at the scene of the crash yesterday, it must bring all too vividly to mind the perils daily and nightly faced by Canadian airmen on three continents.

The R.C.A.F. Air Station and Navigation School at Summerside have won recognition for the excellence of the training provided and for the efficiency with which operations are conducted.

The four young men who died yesterday at Summerside gave their lives in line of duty no less than had it been in the face of the enemy.

An Ill Wind

Charlottetown citizens who looked with dismay at broken streets on all sides at the end of last winter now find that there is some consolation.

There will, of course, be demands for retrenchment but boldness is sometimes the most prudent policy. It would be wise to examine the city's needs for new paving as well as replacement for the next few years.

Combatting Communism

The London Economist takes note of an argument constantly resorted to by Mr. Aneurin Bevan in discussing foreign affairs which also crops up quite frequently in criticisms of the Korean War in this country.

Recent history, says the Economist, does not bear out the idea that mass poverty is the most significant factor in the spread of Communism.

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mits of no doubt or questioning; the desire to belong to a dominant elite and at the same time to sink one's individuality in a collective will; the romantic appeal of the fairyland of marvels which Soviet propaganda projects."

Nationalist resentments and hatreds, which are much more than mere manifestations of poverty, are likewise exploited by Communism, as they were recently by Fascist movements.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 2nd Sunday after Easter.

Blood donations in England and Wales, in 1951, totalled 593,818—the largest number since 1944—D-Day year.

The Red Cross are aiming at obtaining over 1,000 donors of blood for transfusion on their present appeal, it obtained 950 previously.

The absence of Mr. McLure from the delegation from Ottawa is due to the fact that he does not like travelling by air, and for that reason begged to be excused.

Lord Lovat, who is a keen breeder of beef shorthorns, will open this year's Calgary Stampede. Lord Lovat owns about 190,000 acres in Inverness-shire and is a firm believer in the large-scale expansion of stock rearing in the Highlands.

Tottenham Hotspurs football team will leave Liverpool on the Empress of Scotland, on May 13, to play 10 matches against Canadian teams in Toronto, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg and Montreal.

In Brantford a provincial inspector of prisons insists that "gaol" should properly be changed to "jail" in a sign painted by a former prisoner. It would seem that the draftsman knew more about his subject than the inspector.

The Canadian Government will be officially represented at "Canada Day", to be celebrated at Dunvegan Castle during Sky Week, which opens May 24. A maple tree will be planted in the Castle grounds, and souvenir badges, showing the badge of the MacLeod's superimposed on a maple leaf, will be distributed.

The difficulty Parliament is facing in providing for the celebration of Victoria Day on a Monday without getting away from the traditional 24th of May is one which can only be solved by calendar reform. Unfortunately it will not be until 1956 that it will be practical to adopt the favorite proposal, the World Calendar.

Preliminary figures for March indicate that Canada has achieved a modest surplus of exports over imports. Unfortunately trade with the United States showed an increased margin of imports over exports and of course, exchange balances elsewhere are not always readily convertible to American funds.

Daniel Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe", died this date 1731. He attained notoriety by his "Shortest Way With Dissenters", a satire on the bigotry of churchmen which was first accepted by them as a serious proposal but later resulted in Defoe's standing thrice in the pillory.

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The attraction which Communism has for sections of the middle-class intelligentsia, both in western and eastern countries," says the Economist, "is not due to hunger in these circles, but mainly to factors of another kind: the craving for the certainty and safety of a system of intellectual discipline which is 'scientific' and yet ad-

Not Our Ring



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.

THE MODERN TREND

Sir, — I think you do well to spotlight in your Editorial Notes the trend to the five-day week in the Civil Service, and that "the move has strong backing from the big labor congresses".

These are the same people who, along with our five-day week bankers are eternally dining into the cars of the man-in-the-street and the folk on the farms, the one way to beat Old Man Inflation, namely, production and more production.

As is the case at Petawawa, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were assigned to investigate at Farnham. The R.C.M.P. did its customary thorough job. Guilt was established both for stealing and receiving, and the details went to Ottawa.

I am, Sir, etc., PRIMARY PRODUCER

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

INTELLECTUAL FARE

"We congratulate our good friends of Clifton, Park Corner, Malpeque and adjacent settlements, on the rich intellectual treat which awaits them during the coming week. We learn from a handbill placed at our disposal that a trio of gentlemen from Charlottetown, possessing speaking abilities of no mean order, have volunteered to give a course of lectures at the above places, thus: A. B. Warburton, Esq., B.-C.L., at Clifton House, on Tuesday, subject, 'Scraps of Canadian History'; D. C. Martin, Esq., M.P.P., at Park Corner, on Wednesday, subject, 'Washington'. Whether this means the seat of government of the Great Republic or the first President of the country, doth not appear. In either case, we bespeak for the learned lecturer a full house. And last, though not least, Hon. Judge Alley will delight the hearers at the good people of Malpeque by delivering, at his public hall on Thursday, his able lecture on 'Prince Edward Island one hundred years ago. These intellectual entertainments will commence at seven each evening at 7.30 o'clock, and an admission fee of five cents will be charged. Proceeds donated to the poor.' — The Examiner, March 3, 1885

DELAYED BY FIRE

EDEN, Man. — (CP) — Fire of unknown origin destroyed about \$2,000 worth of wooden frames that had been stacked up to be used in building a new skating rink here. A bucket brigade was unable to save other material.

From Farnham To Petawawa

(Montreal Gazette)

Back in 1949 it was discovered that the Farnham military training camp had been looted right down to (and including) the buildings. The defence hierarchy at Ottawa had seemed quite unaware of what was taking place. Now it is disclosed that they have been unaware again, and on a far larger scale.

Whatever may be the general feeling regarding this new scandal, there is one thing that will stand out in the minds of those who pay any attention to such matters. This is that the Petawawa case, as the Farnham case before it, is part of a general pattern rather than a manifestation of any sectional mentality.

It focuses attention upon the evident disregard of the military hierarchy of Canada for the interests of the taxpayers, in their jurisdiction over and handling of government property. From the first, the military minimized the value of the Farnham camp on only conclude that this was a direct invitation to what has happened at Petawawa.

All due consideration must be given to the fact that the military establishment is organized for destruction, rather than construction. It is generally recognized that there must be a very considerable amount of waste. Some shells will be dud and others will be misdirected. Stores and munitions will be lost in fields of action, and in training there has to be a lot of trial and errors with the errors coming out expensive.

But very little is to be hoped for in the long run, until the Defence Department at Ottawa recovers from the self-induced hypnosis that anything spent in the name of defence is sacred, even when it ends in waste.

But did the people of Canada get any recompense for their property being stolen? They did not. And was there meted out any adequate punishment to the guilty? There was not. No more than there had been in the case of the numerous small navy ships that had been looted down at Sorel.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S. — (CP) — The first Presbyterian Church celebrated its 166th anniversary here with services at which Rev. Norman Kennedy of Regina, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was guest speaker. The local church began in 1785 under the name "James Church."

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Notes By The Way

Magistrate J. Arthur Hanrahan is serving a good purpose, at the opening of his court each day, by briefly outlining court procedure and the rights of people who appear before the court.

Winter is hard on animal and bird life, and when these are found dead without signs of injury the incident is recorded as a case of "winter kill" in the books of the forestry men.

We are mildly depressed by the news that a machine is being used at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish to teach the students to read faster. It is a gadget called a "reader rater."

The Age-Old Story

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us—ward... Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various practitioners including William A. Reddin (Barrister, Solicitor, Etc.), J. S. Taylor (Optometrist), Frederic A. Large (Barrister, Solicitor, Notary), M. Alban Farmer (Money to Loan), Matheson, Peake & Nicholson (Barristers, etc.), MacPhee & Trainer (Barristers, etc.), Bell, Mathieson & Foster (Barristers, Solicitors, etc.), Dr. W. R. Carson (Chiropractor), Dr. John E. Sterns (Veterinary Surgeon), McDonald & Joyal (Barristers & Solicitors), and H. R. Doane and Company (Chartered Accountants).